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**Proceedings of 7<sup>th</sup> State level Project Steering Committee Meeting of SLADRC project under National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change held on 20-03-2019 at CS Committee Room, Ellerslie Building, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2.**

The State level Project Steering committee meeting regarding implementation of project titled "Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities in Drought Prone Districts of Himachal Pradesh through Climate Smart Solution" was convened on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at Shimla under the Chairmanship of Shri. R.D. Dhiman, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, (Env., S&T), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

All the members, stakeholder department representatives attended the meeting. List of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, Sh. D.C. Rana, Director( Env. S&T) Himachal Pradesh welcomed the Chairman and all the participants. He briefed the members about the progress of the project and asked the Principal Scientific Officer (Environment) to apprise the Committee about the action taken on the decisions taken in 6<sup>th</sup> State level Project Steering Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2019 with financial and physical achievements under the project.

Agenda item wise discussions and decisions of the State level Project Steering Committee is are under:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1:**

**Review of Progress by w.r.t. various components & ATR or earlier discussions.**

With the permission of the Chair, a presentation was made by the Principal Scientific Officer (Env.), Department of Environment, Science and Technology, Shimla, H.P.

Component wise deliberation and decisions taken in the meeting are as follows:

**Component No. 2: Climate Smart Package of Practices for the District**  
**Sub Comp. No. 2.1 Water Harvesting Structure Creation for Irrigation**

It was explained that under this component three lift irrigation schemes are being build up in three blocks i) LIS Charna-Devlia-Block Sangrah ii) LIS Odder-Pudla-Block Pachhad iii) LIS Barotiwala-Bodhwara-Block Paonta. These schemes are being built up by IPH department. The progress of all the scheme was reviewed. The ACS expressed his serious concern on slow progress of completion of scheme and said that the SE, IPH Department may ensure timely completion as these schemes have already been delayed inordinately. SE, IPH, Sirmaur

informed that an additional amount of Rs. 32.73 lacs is required to complete LIS, Charna-Devlia-Block Sangrah as the department cannot bear the additional cost. After detailed discussions it was decided that:

- The Committee approved to release the additional funds amounting to Rs. 32.73 lacs required for completion of LIS Charna-Devlia-Block Sangrah which may be met from the project savings under any other component.
- The concerned XEN, IPH of all three LIS schemes shall ensure that the PVC piping network is provided to the farms.
- The Dy. Commissioner, Sirmaur shall convene a meeting to resolve disputes w.r.t. ii) LIS Odder-Pudla-Block Pachhad iii) LIS Barotiwala-Bodhwara-Block Paonta immediately and schemes be completed within one month.
- The list of beneficiaries (complete details with name etc.) shall be provided to DEST by the concerned XEN, IPH of all three LIS schemes.
- The Dy. Commissioner shall convene review meeting fortnightly for completion of these schemes.

**(Action by DC, Executive Engineers, IPH)**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.1 Water Harvesting Structure Creation for Irrigation &**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.5 Small ponds at community level, Small run-off management measures and linking of livestock improvement in the proposed area.**

The Committee was apprised that as part of Sub component No. 2.1 & 2.5 IDP, NAHAN completed 41 schemes and rest of 66 schemes are being executed by the concerned BDO of Sangrah, Pachhad and Paonta Sahib Blocks for which 100% advance funds has have released. The ACS directed all the concerned BDOs to expedite the implementation of schemes since all other activities and training to the farmers are directly concerned with the completion of these schemes. The BDO's also reported the progress as under:

- BDO, Paonta Sahib informed that work on 8 schemes is under progress, however there is some land related issues w.r.t. 3 schemes.
- BDO, Sangrah informed that work on 3 schemes have been started and the codal formalities are being completed for other 12 schemes through gram panchayats.
- BOD, Pachhad informed that process on construction of 15 schemes is under progress.

After deliberating upon the information given by concerned BDOs it was decided that:

- The Committee decided that for this project BDO's concerned may implement these schemes through user groups instead of gram panchayats wherever they are facing any problem.
- The BDOs shall share the list of beneficiaries with the DEST.
- The DC shall review the progress of the schemes with convergence of different micro watershed schemes.
- The BDO concerned shall share the geo-tagged pre-construction photographs of all the schemes with DEST within a week of time. The BDOs shall submit geo-tagged

photos of construction phase and post-construction phase, i.e. three stage photographs shall be submitted pre-construction, during and after construction.

**(Action by BDOs of Pachhad, Sangra & Paonta Block, RD Department, & DEST)**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.2 Moisture Management for Vegetables**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.3 Promotion of Inter-cropping of maize and pulses and SRI cultivation in late but excess moisture condition.**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.4 Introduction of Legumes and other green fodder as well as early on setting cultivars of fruits.**

**Sub Comp. No. 2.6. Soil Testing & Soil Moisture Management**

The Committee was apprised that the project proposals have been submitted by the Horticulture & Agriculture Departments as per earlier decision and the funds have also been released to the Departments. After deliberating upon the following decision were taken:

- In order to expedite the implementation, the DC Sirmaur shall review the progress at district level. The Dy. Director Agriculture & Horticulture shall ensure the quantitative progress on implementation of agriculture & horticulture plans as per requirement of project in time bound manner.

**(Action by District Administration, Agriculture & Horticulture Deptts.)**

### **Component No. 3: Development of Farmer Producer Organisation Network**

The State Steering Committee reviewed the progress under this component, it was appraised to the State Committee that under this component so far the formation of FIGs has been carried out. The Deputy Commissioner, Sirmaur is coordinating the setting up of Farmer Producers Organisation (FPOs) in three Blocks and Department of Industries and that the expert agency - CTRAN shall extend requisite assistance for the formation of FPO's and giving a operational framework. It has been informed that the delay in formation of FPO is non availability of land. The updated implementation on FIG could not be reviewed due to poor response by the field facilitators working to form the FIGs and activate them. BDOs expressed dissatisfaction on the work of field facilitators. After discussions, it was decided that:

- The Director, DEST shall issue show cause notice to SEO/Field facilitators for explaining their position for not providing the information as per requirement and terms and conditions of employment, non compliance and not attending of the Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at shimla.
- The GM Industry Department shall expedite the process of land transfer and in case land is not available in Blocks, FPO may be setup in industrial area.
- The GM industry Department to submit the proposal in consultation with CTRAN for setting up of 3 FPOs in three blocks and expedite the activation of one FPO proposed for setting up of Tomato Puree Processing Unit.

**(Action by DC, Sirmaur, Industry Department, M/s CTRAN, DEST)**

#### **Component No. 4: Capacity Building of Community on Climate Smart Knowledge base and lesson learning**

The State Steering Committee was apprised that M/s CTRAN consulting has been engaged to execute this component and they have prepared the Training Need Assessment report and accordingly they have prepared seven number of training modules and they will present the same before the Committee today in the meeting. The Committee decided that the expert agency may complete the training of Agriculture Extension Officers by the end of April, 2019 for all districts and submit the report w.r.t. same.

#### **Component No. 5. Inclusion Risk Transfer Instruments:**

The State Steering Committee was informed that the process of starting an Assurance Fund have initiated by drafting the by-laws- rules & regulations under the supervision of DC Sirmaur. It was decided that the DC Sirmaur may take action as per the decision taken in 6<sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. 2:**

##### **Approval of Training Need Assessment (TNA) Report finalised by CTRAN Consulting Organisation, Bhubaneshwar Orissa.**

It was apprised to the State Project Steering Committee that under Component No. 4 an expert agency M/s CTRAN consultancy has been selected to carry out the Training Need Assessment. Now, the agency has prepared the TNA and the document has been completed and presented at district level after attending all the comments, etc. Thereafter, the TNA is placed before State level Project Steering Committee for its approval. The representative of M/s CTRAN consultants, Dr. Ashok Singha made detailed presentation about the process followed for preparation of TNA. It was explained that Training Need Assessment (TNA) study has been undertaken as part of capacity building component helpful to identify gaps and subsequent thematic areas accordingly to prepare the training modules. After discussions, the Committee approved the Training Need Assessment report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3:**

##### **Approval of Training Modules prepared by CTRAN Consulting Organisation, Bhubaneshwar Orissa, on the basis of Training Need Assessment Report.**

The State Project Steering Committee was apprised that as per recommendations of TNA; based on gaps and subsequent thematic areas the training modules have been prepared. The representative of M/s CTRAN consultants, Dr. Ashok Singha made detailed presentation about the following 7 training modules:

1. The drought resilient varieties & cropping systems.
2. Efficient water management systems including micro-irrigation for water use efficiency.




3. Management of soil nutrition including practices to enhance soil organic carbon.
4. Efficient pest control through integrated pest management.
5. Agro-met advisory plan as per local water conditions.
6. Governance aspects of community institutions and convergence.
7. Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) & climate change adaptation.

After discussions, the Committee approved all the 7 training modules submitted in English language and directed the concerned agency to translate these modules in Hindi language. It was decided that for the farmers only Hindi language modules will be used alongwith a set of audio and video material.


The ACS (Env.,S&T) to the GoHP in his concluding remarks said that the State of HP is certainly very vulnerable to the climate change and State Government is fully committed for combating the impacts of climate change through various initiatives on climate change adaptation and mitigation. As a part of such initiatives this project is being implemented as one model on adaptation with the backward & forward linkages for schemes and we need to work in a manner that it acts as an eye opener and guiding one to all. We look forward for its successful implementation in time bound manner.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(R.D. Dhiman)  
Additional Chief Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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CC to following for information and necessary action:

1. All the members of State Steering Committee.
2. The Deputy Commissioner Sirmour at Nahan.
3. The Director Rural Development, BDO of selected Blocks.
4. The Expert Agency- M/s. CTRAN Consulting Co.
5. Guard file.

  
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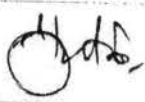

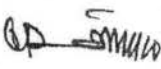



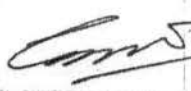
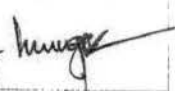
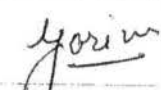
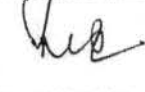

**Subject :** 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of State Steering Committee to Review Progress of SLADRC Project under NAFCC Being implemented in District Sirmaur, H.P.

**Venue:** Committee Room, Ellerslie Building, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla.

**Date:** 20-03-2019

**Time:** 3:30 P.M.

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