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Department of Environment Science & Technology

**Minutes of District level meeting w.r.t. Implementation of NAFCC Project SLADRC held in the office of Deputy Commissioner Sirmaur at Nahan on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 10:30 AM**

In order to review the progress of NAFCC Project-SLADRC in three blocks viz Paonta Sahib, Pachhad and Sangrah of District Sirmaur a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Sirmaur at Nahan in his office chamber on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 10:30.AM

List of participants is enclosed at *Annexure-A*.

At the outset Sh Lalit Jain, IAS worthy Deputy Commissioner Sirmaur extended welcome to all the participants. To review the progress of NAFCC project, he asked Sh Lokinder Kanwar, Finance Expert, Department of Environment Science & Technology (DEST) to give a brief background of the project and explain about the progress made under different component/activities of the project till date. However, Financial Expert, DEST apprised worthy chairman and the participants about the background of the project from the date of its sanction i.e. 31.12.2015 and the component wise progress made under the project till date. During the meeting component wise each activity was discussed and decisions taken are as under:

**Component 1: Drought related Vulnerability Assessment at the District level**

It was informed by the Finance Expert that for activity 1.1 & 1.2 i.e Drought related vulnerability Assessment, the Vulnerability Assessment Report and Beneficiaries list have been prepared by the consultant and approved by the Government and amount of Rs. 30 lac remains unspent under the component. It was advised by the worthy chairman that for unspent amount of Rs. 30 lac DPRs of some other water harvesting structures under the drought prone three blocks be prepared by the IPH department and submitted to the DEST through DC Office for funding. However, Finance Expert apprised that the unspent amount is proposed to be utilized for carrying out the vulnerability assessment report and preparing beneficiary list of remaining three blocks of District Sirmaur district. The chairman agreed to the proposal.

**Component 2: Climate smart package of practices for the district:**

Finance Expert apprised that under activity 2.1 i.e. Creation of water harvesting structures three lift irrigation schemes in three developmental blocks have been undertaken by I&PH Department and 73 minor irrigation schemes by the o/o IDP. The concerned XENs of all the three blocks apprised that work under lift irrigation schemes is under progress and shall be completed by Sept 2018. However due to the introduction of GST the cost is likely to be increased for which it was decided to send the revised estimates of the schemes for the approval of competent authority so that the completion of schemes is not delayed. The Deputy Commissioner advised to provide one copy of vulnerability assessment report and beneficiaries list to all the three XENs of concerned blocks. The IPH department was also advised to adhere to the timeline for the completion of the under progress schemes so that the poor and marginal farmer could be benefited.

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It was also informed by the Finance Expert that due to GST and other cost escalation the office of IDP Nahan has reduced the number of minor irrigation schemes from 73 to 51 for which a meeting of Director DEST has been fixed with CPD (IDP) Solan. The worthy chairman advised that the number of schemes be not reduced and the revised cost estimates of all the 73 schemes be sent to DEST for approval.

It was informed by the DDA/DDH that for implementation of activity 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6 i.e. Moisture management for vegetables, introduction of legumes and green fodder and soil testing and moisture management fund be released to them in advance. However Finance Expert appraised that it would not be possible for the DEST to release the funds without the supply of beneficiaries list specially for Sprinklers/Drip irrigation schemes as the proposed beneficiaries needs to be selected from the list of beneficiaries identified under Social Mapping Report of vulnerable households. However Deputy Commissioner advised all the representatives of concerned departments to sit together and decide the matter where it was decided that a meeting may be convened under the chairmanship of Director Environment, S & T at Shimla and matter be decided accordingly. He also advised to do the needful with in fifteen days.

For activity 2.3 i.e. Training component on promotion of intercropping of maize and pulses and SRI cultivation, it was informed by the officers of KVK/RHRTS that they may be intimated by the DEST about the particular subject on which the material is to be prepared and training imparted so that matter could be taken up accordingly.

For activity 2.5 i.e. Creation of small ponds at community level it was informed by the representative of Integrated Development Project (IDP) that two ponds have already been constructed and for the remaining ponds the work is under progress. It was advised to speed up the work.

### **Component 3: Development of farmer producer organization network**

It was informed by the DEST representative that for activity 3.1 to 3.4 i.e. Development of FPO's network the matter for the engagement of six facilitators has already been taken up with the office of Pr. CCF/CPD (IDP) Solan and the o/o IDP Nahan has already formed the FIG's in respect of 12 completed MIS schemes. However it was decided that the o/o Deputy Commissioner will assist in the developemnt of FPO's network though formation of FIG's around the clusters and crops through the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) an expert agency in this regard and the funds may be released to them accordingly.

### **Component 4: Capacity Building of Community on climate smart knowledge based and lesson learning:**


It was informed by the Finance Expert that for activity 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 i.e. Training module development and imparting training to target farmers on climate resilient agriculture/horticulture the RFP for the engagement of consultant has already been issued. However for activity 4.4 and 4.5 i.e. Extension services and hand holding support to target farmers and demonstration of different package of practices that are adaptive to climate variability the matter is being taken up with the CSK Palampur. It was advised by the worthy chairman that a copy of letter written to CSK Palampur and correspondence made earlier be provided to KVK Dhaula Kuan so that they may submit the proposal. He also advised to expedite all the activities under this component to avoid further delay.

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**Component 5: Inclusion risk transfer instruments:**


For activity 5.1, 5.2 i.e. Linkages to existing financial inclusion programme and piloting weather based insurance the Agriculture/Horticulture departments were advised to formulate some innovative proposal for such crops for which no insurance is available in the district specially for peach and the proposal be submitted through the office of the Deputy Commissioner to DEST. Further a sub-committee be constituted under the chairmanship of under signed for the formulation of proposal in which officers of Agriculture/Horticulture Department should be the members.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

  
**Deputy Commissioner**  
**District-Sirmaur at Nahan.**

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1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Env. S & T), to the GoHP, Shimla-2 for kind information please.
2. The Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
- ✓ 3. The Director, Department of Environment Science and Technology, Shimla-1.
4. The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
5. The Supdt. Engineer, IPH Department, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
6. The XENs IPH, Nahan, Paonta Sahib and Nohradhar.
7. The District Project Officer, Integrated Development Project, Nahan.
8. Incharge, KVK Dhaulakuan, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
9. Incharge, RHR & TS Dhaulakuan, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
10. The Block Development Officers, Pahhad, Paonta Sahib and Sangrah, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
11. The Deputy Director Agriculture, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
12. The Deputy Director Horticulture, District Sirmaur at Nahan.
13. RO, NABARD, District Sirmaur at Nahan.

  
**Deputy Commissioner**  
**District-Sirmaur at Nahan**

## List of Participants

S.N.	Name of Officer/officials	Designation	Department
1	Sh. Anil Manuja	EE IPH Circle Nahan	IPH
2	Sh. Arshad Rehman	EE IPH Div Nohradhar	IPH
3	Sh. Rajeev Kumar	EE IPH Div. Nahan	IPH
4	Sh Ram Lal Kapil	Dy. Director	Horticulture
5	Sh. Gaurav Sharma	DDM NABARD	NABARD
6	Dr. A.K. Joshi	Associate Director	RHRTS Dhaulakuan
7	Dr. V.K. Rathee	Associate Director,	HAREC Dhaulakuan
8	Dr. Anand Singh	Prog. Coordinator,	KVK Dhaulakuan
9	Sh Sukhdarshan Singh	Supdt.	IDP Nahan
10	Sh Vidya Sagar	Dy. Director	Agriculture
11	Sh. Parveen Kumar	A.E.O	Agriculture
12	Sh. Rajesh Sharma	H.E.O.	Horticulture
13	Smt. Desh Lata	Off. Dy Dir cum PO	DRDA, Nahan
14	Sh. Naresh Dhiman	EE IPH	IPH
15	Sh. Lokinder Kanwar	Finance Expert	Environment