

**Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee under
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) held on 28.11.2007.**

The 1st meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC), Orissa under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was held on 28.11.2007 in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat at Bhubaneswar. Sri A.K. Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary, Orissa presided. Among others, Dr. R.N. Bohidar, IAS, Development Commissioner-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary, Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Sri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India, Sri Arvind Kaushal, Joint Secretary (P&F), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India and Dr(Mrs.) Vandana Dwivedi, Joint Advisor, Planning Commission were present in the meeting. Detailed list of members present is at **Annexure-I**.

Welcoming the members of the committee, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Agriculture Department and Member-Secretary of the SLSC gave a brief presentation on the broad overview of the implementation of the RKVY in the State. The members expressed their appreciation on the actions taken by the State for implementation of the RKVY.

Chief Secretary in his initial remarks emphasized on the need for formulation of need based innovative projects under RKVY, and thereby giving a new momentum to Agriculture Sector. He specially emphasized on strengthening of seed production, replacement and distribution in Agriculture, taking the benefits of milk production, distribution in Animal Husbandry sector to new areas and increasing the fish production in the State under RKVY.

The eligibility of the State in term of accessing the RKVY funds on the basis of the percentage of baseline plan expenditure was discussed. It was found that the baseline plan expenditure (which is the average percentage of plan expenditure of total State Plan Expenditure for the year 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06) in Agriculture and Allied sectors for the State is 1.97% of the total plan expenditure of the State. The percentage of plan expenditure in the Agriculture and allied sectors to the percentage of

total plan expenditure to the State in 2006-07 is 4% which is significantly higher than 1.97%. And, therefore, the State is eligible to access funds under RKVY.

Sri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India stated that as per the figures made available to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation by the Planning Commission, the baseline average expenditure on agriculture & allied sectors in the State Plan in Orissa pertaining to the three year period of 2003-04 to 2005-06 was 1.97%. There was significant increase in the outlay these sectors during 2006-07 to 3.48%. However, it was a matter of concern that the approved outlay for agriculture & allied sectors in the State Plan for 2007-08 was only 1.78%. This would cause a problem in maintaining Orissa's eligibility to access funds under the RKVY during 2008-09.

Development Commissioner observed that provision in the supplementary budget in the Agriculture & allied sectors for 2007-08 may not have been taken into account by the Planning Commission. He reiterated the commitment of Government to continuously upgrade the scale of finance in State budget for the sector.

Agriculture Production Commissioner said that RKVY provides abundant possibilities in increasing investment in Agriculture sector and therefore there is need for an integrated approach to galvanize the Agricultural economy. He further informed that expenditure in Forestry sector has been included in Agriculture and allied sectors for the purpose of taking the overall State plan expenditure under the sector.

Status of the preparation of District Agriculture Plan and State Agriculture Plan was discussed. It was informed that preparations of District Agriculture Plans are in progress in different districts and the same would be consolidated to SAP on the basis of which project proposals under RKVY would be prepared for the year 2008-09.

Thereafter, Project proposals for sanction under RKVY was taken up for detailed discussion & consideration. It was informed to the House that proposals have been received from the Deptt. of Agriculture and F&ARD under stream-I & II. Power point

presentations were given by the respective Departments and detailed discussion was held on each project and the following decisions were taken:

The Department of Agriculture presented the following project proposals for consideration.

Agriculture Department

Stream-I:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project | Projected Requirement of funds (Rs. in lakh) |
|----------------|--|---|
| 1 | Managing acid soils for boosting Agril. Productivity in Orissa | 1010.00 |
| 2 | Popularization of Agril. Implements & Machineries in KBK and other dists. | 808.00 |
| 3 | System of Rice Intensification | 252.50 |
| 4 | Promotion of Organic Farming through Vermihatchery | 55.55 |
| 5 | BGA Production-Stepping towards Organic Farming | 41.81 |
| 6 | Establishment of Seed processing Plants at Gajapati, Kendrapara & Jharsuguda. | 180.80 |
| 7 | Procurement of Combine harvester and Thresher to OSSC farms | 16.00 |
| 8 | Modernization of Agriculture Information wing of Bhubaneswar & Sambalpur | 118.70 |
| 9 | Capacity Building of Extension Personnel & Alternate Extension (Krushak Sathi) | 62.79 |
| 10 | Bio fertilizer Application for Pulse and Oilseeds | 106.00 |
| 11 | Integrated Pest Management through Farmers' Field School | 24.04 |
| 12 | Strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratory | 207.15 |
| | Subtotal of Stream-I (Agriculture) | 2883.34 |

Stream-II

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project | Projected Requirement of funds (Rs. in lakh) |
|----------------|---|---|
| 1 | Strengthening of Government Implement factory(Prototype Development Centre) | 440.00 |
| 2 | Infrastructure Development & Strengthening Training Institutes | 245.00 |
| 3 | Construction of Seed Storage Godown | 709.00 |
| 4 | Commercial Agriculture Enterprises | 200.00 |
| | Subtotal of Stream-II (Agriculture) | 1594.00 |

Agriculture Production Commissioner observed that Item No.7 relating to procurement of Combine harvester and Thresher to OSSC farms can be funded by OSSC which is a commercial organization and therefore it may not be necessary to fund the project under RKVY.

Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India made the following observations on the proposals of the Agriculture Department.

- a) Cost norms and subsidy norms of the existing schemes in the sector should be adhered to while framing the proposals under RKVY.
- b) The projects taken up under RKVY should not have any component involving creation of posts and purchase of vehicles. If necessary, the required manpower and vehicles may be hired.
- c) The Detailed Project Reports may be made available to the Ministry of Agriculture.
- d) The decisions of the SLSC may be formally conveyed at the earliest for sanction of funds.
- e) As there appears to be differences in the figures maintained by the State Government as compared to those maintained by the Planning Commission, he advised that the figures may be reconciled by the State Government with the Planning Commission as the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation utilizes the data made available by the Planning Commission for the purpose of implementation of RKVY.

After detailed discussions on each project, the Committee approved and sanctioned all the projects in Stream-I except item no. 7 & all the projects in Stream-II.

The Deptt. of F&ARD presented the following project proposals under stream-I & II.

Fisheries

Stream-I

| Sl.No. | Name of the Project | Projected Requirement of funds (Rs. in lakh) |
|--------|---|--|
| 1. | SCAMPI (Fresh water Prawn) Farming | 433.50 |
| 2. | Air Breathing Fish(Singhi, Magur) Farming | 44.00 |
| 3. | Minor Carp (Mahurahi, Pohala) Farming | 15.50 |
| 4. | Yearling/Fingerling culture | 74.00 |
| | Total(Stream-I) | 567.00 |

Stream-II:

| Sl.No. | Name of the Project | Projected Requirement of funds (Rs. in lakh) |
|--------|--|--|
| 1. | Provision of pump sets to fish farm | 5.00 |
| 2. | Water Supply system in fish farm | 20.00 |
| 3. | Bore well in fish farm | 5.00 |
| 4. | Boundary wall in fish farm | 20.00 |
| 5. | Electricity System | 8.00 |
| | Total(Stream-II) | 58.00 |
| | Total of Stream-I & Stream-II | 625.00 |

The above proposals were discussed in detail. Sri A. Kaushal, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India observed that he was getting an opportunity to look at the agenda items only now in the meeting. These had not been made available in advance so that these could be examined by the concerned subject division in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries. Accordingly, he suggested that the same may not be taken up for a decision by the Committee in the present meeting and instead be deferred to the next meeting. This was agreed to.

Dr. Vandana Dwivedi, Joint Advisor, Planning Commission observed that RKVY Stream-II ACA allocation be considered in need based up-scaling of existing and approved scheme/component. Besides, strengthening of SAUs(State Agricultural

Universities) to address location specific/ regional research may also be considered under RKVY.

The project proposals submitted by the Deptt. of F&ARD(ARD) were taken up for discussion and consideration. The Proposals are as follows:

Animal Husbandry Sector

Stream-I:

| Sl.No. | Name of the Project | Projected Requirement of funds (Rs. in lakh) |
|---------------|---|---|
| | a) OMFED | |
| 1. | Sambalpur, Bargarh, Sonepur, & Jharsuguda | 316.77 |
| 2. | Puri, Nayagarh, Khurda, Boudh | 468.53 |
| 3. | Balasore, Bhadrak & Mayurbhanj | 390.87 |
| | b) Animal Husbandry | |
| 1. | Increasing the supply of input for Chipilima Farm | 57.00 |
| | Total | 1233.17 |

After thorough discussion on each item it was observed that cost benefit analysis be recalculated by OMFED on item no.1,2,3 in Stream-I.

It was noted that the proposal 'Project for increasing the supply of inputs from Chipilima Farm has following three components:

- (i) Upgradation of the poultry farm at Chipilima: Rs. 25 lakhs
- (ii) Supply of exotic for genetic upgradation of goats: Rs.27 lakhs
- (iii) Fodder farm at Chipilima: Rs. 5.00 lakhs

In this connection, it was pointed out by Sh. Arvind Kaushal, that the Govt. of India has already sanctioned the upgradation of the said poultry farm in 2003-04. Accordingly, there could hardly be justification for taking up the proposed works at the farm. The concerned agency should explain the need for the proposal, which could be considered and the matter taken up in the next meeting.

In regard to the genetic upgradation of goat flock at the Chiplima Farm by introduction of Cyprus Pasha goats, it was felt that the selection of Cyprus Pasha breed of goats needs to be examined in the light of other options available. Further, the proposal should also be developed in much more detail. However, it was agreed that the project could be approved in-principle subject to release of funds only after formulation of a detailed proposal, including on selection of the specific breed of goat for genetic upgradation.

The proposal in respect of Fodder Farm at Chiplima involving an investment of Rs. 5.00 lakhs was approved.

It was decided that the other proposals should be revised and placed in the next SLSC.

It was further decided as under:

1. A pre-sanctioning committee would scrutinize all the proposals before they are placed before the SLSC.
2. Proposals submitted by Vice Chancellor, OUAT would be placed before the next SLSC.
3. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SC&ST Deptt. would be co-opted as a member of the SLSC.

4. Next SLSC should be convened at the earliest to consider the proposals of other Departments.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
Chief Secretary
and
Chairman, State Level Sanctioning Committee,
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Orissa

Annexure-IMembers Present on 1st Meeting of SLSC under RKVY on 28.11.2007

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| 1. | Sri A.K. Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary, Orissa |
| 2. | Dr. R.N. Bohidar, IAS, Development Commissioner –cum- Addl. Chief Secretary |
| 3 | Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner |
| 4. | Sri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, DAC |
| 5. | Sri Arvind Kaushal, Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (P&F) |
| 6. | Dr.(Mrs) Vandana Dwivedi Joint Advisor, Planning Commission, Govt. of India |
| 7. | Sri Aurobindo Behera, IAS, Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department |
| 8. | Ms Madhur Sarangi, IAS, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department |
| 9. | Sri H.S. Chahar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department |
| 10 | Dr. R.V. Singh, IFS, Special Secretary, Planning & Coordination Department |
| 11. | Sri R.N. Dash, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department |
| 12 | Sri G.K.Dhal, IAS Commissioner –cum-Secretary, Agriculture Department |
| 13. | Prof. D. P. Ray, Vice Chancellor, OUAT, Bhubaneswar |
| 14. | Sri S.N.Swain, General Manager, OMFED. |
| 15. | Sri Bijay Kumar Das, Additional Secretary, F & ARD Department |
| 16. | Sri S. Rath, Director, Horticulture |
| 17. | Sri B.B.Biswal, Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Department |
| 18. | Dr. Balaram Mishra, Joint Director, Level-I, AH& VS, Orissa |

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| 19. | Sri Arjun Ch. Naik, Joint Director, Fisheries |
| 20 | Sri Janaki Ballav Dash, Joint Director, Fisheries(M) |
| 21. | Dr. Narayan Chandra Biswal, Deputy Director(Extension), Fisheries |
| 22. | Dr. G.K.Tripathy, Supput. Officer Training Director, AH&VS |
| 23. | Dr. P.K. Mahapatra, Dean, College of Agriculture, Bhubaneswar |
| 24. | Dr. Umasankar Patra, Deputy Director, Directorate of AH & VS |
| 25. | Dr. Umesh Ch. Dash, Deputy Director(Plan), O/o Director, Agriculture & Food Production(O) |
| 26. | Dr. Bishnu Prasad Mishra, Technical Executive, APICOL, Bhubaneswar |
| 27. | Sri B.K. Harichandan, Agriculturist, Agriculture Department |
| 28. | Mrs. P. Paikray , PRO to Chief Secretary |