

Government of Odisha
Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: ToR / operational modalities of Farm Information & Advisory Centre (FIAC)

1. Concept of Farm Information and Advisory Centre (FIAC) was introduced as an Institutional Mechanism under the Centrally Sponsored programme "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms" during the 10th Five Year Plan period for coordination among Farmers Advisory Committee and extension officers of Agriculture & allied sectors at the Block level. FIAC was considered as the centre for integration of extension and technology transfer activities at the block and village levels, as mentioned in the guidelines "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms, 2010" and "ATMA guidelines, 2014" under the "National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET)".

2. FIACs are functioning in all the 314 blocks. The FIAC buildings have already been constructed in 295 blocks, whereas construction work is in finishing stage in 4 blocks, under progress in 13 blocks and not yet started in two blocks namely Aska & Junagarh.

3. Block Farmers Advisory Committee (BFAC) and Block Technology Team (BTT) function at the FIAC. The BFAC is a representative body of farmers (about 20 members) covering various sectors like agriculture, horticulture, livestock producers, input dealers and farmers' groups. The BTT is a group of technical officers, operating at block level representing agriculture and all the allied sectors. BFAC and BTT together act as the planning and operational arm of ATMA at the Block level.

4. In order to strengthen the coordination and information flow at the Block level, it has been decided to re-invigorate the BTT to function as the common meeting point for all the line departments dealing with farmers' empowerment at the ground level. Farmers can also be effectively mobilized through the Block Farmers Advisory Committee (BFAC).

Such a mechanism, including representatives of all major stakeholders, would help set extension priorities across each program area and allocate resources. BFAC and BTT would jointly be responsible for operationalizing the Research & Extension programme in each block and moving towards a single window extension system.

5. The BTT would prepare Block Action Plans (BAPs) that would detail extension activities to be undertaken. This plan should be approved by the BFAC before it is forwarded to the ATMA.

6. Meetings of BTT shall be conducted in the FIAC building on monthly basis. During the period from 15th May to 30th September the BTT meetings shall be held fortnightly.

7. The BTT will be composed of all Block level officers of different Departments like Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment (i.e. Assistant Agriculture Officer, Assistant Horticulture Officer, Assistant Soil Conservation Officer), Fishery & Animal Resources Development (i.e. Block Veterinary Officer, Assistant Fishery Officer), Cooperation Department (i.e. Cooperative Extension Officer), Water Resources Department (i.e. Junior Engineers/ Asst. Engineers of minor/ lift/medium/major/mega lift irrigation projects working at Block level), Food Supply & Consumer Welfare (i.e. Block level Marketing Inspector) and Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water (i.e. Extension Officer dealing with OLM activities at block level) who shall attend the monthly meetings of the BTT in the FIAC building for discussion on the following matters:-

- block level activities on agriculture and allied sectors
- block credit plan and inclusion of new loanee farmers
- registration of farmers including agricultural labourers
- disbursement of crop loans and all other farmer related loans
- formation of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)
- insurance for crops & livestock for non-loanee farmers
- procurement of paddy & non-paddy and marketing issues including Fair Average Quality (FAQ)
- proper crop planning under irrigated ayacuts
- functioning of Suravi/ input supply outlets
- pre-positioning of certified seeds, fertilizers & pesticides at different sites for easy access to the farmers, etc.
- health status of soil, crops and livestock
- issues related to market linkage
- expansion of irrigated area including micro-irrigation

- formation of FPO's and agriculture clusters
- status of storage availability including cold storage

8. DDAs may obtain approval of Collector & District Magistrate for finalizing the date of the BTT meetings at the FIAC, which may be held on a fixed day/date in every month/ fortnightly during Kharif season.

9. Important decisions, taken in the BTT meetings at the FIAC may be uploaded by the BTT convenor in the portal being developed by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment.

10. Areas of concern which are not resolved in the BTT meeting at the FIAC may be brought to the notice of the concerned District level Officers by the concerned Block level Officers of different Departments so that the same are taken up in the concerned district level forum or with the Collector. If the same is not resolved within 15 days by the District level Officers, then that should be brought to the notice of the next higher officers in the hierarchy.

Commissioner-cum- Secretary,
Fishery & Animal Resources Development

Commissioner-cum- Secretary,
Cooperation Department

Commissioner-cum- Secretary,
Food Supply & Consumer Welfare

Principal Secretary to Government,
Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water

Principal Secretary to Government,
Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment

Principal Secretary to Government,
Department of Water Resources

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Additional Secretary to Government

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Additional Secretary to Government

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Additional Secretary to Government