

Minutes of SSC meeting on Green Agriculture Project under GEF

The 1st meeting of State Steering Committee (SSC) on “Green Agriculture Project” under Global Environment Facility funded by FAO was held through virtual conference under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan on 19th February 2021 at 4:00 PM. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure-1.

Commissioner Agriculture, GoR, welcomed all the members present and briefed the house about various issues in project area, action to be taken, present status of implementation of the project, future interventions etc.

Principal Secretary Agriculture, GoR informed the house that even after all efforts, the manpower for State Project Management Unit (SPMU) and Green Landscape Implementation Unit (GLIU) could not be arranged from State Government departments, as suggested by Finance department. He requested the house to permit for hiring of manpower through Service provider so that project work could be started at the earliest.

Chairman of SSC and Chief Secretary Sir, GoR, after detailed discussion on project & views of members, directed to execute the programme in scheduled time proposed by FAO. He also advised for drone survey of project area before, during & after completion of the project so that actual achievements of the work done in the project can be verified / monitored. Chairman has advised for active involvement of Jodhpur Agriculture University & CAZRI, Jodhpur for technical and academic assistance. Further he directed that those activities which are already carried out by Forest department should not be repeated under the project.

Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur has emphasized on removal of *Prosopis juliflora* from the project area. He also suggested for scientific survey of project area & advance planning for procurement of grass seeds since seeds of grass are not easily available.

Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Jodhpur emphasized on involvement of Agriculture University, Jodhpur & CAZRI, Jodhpur for technical assistance for better implementation of project interventions.

After threadbare discussion, following decisions were taken:

1. Required manpower for execution of Project shall be taken on hired basis through service provider with in 3 months following the norms of Project and RTPP Act 2012 & RTPP Rules 2013.
2. Action plan for 3 months with the inception workshops & budget provision of Rs 3.974 crore for one year work plan is approved, subjected to the condition that there should not be any duplicacy of work in the project which has already been done by any department in the project area.
3. A drone survey of entire project area (prior to project, during and after the completion of the project) should also be taken in account to verify actual achievement of the work done in the project.
4. It is also decided to involve the participation of CAZRI, Jodhpur and Agriculture University, Jodhpur to provide technical & academic assistance in implementation of the project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.


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Copy to the followings for information and necessary action, please -

1. PS to Chief Secretary, GoR, Jaipur
2. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development, GoR, Jaipur
3. PS to Principal Secretary, Finance, GoR, Jaipur
4. PS to Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment, GoR, Jaipur
5. PS to Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Horticulture, GoR, Jaipur
6. PS to Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment, GoR, Jaipur
7. PS to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(HoF), GoR, Jaipur
8. PS to Secretary, Women & Child Development, GoR, Jaipur
9. PS to Secretary, Animal Husbandary, GoR, Jaipur
10. Sh. Rakesh Sinha, PD, GEF-GAP, FAO Representative, New Delhi
11. Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University Jodhpur.
12. Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur.
13. PS to Commissioner, Agriculture, GoR, Jaipur
14. PS to Commissioner, Horticulture, GoR, Jaipur
15. PS to Commissioner, Watershed & Soil Conservation, GoR, Jaipur
16. PS to Member secretary, State Biodiversity Board, Jaipur
17. District Collector, Jaisalmer/Barmer

(Arjun Lal)

**Joint DAG. (Agro-ATC) &
Nodal Officer-GAP (GEF)**

Annexure -1**List of Participants in SSC Meeting under Chaimanship of
Chief Secretary, GoR**

S. No.	Name of Participant	Designation
1	Shri Kunji Lal Meena	Principal Secretary Agriculture, GoR
2	Smt. Shreya Guha	Principal Secretary Forest & environment, GoR
3	Dr. Krishana Kant Pathak	Secretary, Women & Child Development, GoR
4	Dr. Virendra Singh	Secretary, IT, GoR
5	Dr. O. P. Yadav	Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur
6	Dr. Om Prakash	Commissioner Agriculture, GoR
7	Shri Ashish Modi	District Collector Jaisalmer
8	Shri Vishram Meena	District Collector Barmer
9	Shri Rakesh Sinha	Project Director, GEF-India
10	Dr. B. R. Choudhary	Vice Chancellor, Agri. University, Jodhpour
11	Shri Tomio Sichiri	FAO-Representative
12	Mr. Konda Reddy,	FAO-Representative
13	Shri Arjun Lal	Joint Director Ag. (ATC)
14	Shri Mahendra Jain	Dy. Director Ag. (ATC)
15	Shri Radheyshyam Narwal	Dy. Director Ag. (Ext.), Jaisalmer
16	Shri J. N. Yadav	ARO (ATC)