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ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

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From

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Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Odisha
Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Odisha
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Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Mission Shakti, Odisha
Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha
Director of Horticulture, Odisha
Collector and District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj
Chairman, State Bio-Diversity Board
FAO Representative in India, New Delhi
Representative from National Project Management Unit, New Delhi
Director, IMAGE
State Technical Coordinator,SPMU, Green-Ag Project

Sub: Minutes of the of the 4th State Steering Committee meeting of FAO-GEF assisted Green-Ag Project, Odisha –regarding.

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform that the 4th State Steering Committee meeting for the FAO-GEF assisted Green-Ag. Project was held on 29th April 2023 at 4.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha in the 2nd floor conference hall of Lokaseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

Enclosed Please find herewith the minutes of the said meeting for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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Director, SC&WD

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Copy forwarded to the P.S to Chief Secretary, Odisha for favour of kind information of Chief Secretary.



Director, SC&WD

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Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for favour of kind information.



Director, SC&WD

Memo No

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Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (RFS), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi/ Joint Secretary (IC) & GEF OFP, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi for favour of kind information and necessary action.



Director, SC&WD

Minutes of the 4th State Steering Committee (SSC) Meeting of the FAO-GEF assisted Green-Ag Project, Odisha

The 4th State Steering Committee (SSC) Meeting of the FAO-GEF assisted Green-Ag Project, Odisha was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Pradeep Ku Jena, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha at 4.00PM on 29th April 2023 in the 2nd floor conference hall of Lokaseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The List of participants is at annexure-I.

Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture & FE, Odisha welcomed the chairman and committee members. Dr Konda Chavva Reddy, Asst FAO Representative in India informed that Green-Ag project is operational in five States i.e., Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Odisha and the four focus areas are Biodiversity (BD) conservation, Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Climate Change Mitigation (CCM) and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). Then, Director, Soil Conservation & Watershed Development made an agenda wise presentation.

The Committee deliberated on agenda wise points and the following decisions were made.

1. Approval of the minutes of 3rd State Steering Committee Meeting.

The minutes of the 3rd State Steering Committee (SSC) meeting held on 6th June 2022 circulated to all members vide Letter No 4596 dated 11/06/2022 were approved as no comments have been received from any quarter.

2. Approval of Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for the FY 2023 – 2024.

The Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWPB) for FY 2023-24 amounting to Rs **7,33,27,769/-** (Seven Crores Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousands Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine only) was presented in the meeting. The AWPB has been prepared in line with the Risk Mitigation Strategy and revised timeline. The AWPB 2023-24 was approved. The approved AWPB for 2023-24 is Annexure-II(A&B).

3. Approval of the Procurement Plan FY (2023 – 2024)

The procurement plan of expendable & non expendable items with a budgeted outlay of **Rs.41.21 lakh** was approved. The approved procurement plan is at Annexure- III.

4. Approval of study topics recommended by SLTC.

The following four topics were approved for conducting different studies as recommended by the State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) meeting.

- a. Study on nutritional analysis & microbial diversity associated with local land races of selected crops and commodities in Similipal landscape
- b. Study on impact of conservation agriculture production systems (CAPS) on soil fertility, productivity and economics in Similipal biosphere
- c. Studies on incentives for environment friendly agriculture and
- d. Studies on alternative energy sources for maintaining sustainable forest ecosystem.



5. Approval of topics for State Policy Dialogues

The following two topics were approved for conducting Policy dialogues as recommended by the State Level Technical Committee (SLTC).

- i. State Policy dialogue on "Developing Odisha holistic land utilization policy" in line with draft National Land Utilization Policy.
- ii. State Policy Dialogue on "Mainstreaming biodiversity in to agriculture sector for increased food and livelihood security."

6. Post facto approval for conducting walk in Interview for vacant positions of SPMU & GLIU.

- i. Post facto approval was accorded to the decision of the Department of Agriculture & FE, Odisha regarding filling up the vacant positions at SPMU and GLIU through walk-in interview process.
- ii. It was further decided that District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj henceforth to conduct walk in interview for recruitment to the required vacant positions at GLIU and CRP at the district level.

7. Approval for commissioning of various studies and policy dialogues by engaging credible and reliable institutions/organisations by Nomination.

It was advised to engage credible and reliable institutions/organisations following due procedures as per finance department circular of Government of Odisha or as per the guidelines of FAO with due approval of NPMU.


8. Approval of Revision of Monthly remuneration of SPMU & GLIU Team recommended by SLTC.

It was opined to consider revision of remuneration of SPMU and GLIU positions as per the Finance Department, Govt., of Odisha exiting circular for the purpose as applicable to Externally Aided Projects (EAPs).

9. Any Other points with permission of Chair

- a. The Technical Support Group (TSG), under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj shall take necessary steps to ensure convergence of the line department schemes in the 66 priority villages to achieve the desired objectives.
- b. Director, Agriculture & FP, Odisha was advised to initiate necessary steps to increase the soil organic carbon at farmers field level in the 66 priority villages.

This issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, Odisha in OSWAS file No. DSCWD-SCHII-MISC-0022-2019.


Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Department of Agriculture & FE, Odisha
01.05.2023