

**SUMMARY RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE CENTRAL AND
WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY) HELD ON 13.11.2007
AT NEW DELHI**

List of participants is at Annexure-I.

At the outset, Shri P.K. Basu, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Government of India welcomed the participants and explained the background of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) referring to the meetings of the Full Planning Commission and the National Development Council (NDC) to discuss agriculture and related issues against the backdrop of low growth rate and distress in the sector. Pursuant to the Resolution adopted on 29.05.2007 by the NDC, the RKVY had been launched during 2007-08 itself. A special dispensation had been made for 2007-08 for determining eligibility of the States under the RKVY by taking (i) the minimum of the share of expenditure in the agriculture & allied sectors in the baseline period of three years, and (ii) the maximum of the outlay on agriculture & allied sectors among the years 2006-07 and 2007-08. Chhattisgarh, which was ineligible, would have to increase its outlay on agriculture & allied sectors by Rs. 25.47 crore to avail of the new scheme. The Government of India was very keen for the quick and proper implementation of RKVY. The scheme gives flexibility and autonomy to the States in planning and execution of schemes in the agriculture & allied sectors. It was important for the States to gear up to utilize the funds made available under RKVY as the first half of the financial year was already over.

Shri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, DAC made a brief presentation on RKVY, inter alia, highlighting the objectives, salient features, eligibility criteria, allocation of funds to the States/UTs in the Central and Western Zones and the time lines to be followed for the critical activities during the current financial year as follows:

- Constitution and notification of the State Level sanctioning Committee (SLSC) by 03.11.2007

- Identification of the Nodal Agency for implementation of RKVY by 03.11.2007
- Identification of the District Planning Units (DPUs) by 16.11.2007
- Preparation of the State Agriculture Plan (SAP)/District Agriculture Plans (DAPs) by 30.11.2007
- Preparation of the shelf of projects and DPRs under Stream-I by 30.11.2007
- Preparation of proposals under Stream-II by 30.11.2007
- Holding of the SLSC meetings to approve the projects under Stream-I during the period 16.11.2007 to 23.12.2007
- Submission of proposals for release of funds to DAC by 31.12.2007

Shri Serjius Minj, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh informed that the SLSC had been constituted. The Nodal Agency would be the State Agricultural Management and Training Institute (SAMETI). The draft SAP was had been prepared. The State Agriculture University (SAU) would prepare the DAPs for 12 districts, SAMETI for 1 district and the Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) for 5 districts.

Shri P.M. Asari, Joint Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Gujarat said that the SLSC would be constituted shortly and SAMETI would be designated as the Nodal Agency. He said that the implementation of RKVY may be slowed down due to the model of code of conduct imposed by the Election Commission during the general elections in Gujarat.

Dr. Krishna Lavekar, Commissioner (Agriculture), Government of Maharashtra informed that the SLSC had been constituted. The Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) was designated as the Nodal Agency and the funds would be routed through it. The DAPs were in the final stage of preparation. ATMAs were involved in their preparation. The meeting of the SLSC would be held at Nagpur on 21.11.2007.

Shri S.K. Bhatnagar, Additional Director (Agriculture), Government of Madhya Pradesh informed that the SLSC would be constituted soon. The Directorate of

Agriculture would act as the Nodal Agency. Divisional meetings were being held to expedite DAPs and preparation of the projects.

Shri B. N. Nanda, Director (Fisheries), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DAHD&F), Government of India emphasized the development of inland fisheries, hatcheries and support to Fish Farmers' Development Agency (FFDA),

Shri Keshavmurthy, Deputy Secretary, DAHD&F impressed upon the States to give adequate emphasis on the activities in the animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries sector mainly in the areas of fodder development, upgradation of genetic make-up of indigenous cattle and strengthening of semen bank, coverage of regions left out under the Intensive Dairy Development Scheme as it covers only hilly and backward areas and those with less than Rs. 50 lakh investment under Operation Flood, expansion of bulf milk chilling units, strengthening of livestock disease diagnostic centres/vaccine production units etc.

Shri Surinder Singh, Director (Agriculture), Planning Commission said that as the discussions for the Annual Plan 2007-08 had been held already with the States, appropriate proposals may be prepared under Stream-II of the RKVY in as per the priorities identified and forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Annual Plans for 2008-09 may reflect the RKVY proposals also for discussion during the normal Annual Plan exercise to be held shortly.

Shri P.K. Basu, in his concluding remarks, emphasized that the Secretaries in charge of the State Agriculture Departments may devote personal attention for implementation of RKVY as a lot of work has to be done in preparation of DAPs/SAP, projects under Stream-I and proposals under Stream-II. The meetings of the SLSC may be held at the earliest without waiting for completion of all proposals to avoid delay and bunching of the SLSC meetings later.

Annexure-I

**ZONE CONFERENCE OF STATES/UTs IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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7. Dr. Krishna Lavekar, Commissioner (Agriculture), Government of Maharashtra.
8. Shri Serjius Minj, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh.
9. Shri Pratap Kr. Dutta, Director (Agriculture), Government of Chhattisgarh.
10. Shri P.M. Asari, Joint Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Gujarat.
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