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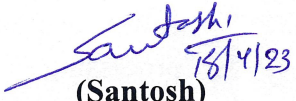
Dated: 13th April, 2023

Subject: Minutes of review meeting on Evaluation/feedback on the Schemes of DA&FW-reg.

With respect to the subject above, I am directed to inform that a review meeting was held in hybrid mode under the Chairpersonship of Sr. ESA, E&S Division, DA&FW on 11th April 2023. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed herewith.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl. as above


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Economic Officer (AER)

Distribution: As per participation list

A review meeting was held in hybrid mode under the Chairpersonship of Sr. ESA, E&S Division, DA&FW on 11th April 2023. The list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. Sr. ESA welcomed the participants and informed that it has been decided to put in place a mechanism for concurrent evaluation of schemes at regular periodicity. This would equip policy makers with the relevant data to assess whether intended objectives of the schemes are being met or not.

3. Sr. ESA informed that undergraduate student in ICAR institutes/Agricultural Universities would be drafted to conduct the survey based on questionnaire through an App being developed. DARE has been requested in this regard. It was clarified that the AERCs would be responsible for following:

- a. Designing of the questionnaire
- b. Methodology and Sampling framework,
- c. Scrutiny and analysis of data collected, and
- d. Preparation of Evaluation Report including offering suggestions for the improvement of the schemes based on findings, among others.

It was also informed that an interface application is also being developed for retrieval and further processing of data by AERCs. Sr. ESA urged the AERCs/Us to improve the questionnaire so that the aims and objectives of the schemes as well as its impact could be appropriately captured. He also asked AERCs to develop the suitable sampling design for robust evaluation.

4. Thereafter, AERCs offered their views. The gist of their remarks is as follows:

A. ISEC

- a. Prof. Ramappa KB, Head, AER Unit ADRTC, ISEC Bengaluru informed that internship is available to only final year students. Further, he informed that for the collection of data, Tablets/Mobiles phones may be required to be provided to students.
- b. Sampling design and methodology would be prepared and shared soon.
- c. He also suggested that uniformity needs to be maintained across various questionnaires of the schemes.

B. Ludhiana

- a. Dr.Parminder Kaur, AERC Ludhiana raised the query on collection of data. It was clarified that students of ICAR institutes would be involved for conducting the survey.

C. AERC Ludhiana said that some components of NMSA are not relevant for Punjab. It was pointed out that AERC, Ludhiana should go through the scheme documents on the website and develop questionnaires for evaluation of the scheme being implemented. It may be that some components may not be implemented in a particular State. In such cases, those components will not be applicable to States in question for evaluation.

D. Allahabad

- a. Dr.Tinku Paul, AERC Allahabad informed that the centre has worked upon PM KISAN Scheme. The questionnaire has been shared with expectation of evaluation, and the centre is open to suggestions. Preliminary sampling design

was suggested by the centre. The centre informed that the sampling framework including sample size, stratification etc would be developed for PM KISAN scheme.

E. Pune

- a. Prof. Jayanti Kajale, AERC Pune suggested that there was scope of improvement in questionnaire so that the Undergraduate interns/students don't face any issues while collecting data from the field level.

F. IEG

- a. Prof. Jha, Head, AER Unit, IEG suggested that feedback on the Questionnaire on E-NAM would be welcome. The questionnaire would be revised and open-ended questions would be incorporated in the questionnaires.

5. Consultants involved in developing the Apps stated that the first stage of application is completed; the interface is being worked upon, especially the database. They also pointed out that some KPIs are not matching with the questionnaires of the scheme. Sr. ESA suggested that AERCs responsible for preparing the questionnaire and the KPIs would ensure that both are in sync and aligned with each other. AER Division would follow up with concerned AERC so that incompatibility between KPIs and questionnaire is sorted out. The questionnaires and KPIs on the schemes prepared by the AERCs/Us, along with contact details are at **Annexure-II and Annexure-III**, respectively.

6. The following action points emerged in the meeting:

- (i) The AERCs would be responsible for following:
 - i. Designing of the questionnaire
 - ii. Methodology and Sampling framework
 - iii. Scrutiny and analysis of data collected
 - iv. Preparation of Evaluation Report including offering suggestions on the improvement of the schemes based on findings, among others.
- (ii) Respective AERCs would finalise the modification in questionnaire, if any, and develop the methodology and sampling design which would be discussed in the meeting scheduled on April 24, 2023.
- (iii) AER Division would follow up with concerned AERC so that incompatibility between KPIs and questionnaire is sorted out.
- (iv) A meeting with concerned Administrative Division implementing respective Schemes would be convened by AER Division.

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

Participants of the Meeting:

1. Shri Arun Kumar, Sr. ESA, E&S Division, DA&FW
2. Shri Anil Kumar Sharma, Adviser, AER Section, E&S Division, DA&FW
3. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Yadav, Joint Director, AER Section, E&S Division, DA&FW
4. Dr.Babu P., Astt. Economic Adviser, AER Section, E&S Division, DA&FW
5. Dr.Vandana Khullar, Director, NIC, DA&FW.
6. Prof.Ramappa KB, Head, AERU, ISEC Bengaluru
7. Dr.Parminder Kaur, AERC Ludhiana
8. Dr.Javed Akhtar, Head, AERC Prayagraj
9. Dr.Tinku Paul, AERC Prayagraj
10. Prof.JayantiKajale, Office-In-Charge, AERC Pune
11. Prof.BrajeshJha, Head, AERU, IEG Delhi
12. Shri AkshayGarg, Consultant
13. Shri Naveen Kanagala, Consultant

List of schemes and Divisions

S.No.	Schemes/programme	Division concerned	Page no. in Questionnaire document
1	AIF Division	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	01-05
2	PM-Kisan	Farmers Welfare Division	06-14
3	National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)	Multi Divisional	15-21
4	National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in India	Crops Division	22-27
5	Quarterly Evaluation of Soil Health Card Scheme Progress	Integrated Nutrient Management Division	28-32
6	Performance evaluation of Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana(PMFBY)	Credit Division	33-39
7	Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana-Per Drop More Crop	Rainfed Farming System Division	40-49
8	Direct Benefit Transfer in Farm Mechanization	M&T Division	50-54
9	Kisan Call Centres	Extension Division	55-65
10	e-Nam	Agricultural Marketing Division	66-79
11	RKVY	RKVY Division	80-94
12	Agricultural Credit	Credit Division	95-100
13	Agricultural Marketing	Agricultural Marketing Division	101-109

List of schemes with Contact details of AERCs/Us

S.No.	Schemes	Questionnaires/KPIs (AERCs/Us) with contact details
1	AIF	AERC Pune Dr.JayantiKajale , Officer-in-charge , Mob: 99751 53718
2	PM-Kisan	AERC Allahabad Prof.Javed Akhtar Honorary Director Mob: 73183 06310
3	National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)	AERC Ludhiana Dr. J.M. Singh Director, Mob. +91 9872301032
4	National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in India	AERU ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru Prof. Ramappa KB Professor & Head, Mob: 7080-23016028
5	Quarterly Evaluation of Soil Health Card Scheme Progress	
6	Performance evaluation of Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana(PMFBY)	
7	Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana-Per Drop More Crop	AERU, CMA IIM Ahmedabad Prof.Ranjan Ghosh, Chairperson, 079 – 7152 4650
8	Kisan Call Centres	
9	Impact Evaluation of Direct Benefit Transfer in Farm Mechanization	
10	e-Nam	AERU IEG Delhi Prof. BrajeshJha, Head 011-27667288
11	Agricultural Marketing	
12	RKVY	AERC VV Nagar Dr. S.S. Kalamkar Director Mob. 73835 54616
13	Agricultural Credit	