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Dated: 18 July, 2023

Subject: Minutes of meeting held on 11th July, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary -reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose the Minutes of the in-person meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary, DA&FW to discuss various aspects of concurrent feedback system/ impact assessment of major schemes of DA&FW on 11th July, 2023 at 3:00PM.in Room No. 129, Krishi Bhawan. The list of participants is at Annexure.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: as above


(Dr. Ramesh Kr. Yadav)
Joint Director (AER)

Distribution: As per list attached.

**Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan,
Additional Secretary, DA&FW on 11th July, 2023.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary, DA&FW to discuss various aspects of concurrent feedback system/ impact assessment of major schemes of DA&FW on 11th July, 2023 at 3:00PM.in Room No. 129, Krishi Bhawan. The list of participants is at Annexure I.

2. Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary stated that keeping in view the direction of Secretary (DA&FW), monitoring and feedback system needs to be institutionalised to get regular feedback on the scheme(s). Standard sampling techniques such as multi-stage stratified random samples may be used for impact assessment of schemes. He agreed with the suggestion that AERCs being specialized institutions sampling design could be developed by respective AERCs in respect of schemes assigned to them. With respect to the cost estimates for data collection, it came about that there was no readily available benchmark and that the cost of data collection would vary from scheme to scheme depending upon the geographical coverage of schemes and sample sizes. In this connect, he agreed with the view that it would be appropriate to seek estimates from AERCs.

3. Shri P.K. Meherda, Additional Secretary, DA&FW suggested that the feedback survey may be carried out through any of the three modes: AERCs, State Agricultural Universities and Government Officials. He also suggested that impact assessment of some Schemes may be undertaken by AERCs in collaboration with external agencies such as IFPRI. He also stated that Local Governance Data (LGD) code of all beneficiaries would be provided through Krishi Mapper. Further, IT platform (Mobile Application) will be developed by 31st July 2023. Analytics will also be built in.

4. Sr. ESA stated that there are 15 AERCs of which, 3 are housed in State Agriculture Universities, 9 in Universities and 3 in institutions such as AERU IEG, ADRTC ISEC and AERU CMA, IIM-A. He said that sampling frame will require detailed listing of target population (i.e. beneficiaries). Therefore, State-wise list of beneficiaries will be required to finalise the sampling framework and design. He also

suggested that since AERCs have been doing evaluation of schemes, and given their expertise, it would be appropriate that sampling design / methodology including the sample size are finalized by them. He also stated that AERCs may be asked to indicate the requirement of funds for data collection for the scheme entrusted to them.

5. Ms.Promodita Sathish, Adviser, stated that Program Divisions of DA&FW are required to provide scheme-wise beneficiary list & terms of reference for impact evaluation. She also informed that a tentative allocation of schemes to AERCs has been prepared for consideration in the meeting. Based on discussion and the suggestion that not more than one scheme may be assigned to an AERC, allocation of schemes to AERCs for impact evaluation was finalized.

6. After detailed deliberation, the following decisions were agreed upon:

- (i) Each AERC would be assigned only one scheme for impact evaluation. Accordingly, list of schemes allocated to AERCs is at **Annexure II**.
- (ii) Standard sampling methodology such as multi-stage stratified random sampling methodology would be followed for the impact evaluation of the schemes by AERCs. Sampling Design/ Framework for impact assessment will be finalised by AERCs. Questionnaires (longer version) finalized by the Division will be used for survey/ data collection.
- (iii) Terms of Reference for impact evaluation will be finalized by respective Divisional Heads in respect of their schemes which will be shared with AERCs. State-wise list of beneficiaries will also be provided by Division.
- (iv) Each AERC would be asked to submit cost estimates for data collection. The funds required for data collection for impact assessment will be provided by DA&FW from monitoring and evaluation sub-head of the respective schemes. Respective Divisional Heads will authorise AER Division to book funds required for data collection out of their monitoring and evaluation allocation.
- (v) The impact assessment will be completed in 3 months.
- (vi) Mobile App will be developed by IT Division by 31st July, 2023.

- (vii) Feedback on schemes using the questionnaire finalized by Programme Divisions (10 / 15 questions) may be carried out through RAWE students of ICAR institutes using the Mobile App. Selection of sample through random sampling framework may not be followed for survey by RAWE students.

7. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Annexure I

List of Participants

1. Shri Rakesh Ranjan, AS, DA&FW
2. Shri Pramod Kumar Meherda, AS, DA&FW
3. Shri Arun Kumar, Sr. ESA, DA&FW
4. Ms. Promodita Sathish, Adviser, E&S Division
5. Shri Ramesh Kumar Yadav, E & S Division

Chairman

Member

Member

Annexure II**Allocation of Schemes of DA&FW for concurrent feedback/impact evaluation to AERCs**

S.No	Schemes/Programmes	Division of DA&FW	Divisional Heads/Nodal officer	AERCs/Us
1.	National Food Security Mission	Crops Division	Ms.Shubha Thakur (JS)	AERC, Delhi
2.	National Horticulture Mission under MIDH	MIDH Division	Shri PriyaRanjan (JS)	AERC, Ludhiana
3.	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)	AIF Division	Shri Samuel Praveen Kumar (JS)	AERC, Pune
4.	Soil Health Card Scheme	Integrated Nutrient Management Division	Ms.YogitaRana (JS), Smt. Rachna Kumar(DS)	ADRTC, ISEC Bengaluru
5.	PMFBY	Credit Division	Shri Ritesh Chauhan(JS)	CMA, IIM Ahmedabad,
6.	Agricultural Credit (KCC)	Credit Division	Shri Ritesh Chauhan(JS)	AERC, V. V. Nagar
7.	Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)	M&T Division	Smt. S. Rukmani (JS)	AERC Jorhat
8.	PDMC	RFS	Shri Franklin L. Khobung (JS)	AERC, Jabalpur
9.	PM-KISAN	Farmers Welfare Division	Shri Manoj Kumar Gupta (Adviser)	AERC, Prayagraj
10.	e-NAM (National Agriculture Market)	Agriculture Marketing Division	Shri Kapil Ashok Bendre (Director)	AERU IEG Delhi