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Date: 19th May, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- 'Minutes of online review meeting on studies with AERCs held on 18th May, 2022 at 11:00AM'-Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the online review meeting held on 18th May, 2022 at 11:00AM under the chairpersonship of Adviser (AER) to review the progress of studies of work-plan 2021-22 for information and necessary action.

Encl.: as above

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To

To participating AERCs/Us

MINUTES OF ONLINE REVIEW MEETING ON THE STUDIES OF WORKPLAN 2021-22
HELD ON 18th MAY, 2022 AT 11:00AM

A virtual meeting under the Chairpersonship of Adviser (AER), Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DA&FW was held on 18th May, 2022 at 11:00AM to review the progress of coordinated studies with ADRTC, ISEC Bengaluru, for the work-plan 2021-22. List of participants attended the meeting is at Annexure-1.

2. Adviser (AER) welcomed all the participants of AERCs/Us and informed that the purpose of this meeting is to assess the progress of studies so that studies are completed covering all issues and objectives.

3. The following points were informed to AERCs/Us for taking appropriate action at their end:

- i. It was informed that the process of getting study proposals for study for this year is yet to start. It depends on how fast the studies of the last year are getting completed and submitted to the Ministry. It was also informed that unless and until the studies are submitted, it is very difficult to go ahead with the request for the study proposals for this year work-plan i.e 2022-23. Further, this would also affect the budgetary allocation/release of financial installment to the Centers/Units. This is highly depended on the outcome of the scheme.
- ii. Some of the studies have reference period 2020-21. However, a few AERCs/Us are in the process of getting primary data collected which is based on recall method. In order to avoid the dated analysis, the latest data available for year 2021-22 may be incorporated to the extent possible.
- iii. The AER units, while progressing with the study/(ies), may consult Joint Secretary/Officials concerned of the respective Divisions/ministries, so that all proposed objectives/issue are well addressed in the study report.
- iv. All the studies need to be peer-reviewed and the comments are to be incorporated in the studies, prior to the finalisation of study report.
- v. Power Point presentation on the draft study report is to be made before the Ministry. The comments emerged during presentation need to be incorporated in the final study report.
- vi. Center/ Unit have been assigned more than one study for the work plan 2021-22. Work/progress in one study should not be the reason for delay in other study/(ies). Work on all studies allotted may progress simultaneously for timely completion.
- vii. On an average unit are getting more than ₹3.50 cr. and centers more than ₹1.5 cr yearly allocation. Some of the centers are getting more than ₹2.0 cr. Finishing/completing one study per year or taking more than a year in completion does not justify such high budgetary allocation on yearly basis. Centers/ Units must try to complete study report as per timelines. The dated data and its analysis do not have any significance.
- viii. Request to drop a state/ coverage or study on account of more than one study or due to some other reason/(s) with a centre or unit would not be entertained. All study proposals were approved by Research Advisory Committee under chairmanship of Secy. (A&FW).
- ix. 'Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census, Economic & Statistics,' which subsumes Agro Economic Research Scheme, has been changed to "Agriculture Census and Statistics". All AERCs/Us are again informed to complete necessary mapping on PFMS portal in order to have smooth/unhindered transaction of budgetary allocation for the financial year 2022-23. Further, the mapping needs approval of division concerned in the ministry. All AERCs/Us are directed to map the bank details and send the same to Ministry for the purpose of release of funds.
- x. Studies allotted for work plan 2021-22 must be completed by June 2022.

4. The following studies were reviewed:

- i. 'Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India- AER Unit ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru
- ii. Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing Costs in India – AER Unit ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru
- iii. Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project "Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme"- AER Unit ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru
- iv. Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity A Consolidated All India Study- AER Unit ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru

5. The action points emerged are at Annexure-II.

6. General points emerged during the review meeting is as follows:

Prior notice for holding presentation/review meeting would be communicated 02 days before the meeting.

Table: List of participants in the meeting

S.No.	Name	Designation & Organization
Participants from DES, DA&FW		
1.	Dr. PromoditaSathish	Adviser, AER Division, DES
2.	Dr. P. Babu	Astt.Eco.Adviser, AER Division, DES.
3.	Sh. Santosh	Economic Officer, AER Division, DES.
4.	Officials from AER Division, DES, DA&FW	
AER Centres/Units		
5.	Dr. JavedAkthar	AERC, Allahabad
6.	Dr. Rajiv Sinha	AERC, Bhagalpur
7.	Dr. Deepak Rathi	AERC, Jabalpur
8.	Dr.J.M.Singh	AERC, Ludhiana
9.	Prof. SS Kalamkar	AERC-VV Nagar
10.	Dr. VamikaDarhel	AERC, Shimla
11.	Prof. SangeetaShroff	AERC Pune
12.	Dr. A.K. Das	AERC Jorhat
13.	Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya	AERC VisvaBharati
14.	Prof. H. Purushotham	AERC Waltair
15.	Prof. I Maruthi	Head, AERU ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru
AER Centers/Units not participated in the meeting		
16.	Dr. S Chinnamai Director Incharge, AERC Chennai	Dr. S Chinnamai messaged through online chat, that she was attending some other important meeting. Hence could not remain present in the meeting.
17.	Dr. Yogesh Bhatt. AERC Delhi	AERC Delhi has not participated in the meeting. In this regard Dr. Yogesh Bhat has communicated through email.

The following points emerged from the review of studies:

S.No.	Study title	Comments of the study coordinator/centres	Ministry's comments/remarks
AER Unit ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru			
1.	'Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India	<p>Prof. I Maruthi informed that the data tables have been received from VV Nagar for the state of Gujarat, whereas, for rest of the centres, the unit is awaiting data from centres for consolidation. Regarding the state study, it was informed that primary data and secondary data have been collected and the state report would be completed by month end.</p> <p>Prof. Purushottam informed that the team from AERC Waltair would be going for survey next week in Andhra Pradesh. He also apprised that given it being a sensitive topic, state cooperation is needed.</p> <p>Dr. Javed Akhtar, AERC Allahabad was suggested to seek the help of Agriculture Deptt. to carry out study.</p> <p>Dr. Arjinder Kaur, AERC Ludhiana informed that the data for the study has been collected and the data tables are being prepared. One chapter has also been completed.</p> <p>Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya, AERC Visva Bharati informed that out of total, 22 cases have been traced whereas 06 cases have not been found as the family of the deceased farmer have either migrated out, etc. It was informed that the state level study work would be completed by 1st week of June, 2022.</p> <p>Dr. Rathi, AERC Jabalpur informed that primary data is being collected.</p>	<p>It was advised to all participating AERCs to coordinate with Coordinator and submit the data tables to ADRTC ISEC, and to complete the study by June 2022. As AERC Waltair was facing problem in data collection, Adviser suggested that in case any letter is required from ministry side for facilitating the collection etc, request for the same may be sent to the ministry.</p> <p>It was advised that Director, AERC Waltair, may also talk to the concerned official in state govt. and also approach Policy Division in this regard.</p> <p>AEA (AER) informed that as per AERC Delhi's email, "the AERC Delhi has shared the data (on 23-03-2022) as well as the tables (on 12-05-2022) with the AERU ADRTC ISEC".</p>

2.	Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing Costs in India	<p>Prof. I Maruthi informed that study is progress well. He also requested to include the state of West Bengal, and UT of A&N Islands.. He also informed that AERC Chennai has raised the lack of manpower issues with the Unit. Further, he assured that the state report of Karnataka would be finalized by Sep. 2022</p>	<p>Prof. I Maruthi was informed that the study was proposed by CACP and it was requested by Member Secretary, CACP to collect data for agriculture year . July 2021 to June 2022. The study must be based on this time period. In view of this, it was advised to complete the study after taking into account the time period July 2021 to June 2022 and complete the consolidated final report by September. 2022.</p>
3.	Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project 'Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme'	<p>Prof. I Maruthi informed that data tables from two centres, viz. AERC Pune and Allahabad have been received, and for rest, it is awaited.</p> <p>Dr. Javed Akhtar, AERC Allahabad requested the coordinator to provide the revised data table formats to which Prof. I Maruthi assured to provide by today.</p> <p>Prof. Purushottam, AERC Waltair assured to submit the state report by end of this month.</p> <p>Dr. Deepak Rathi, AERC Jabalpur informed that data has been collected from 03 districts and the data tables would be submitted to the coordinator within a week.</p> <p>Dr. Jayanti Kale, AERC Pune informed that data tables have been submitted 15 days back and requested ADRTC ISEC to provide revised data table formats.</p>	<p>It was advised to Prof. I Maruthi to send the revised data table formats to the AERCs concerned.</p>
4.	Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity A Consolidated All India Study	<p>Prof. I Maruthi informed that data tables from AERC VV Nagar, has been received. He also informed that data formats and chapter plan have also been shared with all AERCs. With respect to state of Karnataka, he informed that draft report would be completed by May end.</p> <p>AERC Shimla informed that data for Shimla district has been collected and for the other, it would be collected and sent within 02 weeks.</p> <p>AERC Bhagalpur informed that data entry has been completed and the data tables would be submitted by next week.</p>	<p>Adviser suggested ADRTC ISEC, study coordinator, to have a separate meeting with all AERC involved in this particular study. This will help to resolve all issues arising concerning clear/ non-clear land title. leased land , estimating productivity.</p>

	<p>AERC Jorhat informed that once data collection is over, the tabulation would be done.</p> <p>AERC Jabalpur informed that data has been sent to ADRTC ISEC yesterday.</p> <p>AERC Pune informed that the data would be collected and data tables would be sent to ADRTC, ISEC within a week.</p> <p>AERC Ludhiana informed that data has been collected, table being tabulated and 03 chapters have been completed.</p> <p>AERC Allahabad informed that all formalities have been completed for district of Lucknow and for the district of Jhansi, it would be completed in next week. Further, by end of month the data entry would be completed.</p> <p>AERC Visva Bharati informed that while data collection, some concerns have arisen and need to be sorted.</p>	<p>accessing value of small assets/inputs, income from wet land/ orchard etc.</p> <p>AEA (AER) informed that as per AERC Delhi's email, "the AERC Delhi has shared the data with the centre (17-05-2022) and the table preparation is under progress".</p>
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