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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- 'Minutes of online review meeting with AERCs/Us held on 24th February, 2022 at 11:30AM'-
Regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose the minutes of online meeting held on 24th February, 2022 at 11:30AM (enclosed) 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
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All AER Centres

**MINUTES OF ONLINE REVIEW MEETING ON THE STUDIES OF WORKPLAN 2021-22
HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY, 2022**

A meeting was held virtually under the Chairpersonship of Adviser (AER), Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DA&FW on 24th February, 2022 at 11:30 A.M to review the progress of four (4) studies that are coordinated by AER Unit ADRTC, ISEC-Bengaluru. The list of participants in the meeting are at **Annexure-I**.

2. Adviser (AER) welcomed the study Coordinator, AERU, ADRTC-ISEC Bengaluru and the participants from other AERCs. Thereafter, the objective of the review meeting was explained to all AERCs/Us.

The following studies were reviewed in the meeting:

- I. Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India
- II. Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing Costs in India
- III. Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme
- IV. Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity: A Consolidated All India Study

3. Adviser (AER) requested Prof. Maruthi, Head, AERU-Bengaluru to update the status of the studies coordinated by ADRTC-ISEC, Bengaluru.

I. Farmers Suicide: Causes and Policy Prescription in India

Prof. Maruthi informed that the study is being conducted in 13 states and methodology & questionnaire of the study has been shared with all participating AERCs/Us. He said that some AERCs are not progressing in terms of data collection and further, he requested the Ministry to intervene to expedite data collection by AERCs. Further, each participating AERCs were requested to update the study progress.

- a. With respect to state of Karnataka, Prof. Maruthi informed that the data collection of selected districts has been completed, except one district which would be completed shortly.
- b. For state of Maharashtra, Prof. Sangeeta Shoff, Officer-in Charge, AERC-Pune informed that data collection is completed and data tables are under preparation.
- c. For state of Gujarat, Prof. Kalamkar, Director, AERC, VV Nagar informed that the Centre has already sent the primary data to Coordinator, ISEC-Bengaluru on 29.01.2022.
- d. For states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Director, AERC-Jabalpur informed that the primary data collection not started yet because research staff engaged in other studies allotted and would started in the month of March. Adviser (AER) said that it was already delayed and requested to expedite study progress in consultation with study coordinator.
- e. There was no representation from AERC, Chennai, for states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- f. For state of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Javeed Akthar, Coordinator, AERC Allahabad informed that the study is not progressing because district officials of Uttar Pradesh advised to postpone the survey in view of vidhan sabha election in the state and officials of Lakhimpuri district not cooperating with research team and, he assured the primary survey would be completed by 3rd week of March, 2022.

- g. For state of Punjab, Prof. J M Singh, Director, AERC, Ludhiana informed that the primary survey (of old cases) of 28 households (HHs) has been completed out of 31 HHs. Further, he informed that 7 new samples would be conducted soon.
- h. For state of Haryana, Dr. Yogesh Bhatt, AERC, Delhi informed that the primary survey is not started yet and would started by 1st/2nd week of March, 2022. Further, informed that no suicide was reported in the state since 2017.
- i. For state of West Bengal, Prof. B.C Roy, Hon. Director, AERC-Visva Bharti informed that no suicide was reported in the state for last 7 years. With regard to revisiting of old cases the survey is going on.
- j. For state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Purushottam, Hon. Director, AERC, Waltair informed that the Centre facing difficulty in getting permission from state governments, because of sensitive issue so that the primary survey not started yet. Further, he informed that study schedules were not received from study Coordinator AERU, Bengaluru. Adviser (AER) said that the recommendation letters to state officials have already been issued and informed the Centre that Ministry would intervene if necessary. In this regard, Adviser (AER) requested study Coordinator, Prof. Maruthi to look into the issue.

II. Estimation of Coconut Processing, Transportation and Marketing Costs in India.

Prof. Maruthi informed that the study is being conducted in 4 states and methodology & questionnaire of the study was already shared with all participating AERCs. Dr. P Babu, AEA (AER) reminded that the while collecting data, the views/requirements of CACP, Min. of Agriculture &FW with respect cropping season (July-June) are to be kept in mind (*CACP letter and email from this office enclosed for ready reference*).

- a. With respect to state of Karnataka, Prof. Maruthi informed that the data collection of selected districts have been completed, except one district which would be completed shortly.
- b. For state of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Purushottam, Hon. Director, AERC, Waltair informed that the study is progressing and all the research staff are in the field for data collection.
- c. For states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Dr. Priya, AERC, Chennai informed that the data collection in Tamil Nadu would be conducted in March, 2022 and subsequently in Kerala.

III. Impact Evaluation of Pilot Project Development of Model Villages under Soil Health Card Scheme.

Prof. Maruthi informed that the study is being conducted in 6 states and methodology & questionnaire of the study were already shared with all participating AERCs/Us. Further, each participating AERCs were requested to update the study progress.

- a. With respect to state of Karnataka, Prof. Maruthi informed that the selection of districts of and data collection & data entry has also been completed, except two districts, which would be completed by 2nd /3rd week of March 2022.
- b. For state of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. Purushottam, Hon. Director, AERC, Waltair informed that the progress of the study will update soon.
- c. There was no representation from AERC, Chennai, for state of TamilNadu.

- d. For state of Maharashtra, Prof. Jayanti Kajale, AERC, Pune informed that the study is progressing as per the schedule. Requested study coordinator to send the data tables, in this regard, Prof. Maruthi agreed for the same.
- e. There was no representation from AERC, Allahabad, for state of UP
- f. For state of Madhya Pradesh, Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Director, AERC-Jabalpur explained the ground realities and constraints in terms of collecting data and Adviser (AER) requested study coordinator Prof. Maruthi to look into the issue.

IV. Land Titling and Agricultural Productivity: A Consolidated All India Study.

Prof. Maruthi informed that the study is being conducted in 14 states and methodology & questionnaire of the study was already shared with all participating AERCs/Us. Drafting of 1 & 2 chapters is in progress. Further, each participating AERCs were requested to update the study progress.

- a. With respect to state of Karnataka, Prof. Maruthi informed that the data collection and entry of 240 samples has been completed and analysis is in progress..
- b. There was no representation from AERC, Waltair to update the status of the study for state of Andhra Pradesh
- c. For State of Assam, Prof. A. K. Das, Director-in Charge, AERC Jorhat informed that the primary data collection completed from one district and 2nd district is in progress. Further, he informed that data tables not received from study coordinator.
- d. For State of Bihar, Dr. Ranjan Kumar Sinha, AERC, Bhagalpur informed that primary data collection almost completed from one district and 2nd district is in progress. The data collection is delayed due to non-sanctioning of travel advances in time from University's account section and requested to intervene to write a letter to Vice Chancellor of University. Adviser (AER) assured that the issue would taken up on priority. Further, he said that the data tables were not received from study coordinator.
- e. For States of Gujarat and Rajasthan states, Prof. Kalamkar, Director, AERC, VV Nagar informed that the Centre completed the primary data collection and data entry is in progress. Further, the analysis of data could be done once data tables received from study coordinator. In this regard, Prof. Kalamkar requested Prof. Maruthi to send the data tables of the study.
- f. For state of Haryana, Dr. Yogesh Bhatt, AERC, Delhi informed that the primary survey is not started yet.
- g. For state of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Vamika, AERC-Shimla informed that the primary survey is not started yet due to continuous snow fall in the state. Adviser (AER) requested to start immediately while quoting latest IMD forecast.
- h. For state of Madhya Pradesh state, Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Director, AERC-Jabalpur explained the ground realities of land titling in the state and said that it is too early to evaluate in the state. Further, Adviser requested study coordinator to look into the matter and a online-meeting may be organized with AERC-Jabalpur to revise questionnaire etc. to suit the study in MP state.
- i. For, state of Maharashtra, Prof. Jayanti Kajale, AERC Pune informed that data is being collected and summarized findings would sent to study coordinator.
- j. For state of Punjab, Prof. J M Singh, Director, AERC, Ludhiana informed that the primary data collection is being collected in 2 districts. In Ludhiana 80 samples collected out of 120 samples,

while in SBS Nagar 60 samples collected out of 120 samples till date. Further, he requested study coordinator to provide data tables and excel sheets.

- k. There was no representation from AERC, Chennai for state of Tamil Nadu
- l. For state of West Bengal, Prof. B. C. Roy, Hon. Director, AERC-Visva Bharti informed that 160 samples has been collected out of 240 samples, till date and awaiting for data tables and excel sheet form study coordinator.

With regard to the study, Adviser (AER) requested Prof. Maruthi, AERU, ISEC-Bengaluru to provide data tables and excel sheets to all participating AERCs immediately.

4. Further, some AERCs/Us raised various issues like constraints in collecting data, staff issues and inadequate support from concerned Universities in meeting.

5. In the meeting, Adviser clarified and suggested some points to AERCs/Us as follows:

- a) Adviser (AER) requested all AERCs/Us to expedite the study progress without any further delay.
- b) For Coordinated studies, no separate state report needed to prepare and only a consolidated report to be prepared by study coordinator. A separate chapter for each state should be included along with chapters of Introduction, Methodology, findings and policy suggestions, Conclusion chapters etc.
- c) It was requested to all AERCs to submit on data analysis of data collected to study coordinator along with primary data/ Secondary data/ data tables of the state concerned. This would help study coordinator for speedy compilation of the report.
- d) Coordinator of the studies are requested to send the Methodology, Questionnaire, data tables/excel sheets and necessary support to participating AERCs/Us immediately.
- e) In the meeting, it was informed that necessary recommendation letters may be provided to state/district authorities if any difficulty faced by AERCs/Us in collecting data.
- f) Further, Adviser (AER) suggested conducting the Governing Body Meeting (GBM)/TAC meetings of AERCs/Us regularly.

6. Finally, Adviser (AER) reiterated that the release of funds would depend on the performance, quality and timely completion of the reports by AERCs/Us. Further, it was mentioned that the reports should reflect the ground realities of the schemes and programs implemented by Govt. and it should strictly in accordance with objectives of study-proposer.

The meeting ended with thanks.

Table: List of participants in the meeting

S.No.	Name	Designation & Organization
Participants from DES, DA&FW		
1.	Dr. (Mrs.) Promodita Sathish	Adviser, AER Division, DES
2.	Dr. P. Babu	Assistant Economic Adviser, AER Division
3.	Officials from AER Division, DES, DA&FW	
AER Centres/Units		
4.	Prof. I Maruthi	Head, AER Unit, ADRTC, ISEC-Bengaluru
5.	Dr. Javed Akthar	Coordinator, AERC, Allahabad
6.	Dr. Hasib Ahmed	AERC, Allahabad
7.	Dr. Harish Malaviya	AERC, Allahabad
8.	Prof. Manidra Kumar Singh	Hon. Director, AERC, Bhagalpur
9.	Dr. Ranjan Kumar Sinha	AERC, Bhagalpur
10.	Dr. Rajiv Kumar Sinha	AERC, Bhagalpur
11.	Dr. Rosline Kusum Marandi	AERC, Bhagalpur
12.	Dr. T. Priya	AERC, Chennai
13.	Prof. Paramjit	Director (Acting), AERC, Delhi
14.	Dr. Yogesh Bhatt	AERC, Delhi
15.	Prof. Hari Om Sharma	AERC, Jabalpur
16.	Dr. Deepak Rathi	AERC, Jabalpur
17.	Prof. A K Das	Director-in-charge, AERC, Jorhat
18.	Dr. Jotin Bordoloi	AERC, Jorhat
19.	Prof. J M Singh	Director, AERC, Ludhiana
20.	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff	Officer-in-Charge, AERC, Pune
21.	Prof. Jayanti Kajale	AERC, Pune
22.	Dr. Deepak Shah	AERC, Pune
23.	Prof. S S Kalamkar	Director, AERC-VV Nagar
24.	Dr. Hemant Sharma	AERC, VV Nagar
25.	Dr. Kalpana Kapadia	AERC, VV Nagar
26.	Dr. M. K Ojha	AERC, VV Nagar
27.	Dr. M. Makhwana	AERC, VV Nagar
28.	Dr. Vamika Darhel	AERC, Shimla
29.	Dr. Sujan Singh	AERC, Shimla
30.	Prof. B C Roy	Hon. Director, AERC, Visva Bharti
31.	Prof. H Purushottam	Hon. Director, AERC, Waltair