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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- 'Minutes of online review meeting on studies with AERCs held on 12th May, 2022 at 11:00AM'-
Regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose the minutes of the online review meeting held on 12th May, 2022 at 11:00AM (**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

To participating AERCs/Us

**MINUTES OF ONLINE REVIEW MEETING ON THE STUDIES OF WORKPLAN 2021-22
HELD ON 12th MAY, 2022 AT 11:00AM**

A virtual meeting under the Chairpersonship of Adviser (AER), Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DA&FW was held on 12th May, 2022 at 11:00AM to review the progress of studies with CMA IIM-A and AREU IEG Delhi for the work-plan 2021-22. List of participants attended the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

2. Adviser (AER) welcomed all the participants of AERCs/Us and briefed about the very purpose of the review meeting. She mentioned that out of 21 studies for the work plan 2021-22, only five have gone for Peer review. Submissions of study reports are getting badly delayed and this is going to affect the proposal/allocation of study to AERCs/Us for the year 2022-23.

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

i) 'Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census, Economic & Statistics,' which subsume Agro Economic Research Scheme has been changed to "Agriculture Census and Statistics". All AERCs/Us were informed to complete necessary mapping on PFMS portal in order to have smooth/unhindered transaction of budgetary allocation for the financial year 2022-23.

ii) Some of the studies have reference period 2020-21 which will result in the dated analysis. In order to avoid this, the latest data available of 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 needs 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.

ix) All studies allotted for work plan 2021-22 must be completed by June 2022.

4. The following studies were reviewed:

- i. Mechanization in Agriculture: Assessment of Skill Development Gap and Adoption of Labor Saving Technologies - AER Unit CMA IIM-A

- ii. Self Sufficiency in Pulses Production in India': An analysis - Based on successful performance of pulse production and its export from Myanmar- AER Unit CMA IIM-A
- iii. Assessing Skill Gap in Micro Irrigation across India - AER Unit CMA IIM-A
- iv. Determinants Of Farmer's Participation Within ParamparagatKrishiVikasYojana (PKVY), Including BhartiyaPrakritikKrishiPadhati (BPKP) - AER Unit CMA IIM-A
- v. To study movement, traceability and uses of imported palm oil in various sectors after arrival on various ports- AER Unit IEG Delhi
- vi. Consumption Pattern of Different Edible Oils in India- AER Unit IEG Delhi
- vii. Evaluation Study of "Decentralized Procurement (DCP)Scheme for procurement of wheat/paddy under Minimum Support Price (MSP)" incorporating an in-depth / deeper study to evolve strategy for crop diversification in Punjab and Haryana in oilseeds and pulses. - AER Unit IEG Delhi
- viii. Identification of nodal markets for price monitoring- AER Unit IEG Delhi

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

5. General points from discussion

i)AERC VisvaBharati suggested that a standard method of sampling needs to be followed and it was informed that all Coordinator may look into this to ensure the standardization of method of sampling subject to study specific demands.

ii)AERU ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru was informed that the review meeting of studies with them would be held next week.

Table: List of participants in the meeting

S.No.	Name	Designation & Organization
Participants from DES, DA&FW		
1.	Dr. Promodita Sathish	Adviser, AER Division, DES
2.	Dr. Ramesh Kumar Yadav	Joint Director, AER Division, DES.
3.	Dr. P. Babu	Astt.Eco.Adviser, AER Division, DES.
4.	Sh. Santosh	Economic Officer, AER Division, DES.
5.	Officials from AER Division, DES, DA&FW	
AER Centres/Units		
6.	Dr. JavedAkthar	AERC, Allahabad
7.	Prof. Manindra Kumar Singh	AERC, Bhagalpur
8.	Dr. S. Chinnammai	AERC Chennai
9.	Prof. Hari Om Sharma	AERC, Jabalpur
10.	Dr.J.M.Singh	AERC, Ludhiana
11.	Dr. Hemant Sharma	AERC-VV Nagar
12.	Dr. VamikaDarhel	AERC, Shimla
13.	Prof. SangeetaShroff	AERC Pune
14.	Dr. A.K. Das	AERC Jorhat
15.	Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya	AERC VisvaBharati
16.	Prof. H. Purushotham	AERC Waltair
17.	Dr. Yogesh Bhatt	AERC Delhi
18.	Prof. CSN Rao	Head AER Unit, IEG Delhi
19.	Prof. BrajeshJha	AER Unit, IEG Delhi
20.	Prof. CSC Sekhar	AER Unit, IEG Delhi
21.	Prof. SangeetaChakravarty	AER Unit, IEG Delhi
22.	Prof. PoornimaVarma	Chairperson, CMA IIM-A
23.	Prof. Vidya Vemireddy	CMA IIM-A
24.	Prof. I Maruthi	Head, AERU ADRTC ISEC Bengaluru

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 CMA IIM-Ahmedabad			
1.	Mechanization in Agriculture: Assessment of Skill Development Gap and Adoption of Labor Saving Technologies –	Prof. Vidya Vemireddy informed that the data for state of Tamil Nadu has not been received and no cooperation is extended by AERC Chennai. Dr. S. Chinnamai, AERC Chennai listed its concerns regarding staff matter and suggested to have a separate meeting with Adviser (AER).	CMA IIM-A was suggested to include Tamil Nadu as it one of state being covered under study. Both CMA and AERC, Chennai were advised to support and coordinate each other. Further it is also informed to AERC Chennai that, staff issue(s) must be managed as per University rules with support from Ministry's side in terms of contractual appointment among others. Prof. Vidya Vemireddy assured that the study would be completed by June 2022.
2.	Self Sufficiency in Pulses Production in India': An analysis - Based on successful performance of pulse production and its export from Myanmar	Prof. PoornimaVarma informed that the data collection for all the states except Andhra Pradesh has been completed. The Draft report would be shared with IEG for peer-review and the study would be completed by June 2022.	It was suggested that, AERC Waltair to complete the field data collection at the earliest and submit to CMA.
3.	Assessing Skill Gap in Micro Irrigation across India	It was informed by Prof. Vidya Vemireddy that separate chapters on each of the state would be incorporated in the study report. Prof. Puroshottam, AERC Waltair informed that the primary data would be shared by mid-May.	The chapterisation of states in the study report was agreed upon with suggestion to complete the study by June 2022. Further, to the extent possible, the latest data must be included in the study report.
4.	Determinants Of Farmer's Participation Within Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Including Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP)	It was informed by Prof. Vidya Vemireddy that primary survey has been completed for all states and data entry is progressing for AERC Bhagalpur. It was informed that currently the study is in report writing stage.	It was suggested to complete the study by June 2022.

AER Unit IEG Delhi			
5.	To study movement, traceability and uses of imported palm oil in various sectors after arrival on various ports	Head, AER Unit IEG Delhi informed that peer reviewed comments have been incorporated in the report and the final report would be submitted to Ministry within a week.	It was suggested to complete the study at the earliest.
6.	Consumption Pattern of Different Edible Oils in India	Prof. Sangeeta Chakravarty informed that drafting of report based on secondary data has been completed. The primary data is still awaited from AERCs. AERC Allahabad informed that the data is yet to be collected from 02 districts. It was assured that the study would be completed by June 2022.	AERC Jabalpur and Allahabad were requested to complete the data collection by mid-May and submit the same to the coordinator.
7.	Evaluation Study of “Decentralized Procurement (DCP) Scheme for procurement of wheat/paddy under Minimum Support Price (MSP)” incorporating an in-depth / deeper study to evolve strategy for crop diversification in Punjab and Haryana in oilseeds and pulses.	Prof. Manindra Singh, AERC Bhagalpur informed that the data collection for the state of Jharkhand would be completed by first week of June 2022. Prof. Brajesh Jha informed that the data analysis would be completed by mid-June and the report would be finalized at the earliest, may be within a couple of months after that.	All AERCs involved in this study were informed to complete the primary survey at the earliest and send the same to the coordinator at the earliest. It was informed that a presentation need be made in June 2022 based on the progress made till that time. Further, Adviser (AER) insisted to complete the study by June 2022.
8.	Identification of nodal markets for price monitoring	The study coordinator informed that the final report would be completed within a week's time.	