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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Project Approval Committee (PAC) held on 12th July, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Sh. S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary (RD) under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna(MKSP)

The meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) to consider the projects under MKSP was held on 12th July, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Sh. S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary (RD), Ministry of Rural Development in his Chamber (Room No 199D) Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The minutes of meeting of PAC are sent herewith for information.

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Minutes of Meeting of Project Approval Committee held on 12.07.2012 at 10.30 am under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)

A meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary (RD), Ministry of Rural Development in his chamber on 12th July, 2012 at 11 am under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP). The list of participants is enclosed at “Annexure-I”.

At the Outset the Committee made following observations:

Role of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in MKSP

1. The role of MoRD in Livelihoods promotion would be to propagate successful models which are otherwise unable to get replicated due to some technical reasons. However, developing agronomic practices etc. should be left to the respective domain ministries & resource organizations.

2. The focus of MKSP should be on value-added Human resource development. Material investments should not be encouraged under MKSP.

3. The objective of MKSP projects would address at least one of the following objectives:
   - Create and incentivize community institutions and producers’ organizations
   - Sensitize women farmers to avail the services of state governments while also increasing the absorbing capacity of the community as a whole
   - Sensitize the state governments to fine-tune their agriculture-policies

4. The MKSP projects received in MoRD needs to be categorized into proposals with demand side interventions and supply-side interventions. In case of the former, the beneficiary needs to be sensitized and for the latter the state governments have to be sensitized. Each project has to be analyzed accordingly. Projects should have a balanced approach to sensitize the demand side as well as the supply side.

5. MoRD would integrate MKSP with the broader NRLM roll out plan. MoRD would play the larger role of systemic thinking. The main task would be to capacitate the state SRLMs to implement the MKSP in their respective states. Besides, NRLM would provide technical support to the SRLMs to do the same.

6. SRLMs would eventually integrate MKSP in their Livelihoods Promotion Strategy as a part of their SPIP.
Role of SRLM in MKSP

7. SRLMs should be empowered to own the MKSP projects. They should be capacitated to take up all processes of MKSP projects starting from appraisal to monitoring.

8. SRLMs should engage with the prospective PIA s which can scale up successful sustainable models on livelihoods following the MKSP guidelines and processes.

9. The SRLMs should further integrate the successful MKSP models into their larger livelihoods strategy and take them to state-wide scale.

Transition from MoRD to SRLM

10. States which have adequate trained human resources for promoting the livelihoods would submit sectoral AAP/SPIP on MKSP.

11. Appropriate state level empowered committees should be created to appraise and sanction the MKSP projects.

12. MoRD would develop criteria to evaluate the state’s preparedness to handle MKSP projects and work out a plan for integrating MKSP in the Livelihoods SPIP of these states.

13. Each year, whenever the SRLMs are capacitated satisfactorily and meet the benchmarks laid by NRLM, the NRLM-PIA relation has to be delinked and should be transferred to the respective SRLM.

14. It was felt that SRLMs of AP, Bihar, TN and Kerala have organizational-readiness to steer MKSP in their respective states as they have dedicated and trained human resources to promote livelihoods. This is amply demonstrated as the SRLMs of AP, Kerala and Bihar themselves are implementing large-size MKSP projects in their respective states. The states of AP, Bihar, TN, Kerala would immediately integrate the MKSP in their NRLM implementation plan and submit a separate AAP/SPIP for Livelihoods promotion.

15. To ensure that this is done uniformly and systematically, the concept of multi state projects will be discontinued forthwith. PIAs who have submitted such projects may now resubmit State wise projects, attributing indivisible resources to a common document. The common document will be a compilation of the state specific projects and will allocate indivisible resources to each state project proportionate to the state’s target.
The following agendas were considered by the Project Approval Committee (PAC)

| Agenda No. 1-7 | Project Proposal Under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), NTFP for the promotion of large scale Tasar based livelihood in Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal by PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action); in Andhra Pradesh by SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty), and in Maharashtra by BAIF Development Research Foundation |

Total seven projects have been submitted for the promotion of large scale tasar based livelihoods in seven States namely Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The proposals for Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar and West Bengal have been submitted by PRADAN, proposal for Andhra Pradesh has been submitted by SERP and the proposal in Maharashtra has been submitted by BAIF development research foundation. All projects have been forwarded for consideration by the Central Silk Board (CSB) who will be the Coordinating agency for all these projects. The project duration is four years.

The proposed budget for the project/ total outlay is as under:

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During discussions, the Committee made the following observations:

1. Tasar project has been submitted from the seven states namely Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

2. It is observed that the SRLMs of AP and Bihar have organizational readiness to handle MKSP projects. The AP and Bihar tasar projects would be sanctioned by the respective SRLMs and sent to MoRD as part of their Annual Action Plan (AAP) of livelihoods promotion.
3. The projects submitted for the States of Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Maharashtra are be treated as one multi-state project which would be implemented by PRADAN and BAIF, coordinated by Central Silk Board (CSB). CSB should incorporate necessary changes and re-cast the project accordingly.

4. The SRLMs of Bihar and A.P. should submit their AAP immediately to this Ministry. The SPIP capturing a 7 years perspective plan will be submitted by them subsequently.