

**MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY MISSION FOR HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT HELD ON 25.1.2006 AT 12:30 PM IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF CHIEF SECRETARY & CHAIRMAN SLSC**

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary and Chairman, SLSC and the following members were present :-

1. *Pu Lalramthanga Tochwawng* - *Commissioner, Horticulture Department, Member*
2. *Pu Samuel Rosanglura* - *Director, Horticulture & Member Secretary*
3. *Pu Lalzarliana Renthlei* - *Managing Director, MIFCO, Member*
4. *Pu Ngurhuzauva* - *Managing Director, MAMCO, Member*
5. *Pi Lalthanthuami* - *Deputy Manager, MAMCO, Member*
6. *Dr. Jatin Kalita* - *Asst. Director, Spices Board, Member*
7. *Pu H. Lalchhuanvawra* - *Training Associate, KVK, Member*
8. *Pi Dorothy* - *Manager, MUCO, Member*
9. *Pu Tinkhandala* - *Jt. CEO, KVI, Invitee Member*

After review and confirmation of the Action Taken Report on SLSC meeting minute on dt. 29.9.2005, the members present brought out the following agenda before the Committee-

**I. HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT (MM-II) :**

**1. Revised Additional Fund Requirement during 2005 - 2006 :-** During 2005 - 2006 an amount of Rs. 1500.00 lakhs has been approved by Govt. of India to implement various programmes under MM-II. Since the requirement of fund for various components is inadequate to give maximum benefit to the farmers, the Department proposes an additional fund requirement of Rs.638.95 lakhs. This requirement of additional fund is prepared in consultation with the Horticulture Commissioner, Govt. of India during his visit to Mizoram on 11-14.01.2006.

*The Committee, after detail discussion of the agenda brought forwarded by Director of Horticulture, approved the proposal of Rs. 638.95 lakhs only as details indicated below for onward submission to Govt. of India.*

Sl. No.	Components	Unit	Rate (Rs.)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
<b>I.</b>	<b>Area Expansion.</b>				
	a) Fruit i) Banana	Ha.	13,000/-	200	26.00
	b) Spices ii) Black Pepper	Ha.	13,000/-	60	7.80
	c) Vegetable i) Tomato under Greenhouse	Ha.	13,000/-	200	26.00
	ii) Capsicum under Greenhouse	Ha.	13,000/-	185	24.05
	iii) Chow Chow	Ha.	13,000/-	500	65.00
	d) Flowers i) Rose	Ha.	13,000/-	770	100.10
<b>II.</b>	<b>Creation of water sources</b>				
	i) Tube Well	Ha.	12,500/-	400	50.00
	ii) Community Water Tank	Ha.	1,00,000/-	100	100.00
<b>III.</b>	<b>On Farm Water Management</b>				
	i) Green House (500sqm)	No.	40,000/-	375	150.00
	ii) Shade nets (Sqm.)	Sqm.	14/-	5,00,000	70.00
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Organic Farming</b>				
	i) Incentive Organic Farming	Ha.	10,000/-	100	10.00
<b>V.</b>	<b>Infrastructure/ Technical Support</b>	-	-	-	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>638.95</b>

2. **Action Plan 2006 - 2007 :-** Proposal for Action Plan 2006 - 2007 has been brought forwarded by Director of Horticulture. After thorough discussion of the agenda, the Committee approved the proposal of action plan for 2006 - 2007 to the tune of Rs. 3507.20 lakhs for onward submission to Govt. of India. Details break -up of Action Plan 2006 - 2007 is given at Annexure - I.

During the course of discussion on the action plan 2006 - 2007, the Chairman emphasize upon the importance of organic farming including certification methodology of organic produce and suggested that better credibility, awareness be created among the growers of various crops. In regard to organic produce - Dr. Jatin Kalita, Asst. Director, Spices Board, informed the Committee that Spices Board have already covered 300 Ha. area with turmeric, cardamom and ginger cultivation and the conversion period of 3 years will be completed soon. He further mentioned that certificate from the concerned Department will also be required to certify the farmers/ produce which may also reduce the conversion period as Mizoram is already partially organic and informed the Committee that contract for organic certification had already been given to INDOCERT by Spices Board.

3. **Regional Workshop on Protected Cultivation of flowers :** Though tentative date was made by Govt. of India, during January 2006, as per discussion held with Horticulture Commissioner, Govt. of India during his visit, tentative date is again refixed for the workshop during 8-10 March 2006 (detail at Annexure -II). The Committee approved the tentative programme brought forward by Director of Horticulture which will be forwarded to Govt. of India for finalisation. It was also decided that Chairman SLSC may invite Smt. Radha Singh, Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India to visit Mizoram during this Workshop so that she will be able to witness some of the achievement of Technology Mission on the spot.

The Chairman mentioned that in some advanced States, grape juice is treated as food beverage and grape wine is not classed as liquor. The Union Agriculture Minister is also reported to have issued instructions in this regard. Director (Horti.) and Managing Director (MIFCO) will try to collect specific materials in this regard.

Secretary, Horticulture Department mentioned that while implementing Women Development, it may be combined with commercial production. Drip irrigation may also be given importance as water supply is a must for many of the horticulture crops during the dry spell period.

II. MM-III : Managing Director, MAMCO put forward the proposal for ginger processing plant at approximate cost of Rs. 1.50 crores. Dr. Jatin Kalita, Asst. Director, Spices Board informed the Committee that since moisture and fibre content of Mizoram ginger is substantial, there is more shrinkage after drying, thus giving unattractive appearance and processed in the powder form is advisable. The Corporation was advised to re-examine the feasibility of the proposal including financial viability. The project, if feasible, should be taken up as Public- Private Partnership.

The Committee also feels that Auction Centre may be more appropriate, as establishment of the same will be useful for better selling of the produce especially during peak period. This will also be convenient for the buyers from outside.

III. MM-IV :- Managing Director, MIFCO informed that they have processed 800 qtls. of passionfruit during the last season and plan to do more in the coming season for which working capital will be required.

Secretary, Horticulture Department informed the Committee that PIP is being identified and the Department is taking step to cover at least 20,000 acres of land with passionfruit cultivation Identification of potential farmers is almost completed. He further mentioned that though Parle, ITC and Godrej are potential firms, since Godrej company have already done ground study and shown interest, Joint Venture (JV) may be considered with them for which dialogue may be continued. However, before the final touch, thorough discussion at Secretary level, may be convened with the concerned Department i.e. Industry, Horticulture and Agriculture.

KVI : Recently bee keeping have been grouped in the Mini Mission under Technology Mission. CEO, KVI was invited to place his action plan before the SLSC. Since CEO was on tour, Pu Tinkhandala Jt. CEO represented the CEO. While explaining his programme he emphasized the aim of bee keeping i.e. pollination and honey production.

Director of Horticulture suggested that cultivation area may be covered as the main aim is pollination and recommends introduction of Italian bee for honey production and pollination. The Chairman suggested that to integrate the programme, the two Departments will work hand in hand and create awareness to the farmers for successful implementation of the scheme. The Committee approved the proposal submitted by KVI for fund requirement during 2005 - 2006, and action plan of 2006 - 2007.(Detail action plan at Annexure - III)

The Committee also, approved inclusion of CEO, KVI as member of the SLSC.

( HAUKHUM HAUZEL )  
Chief Secretary,  
&  
Chairman, SLSC.

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1. PS to Chief Minister, Govt. of Mizoram for favour of information.
2. PS to Commissioner, Horticulture Department, Govt. of Mizoram for information.
3. All members present for information.

( SAMUEL ROSANGLURA )  
Director of Horticulture,  
&  
Member Secretary, SLSC