

Minutes of the Extension Officers Meeting held at Guwahati, Assam on 04-05.6.2014

The first Extension Officers' Meeting for the year 2014-15 was held at Guwahati to review the R&D and Extension Activities of RSRS, Jorhat and its nested RECs. The meeting was chaired by Dr S. Nirmal Kumar, Director of this Institute.

At the outset Dr. S. Roy Chowdhury, Scientist - D welcomed the Director, scientists of RSRS, Jorhat and in charges of RECs and the scientists from the Institute.

Director and Chairman explained the purpose of organizing extension officer and R&D review meeting to have a through and in depth discussion to review of R&D and extension activities as well. Some important extension programmes like IVLP, Popularization of Hybrids and Pre Authorization Trial is going to be implemented during the year 2014-15. He expressed that though RECs in the NE region are disseminating technologies quite effectively still further augmentation is required to improve the productivity. He also informed the importance implementation of IVLP clusters and stressed upon the proposed Training programme envisaged to improve productivity in BV cluster areas.

Later on Agenda wise discussion was taken-up.

I. Conformation of the minutes of the last extension officers meeting held on 20/9 to 21/9.2013.

As no comments was received from the participants the minutes was confirmed.

II. General Points:

1. Training programme for farmers in cluster area: Quarter wise action for training programme is to be drawn and based on the requirement amount can be released from the RSRS, Jorhat. Wage compensation is to be credited to the beneficiary's bank account or through cheques. Boarding/loading may be arranged by inviting quotations.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & all RECs under its control]

2. As REC, Imphal is presently is not having vehicle, so the driver may be deputed to REC, Aizawl.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-D/C, REC, Imphal & Aizawl]

3. REC, Imphal is having 7620 dfls of SK6 x SK7 which may be supplied to DoS, Manipur on payment basis.

[Action: Sc – D (Seri), Sc.- C, REC, Imphal]

4. For organization of training programme at Udalguri cluster, a bank account may be opened.

[Action: Dr. Y. Debraj Singh, Sc.-D & CDF, RSRS, Jorhat]

5. Farmers Directory and Technologies related to the region may published with the assistance from DoS, officials with due credit to them. CBO may be utilized for collection of data.

[Action: All unit charges]

6. Frequency of visit to the REC is to be increased.

[Action: Sc.-D & all Nodal Officers]

7. Based on the leaf productivity, rearing capacity in cluster areas to be assessed for augment the consumption of dfls'.

[Action: All CDFs under RSRS, Jorhat]

8. The programme for popularization of hybrids under NE General Plan with budget outlay of Rs. 55.0 lakh is to be planned meticulously for successful implementation and proper utilization of funds.

[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & all Scientist in charges]

9. While discussing station-wise targets and achievements it was observed that in terms of infrastructure and resources, updation is required. It was decided that updated data is to be sent to the Institute by 15/6/2014.

[Action: All Scientist in charges]

10. In charges of RSRS, Jorhat and its nested units were advised to submit reports as per stipulated time frame.

[Action: All Scientist in charges]

III. Follow up actions on the decisions taken on:

1. **With regard to project: MOE-3459;** Detailed discussion was held and it was stressed upon to analyze critically the collected data critically. It was also advised to come out with clear cut recommendation to bridge the yield in a respect to both leaf and cocoon productivity. Concluded report is to be submitted by 30/6/2014.

[Action: Mrs. M. Pamegham, Sc- C & Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat]

2. 4,350 dfls of SK6 x SK7 prepared by RSRS, Jorhat and 4000 dfls expected to be produced by REC, Shillong. It is to be consigned on cold storage, at Guwahati and released. Sc.-D (Seri) should monitor the supply programme.

[Action: Sc.-D (Seri), Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-C, REC, Shillong]

3. Regarding accreditation of ISO 9001-2008 the process should accelerate and be completed by 30/6/2014. Sc- D, RSRS, Jorhat may consult with Dr. S. Roy Chowdhury, Sc.-D, PMCE.

[Action: Sc.-D RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-D, PMCE]

4. Regarding the Project *Proverty.....Technology intervention* may be sent directly to DST, New Delhi with copy marked to Institute by 30/6/2014 after incorporating suggestion/ observation made by the CO, Bangalore.

[Action: Sc.-D RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-D, PMCE]

5. Draft for Website prepared for RSRS, Jorhat should be submitted to the Institute by 30/6/2014 to verify the contents.

[Action: Sc.-D RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-D, PMCE]

6. Regarding publication of technology pamphlets/broucher all drafts should be sent to the Institute for endorsement of Number. Bengali bulletin proposed and submitted by the REC, Agartala, should be sent back by 15/6/2014 after securitization.

[Action: All unit incharges & Sc.-D Extn.]

7. With regard to supply of C 2028 sapling, it was informed that, saplings are ready and will be supplied by 1st week of July, 2014.

[Action: Sc.-D (Mori) & Sc.-D, RSRS Jorhat]

8. Regarding supply of rearing stands to REC, Shillong, some discrepancies were observed by PSC and advised to float fresh quotation for speedy disposal.
[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & Sc.-C, REC, Shillong]
9. For the continuance of Survey & Surveillance of mulberry & Silkworm pests, every year fresh proposal is to be submitted for allotment of code number.
[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat & Sc._D, PMCE]
10. With regard to Programme *Assessment of fertility status.....fertilizer management*, based on the final report, recommendation of fertilizers should be submitted to the DoS, Assam with a copy marked to the Institute.
[Action: Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat]
11. Performance of breeds/accessions being tested under **AIE-3454** was found at low level in comparison to the passport data. Reasons for such low performance is to be sorted out.
[Action: Dr. Y. Debraj, Sc.-D, RSRS, Jorhat]
12. Rearing cards and pass book for farmers are to be implemented immediately for all programmes.
[Action: All unit incharges]
13. All mandatory reports should be submitted within the stipulated time frame.
[Action: All unit incharges]
14. All PI/CI should maintain project/programme ledgers, alongwith expenditure details for verification.
[Action: All PIs & CIs]

IV. Review of on going Research Projects/ Programmes:

Progress of the ongoing 5 research projects and 4 programmes including collaborative projects with the Institute were reviewed and found satisfactory.

1. With regard to implementation of CSS- 2107 in the NE states, it was decided to include REC, Shillong as a coordinating centre for the year.
[Action: Sc.-D (Mori.) & Sc.-C, REC, Shillong]

No new research project was proposed.

V. Implementation ToT Programmes:

1. Institute Village linkage programme: Detailed discussion was held for implementation of IVLP in the NE States. It was decided that it will be implemented with involvement of 620 stakeholders under RSRS, Jorhat. Detailed action plan worked out including the requirement of dfls and inputs. It was informed that locations were identified and list of beneficiaries in consultation with respective DoS is to be sent to the Institute by 10.06.2014 for onward forwardal to the CO.
[Action: All unit incharges]

2. Popularization of Hybrids: Under this programme centre wise detailed Action Plan was discussed and it was decided that it will implemented through RSRS, Jorhat and its nested RECs' with a budget out lay of Rs. 55.0 lakhs. 1.70 lakhs dfls will be brushed with the involvement of 780 stakeholders. Month wise action plan was discussed alongwith financial involvement.
[Action: All unit incharges]

3. Pre-Authorization Trial of Silkworm Hybrids: Action plan for preauthorization of silkworm hybrids was discussed at length. It will be implemented by RSRS, Jorhat and its nested RECs except REC, Dimapur. 6,000 BV hybrids will be reared with the involvement of 60 farmers in two seasons.

[Action: All unit incharges]

4. Technology of Intercropping will be taken up in 35 farmers' field (Jorhat-5, Aizwal-5, Shillong-5, Agartala-10, and Manipur-10).

[Action: All concerned unit in charges]

5. Botanical pesticides will be taken up with 25 each under REC, Imphal & RSRS, Jorhat. Management of Whitefly with Thiamethoxam will be taken up with 50 farmers, 25 each under REC, Imphal & RSRS, Jorhat.

[Action: All concerned unit in charges]

Director advised all scientists of the RSRS, Jorhat to come forward with the new ideas and Scientists of the RECs' to involve more towards the implementation of the ToT programmes as several ambitious programmes are being implemented and urged that benefits should reach the target group. He also advised all concerned to work in close coordination with the respective DoS.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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6. Dr. S. M. Gogoi, Sc- D, RSRS, Jorhat.
7. Dr. Y. Debraj Singh, Sc- D, RSRS, Jorhat.
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10. Dr. G. B. Singh, Sc- D, REC, Agatala.
11. Sri. B. N. Chowdhury, Sc- D, REC, Aizawl.
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