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Minutes of the meeting of Implementation National e-Governance Plan Agriculture, Assam on 05.01.2015 at 3 PM at the Conference Hall of Additional Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner Assam.

Officer present:.....List enclosed.

A meeting on implementation of e-governance plan was held on 05-Jan-15 at 03:00 P.M. at the chamber of the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam cum APC, pursuance to the Govt. notification by Governor of Assam, vide No. IT.146/2010/96 dated 28th November 2014. The meeting was chaired by the Addl. Chief Secretary cum APC.

At the outset, the participants were welcomed by the chair briefing about the agenda of the meeting followed by an interactive discussion session. The key points discussed are as follows:-

Sl No	Discussion Point and Decision	Responsible for Action
1	<p>Discussion Point –Status of Application Development, NeGP-A</p> <p>Hardware for NeGP was procured by the Ministry of Agriculture centrally, and routed to various locations enlisted for the state of Assam in the year 2012-13. However, cent percent of those hardware couldn't be delivered to the intended sites due to non-readiness/ feasibility of the infrastructures. (17BRC/FIAC sites), whereas the application development is yet to be completed. NIC-Assam has already submitted the SRS for 12 clusters of NeGP-A to Centre, but the progress status is unknown. Even the local NIC, NIC-Assam is also not in a position to pour adequate light upon it.</p> <p>Secondly, it is yet not formally clarified whether the 25% fund kept for local customization shall be calculated based upon the total fund allotted by the Ministry of Agriculture to the State of Assam or it is the proportion of some other fund meant for software development at the Center. If during SRS review, some needs for local customization are identified whether those changes would be incorporated in the final software?</p> <p>As compared to other pilot states, Assam is lagging behind considerably in IT/ICT aspects. So for bridging the gap, requirement in the State of Assam would be more. Therefore, it needs to be clarified whether the fund sanctioned for the state of Assam, as pilot state is fixed or it may vary based upon genuine and justified requirements.</p> <p>Decision—APC suggested for a formal communication to, Joint Secretary, concerned asking about the progress & current status of the application development as on date following the inclusion of the above mentioned points and the same could be marked to DDG (Agri), NIC & Delhi, Director (IT), DAC.</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU
2	<p>Discussion –Deployment of Data Entry Operators</p> <p>As per Central guidelines, data entry operators are to be deployed upto the block level for uploading regular updates in the farmers portal & relevant data entry operation to NeGP-A as well as providing assistance to the office staff in executing NeGP activities and above all, utilizing the hardware deployed in the respective sites. This was mentioned by the CNO, NeGP-A</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU

	<p>that a proposal is already submitted to the Govt. of Assam in this regard which needs to be taken care of.</p> <p>Decision –APC urged for hiring an agency for deploying DEOs and suggested SPMU for the preparation of a RFP which will be floated through open tendering.</p>	
3	<p>Discussion – Connectivity plan in implementing NeGP-A</p> <p>CNO, NeGP-A raised the issue in regard to the current but poor existence of SWAN PoP throughout the state of Assam. As connectivity is playing an important role in executing the services of NeGP-A, the tentative plan needs to be concrete upto the block level. Seeing the existence of SWAN PoP, it seems that the connectivity may not be fulfilled through SWAN in all locations of Assam.</p> <p>Decision –This was suggested by the Chair that for such an important project like NeGP-A it is recommended to have adequate connectivity in all sites. Hence, the plan may be compiled as follows:-</p> <p>i) Datacard connection may be provided for all targeted sites of NeGP Assam irrespective of presence of SWAN PoP in the respective sites. SWAN connection may be used as a primary network wherever availability & feasibility is there in the site, while datacard connectivity will be considered as secondary network to fulfill the purpose of back up connectivity in the site.</p> <p>ii) Datacard connection will be considered as the primary network wherever SWAN PoP is absent. Later on, if SWAN extends to the particular site, the connectivity could be used as a primary network while Datacard connection will now be considered as the secondary network .</p> <p>The additional cost that may required for this purpose may be provided from the 2% of total State Plan.</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU
4	<p>Discussion – Involvement of Deputy Commissioners in implementation of NeGP-A</p> <p>Every Deputy Commissioner (DC) is the chairman of the District Implementation Committee of NeGP-A as per the Central guidelines. This committee may play a vital role in administrating and progressing the respective district towards a successful implementation of NeGP-A as well as for sensitization all officers of Agriculture & allied departments upto the block level in fast & quick processing of the NeGP-A activities.</p> <p>Decision – APC suggested for making a formal communication to the all DCs from the Govt. of Assam for successful implementation of NeGP-A.</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU
5	<p>Discussion – Formal meeting with Chief General Manager (CGM), BSNL under the chairmanship of</p> <p>This was highlighted in the discussion that registration of farmers in Kisan SMS is not in a healthy position in the state.</p> <p>Decision–APC suggested for the arrangement of a formal meeting with the CGM, BSNL and other telecom operators in this regard.</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU

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- (3) P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary & APC, Govt. of Assam for kind information of the Addl. CS & APC.
- (4) P.S. to the Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur, for information of the Secretary.

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