

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT,
ASSAM SECRETARIAT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI – 781006**

No. AGA 318/2011/Pt/295

Dated: 9/03/ 2016

Subject: MoM of Review meeting, NeGP-A Assam, held on 20th January 2016 at the chamber of APC & Addl. Chief Secy, Govt. of Assam

List of Participants

Sl No.	Name	Designation	Department
1	V. B. Pyarelal	Additional C.S., Agriculture/Chairman	Agriculture
2	A. Baruah	Commissioner & Secretary	Agriculture
3.	S. I. Rashid	Secretary	Agriculture
4.		Secretary	IT Department
5.	Smt. Devala Devi Das	Secretary	AH & Fishery
6.	T. K. Kalita	Under Secretary	Soil Conservation
7.	D. Chakraborty	Under Secretary	Irrigation
8.	Dr. K. Borkakati	Director	Agriculture
9.	P. K. Hazarika	Director	Horticulture
10.	E. P. Marak	Joint Director	Soil Conservation
11.	Dr. Mrinal Barman	Dy Director (IPM) & CNO, NeGP-A	Agriculture
12.	Pramod Sarma	Deputy Director	Fisheries
13.	Deepak Goswami	State Informatics Officer	NIC, Assam
14.	Dr. Kripan Ghosh	Scientist E	RMC, IMD, Guwahati
15.	T. K. Deka	Sr. ADO	Horticulture
16.	R. Ghosh	Asstt. Met, Gr – I	RMC, IMD, Guwahati
17.	M. M. Pujari	Head, SeMT	IT Department

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18.	H. Bharali	Consultant, SeMT	IT Department
19.	Khiraj Hussain	Computer Operator	Agriculture
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21.	Jyotimani Das	Sr. Consultant, PwC	SPMU, NeGP-A Assam

A meeting on review of NeGP-A, Assam was held on 20-Jan-16 at 12:00 P.M. at the chamber of the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam cum APC, Agriculture in pursuance to the Govt. notification by vide No., dated The meeting was chaired by the Addl. Chief Secretary cum APC, Agriculture.

At the outset, the participants were welcomed by the chair briefing about the agenda of the meeting followed by an interactive discussion session. On behalf of NeGP Cell-Assam, Chief Nodal Officer NeGP-A gave a brief introduction of the activities undertaken and requested State Project Management Unit (SPMU) to cover the details regarding all the activities. SPMU provided a detailed background of the project, progress made so far, key issues and challenges regarding project implementation in Assam.

The key points discussed are stipulated as follows:-

Key decision Points

Sl No	Discussion Point and Decision	Responsible for Action
1	<p>Discussion Point – Selection of Data Entry Operator as per Implementation guideline of NeGPA</p> <p>As per implementation guideline of NeGP-A , Data entry operators are required to be deployed upto block level In furtherance to that a proposal was submitted to APC vide letter no. Agri/NeGP – A/DAO/290/2014-15/7 dated 10th November 2014. The same was approved by the GoA and an RFP had been prepared by SPMU for hiring an agency to deploy manpower as DEOs.</p> <p>The RFP was floated with due approval of Department of Agriculture & Directorate as well; in response, 03 bidders submitted proposal. A technical evaluation report has been submitted to Directorate of Agriculture by NeGP Cell. The matter is placed under Departmental purchased committee for final selection</p> <p>Decision – APC urged the Directorate of Agriculture to close the activity before month end of January 2016 so that manpower deployment may be started with immediate effect so that data entry may be completed related to 22 applications for different service clusters of NeGP-A, launched by centre. It was observed that initially deployment must be prioritized to the pilot site locations only which can be continued to other sites as per requirement.</p>	<p>Departmental Purchase Committee/Directorate of Agriculture</p>

<p>2</p>	<p>Discussion Point – Registration of Farmers in mkisan portal</p> <p>This has been instructed to all district offices to start registration process of the farmers' community in the mkisan Portal. Simultaneously, domain experts' registration also must be going on.</p> <p>Concerned offices in the state have been instructed to provide link of www.mkisan.gov.in in their respective websites/portals. Farmer's information is being collected through VLEW / ADO in the district level.</p> <p>Decision – All advisory service information can only be pushed through SMS to farmers once registration is ensured. APC suggested to circulate the guideline for registration process to all DAO/SDAO/ADO seeking the progress of farmers' registration. Active involvement of District Implementation Committees to drive the registration process has been advised.</p>	<p>DAO/SDAO/ADO/Directorate of Agriculture</p>
<p>3</p>	<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. But, the application development is not yet completed at central level.</p> <p>State of Assam formally communicated to GoI in this regard vide letter No. AGA 315/2011/ (A)/135 dated 14th May 2015. In response, DAC communicated about the development of 22 applications throughout the 12 cluster of services and these applications can be utilized as of now. URLs/IP based access to these applications were mentioned for reference.</p> <p>Recently, e-learning sessions were scheduled from 11-Jan-16 upto 22-Jan-16 for the development throughout cluster 1 to cluster 9. But, all these development are limited to data entry of services and advisories only. A full package of application is not yet in place for NeGP-A.</p> <p>Decision – As a prime stakeholder, NIC-Assam representative (SIO, NIC-Assam) shared his view that whatever application of services are in place by DAC may be utilized by the state. Representative from IT department proposed that a few application is made online by the state, this application can be utilized for service delivery. Representative from CSC-SPV added that applications like farm machineries is ready from their end, this also may be utilized for service delivery for NeGP-A.</p> <p>CSC-SPC is asked to submit a proposal about the implementation and execution process of the developed application.</p> <p>APC suggested for a subsequent discussion among these stakeholders to find out the best way of application deployment towards the implementation of the scheme for the benefit of farmers.</p>	<p>State Agriculture / IT department/CSC-SPV/SPMU</p>

4	<p>Discussion – Connectivity to the sites</p> <p>Although connectivity to site locations is planned to be provided through ASWAN, there is a need of an alternative mode of connectivity to ensure continuous delivery of services.</p> <p>Decision – APC suggested CNO, NeGP-A to come up with a detailed plan of connectivity initially for pilot site locations with recommendation of preferred mode of connectivity depending upon the feasibility and existence of bandwidth operator along with estimated expenditure per annum per site. While the Directorate may plan for connecting the pilot locations on immediate basis, a proposal should be sent to IT dept for prioritizing connectivity to 339 sites under NeGP-A implementation in Assam.</p>	<p>Directorate of Agriculture/SPMU/ IT Department</p>
5	<p>Discussion – Pilot Go Live</p> <p>As per the progress towards implementation of the scheme, Assam has planned to roll out the project in 17 identified locations as pilot sites covering 04 districts (Barpeta, Kamrup, Nagaon & Nalbari). SPMU has already carried out an assessment in terms of hardware deployment, site readiness, presence of connectivity, skilled manpower capacity etc. and the report is submitted to the department with a proposed plan and recommendation for a successful implementation. The step-wise approach will cover-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Allocation of fund to pilot sites ii. Pilot site preparation iii. Provision of connectivity iv. Appoint data digitization agency and deployment of Data Entry Operator (DEO)s v. Application deployment and data entry vi. Training of concerned officials (wherever required) vii. Awareness campaign for farmers viii. Pilot Go-Live <p>Decision – APC suggested to execute the process with immediate effect for the achievement of Pilot Go-Live in the state. For this purpose, Directorate of Agriculture/NeGP cell is exclusively authorized to take quick action as per demand of situation.</p>	<p>Directorate of Agriculture/SPMU</p>
6	<p>Discussion – Fund status and proposed plan for 2015-16</p> <p>There was a brief presentation about the fund status of the scheme in terms of centrally allocated amount, their utilization and release of corresponding state share with respect to the central allotment. This was mentioned that an amount of total Rs. 320.94 Lakh has been released by centre as on date, out of which Rs. 214.15 Lakh (approx.) is utilized. A state share of Rs. 134.16 Lakh is pending to be released by Govt. of Assam for which the detailed/re-casted scheme is already submitted to the department with a statement of planned expenditure of Rs. 328.87 Lakh for FY 2015-16.</p> <p>Decision – APC assured the release of pending state share of Rs. 134.16 Lakh for the scheme and suggested to ensure timely submission of UC to centre and state as well with details of physical cum financial progress.</p>	<p>State Agriculture/SPMU</p>

7	<p>Discussion – Involvement of District Commissioner in implementation of NeGP-A</p> <p>Every district 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 the all officers of Agriculture & its allied 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 in creating the discussed revolution throughout the state for a successful implementation of NeGP-A.</p>	State Agriculture
8	<p>Discussion – Periodic review on progress of NeGP-A</p> <p>To resolve the issues and challenges from all sides in implementing the scheme in a successful way, this is very much important to assemble the State Empowered Committee (SEC) members and relevant stakeholders of the programme. CNO, NeGP-A and SPMU requested the committee to regularize periodical review on the progress of NeGP-A.</p> <p>Decision – APC suggested to held SEC meeting once in a month</p>	State Agriculture / SPMU
9	<p>Discussion – Nomination of State Nodal Officer, NeGP-A</p> <p>The position of State Nodal Officer (SNO) for the scheme of NeGP-A is lying vacant for a long time. This was put into discussion that without SNO, sometimes it becomes difficult to come up with decision in executing processes related to the programme. It was requested to nominate one officer from the department with immediate effect to complete the structure of Nodal Officers.</p> <p>Decision – APC suggested to have a separate discussion on the matter with Director, Agriculture to propose some names of officers for nominations</p>	State Agriculture

The meeting is ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

Sd/- (V.B.Pyarelal, IAS)
APC & Addl. Chief Secretary
Govt. of Assam
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1. All members present. Sri Meinal Barman, Dy. Director (IPM) & CNO, NeGP-A, Kamrupa, Ghy for information. -22.
2. The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information and necessary actions.
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By order etc.,

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