



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - Growth of agriculture & allied sectors and welfare of farmers - Constitution of District Level Review & Monitoring Committee and State Level Review & Advisory Committee – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 6) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.127

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Read:

1. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare letter F.No.15-2/2016-Farmers Welfare, dated 22.3.2017.
2. Government Letter No.8465/AP6/2017-1, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 26.4.2017.
3. From the Director of Agriculture Letter No.G2/52289/2017, dated 3.5.2017.

ORDER:

The Government of India in their letter first read above has sent a copy of the Guidelines on "Growth of Agriculture Sector and Welfare of farmers – an institutional mechanism" and informed that Guidelines have been framed in a comprehensive manner to promote growth of agriculture & allied sectors and welfare of the farmers. The Guidelines have also provided an Institutional mechanism for strengthening the policy & advisory support and review & monitoring system. The aim is to cover all the farmers throughout the country and ensure that the intended benefits under various schemes / programmes reach them. In view of the reports of farmers suicides / deaths due to agrarian distress, the Government of India has requested the State Governments to constitute District Level Review & Monitoring Committee and State Level Review & Advisory Committee immediately and to take further necessary action under intimation to them.

2. In this regard the Director of Agriculture in his letter third read above has sent a detailed proposal for constitution of District Level Review & Monitoring Committee and State Level Review & Advisory Committee.

3. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Agriculture, hereby constitute the District Level Review & Monitoring Committee and State Level Review & Advisory Committee with the following composition:-

(a) District Level Review & Monitoring Committee

1.	Minister In-Charge of the District	Chairman
2.	Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) [in case of more than one Member of Parliament (LS) from one district, State Government will decide one to be Co-chairman and remaining Member of Parliament (LS) will be the member]	Co-Chairman
3.	Chairman, District Panchayat	Vice Chairman
4.	Collector of the District	Member-Secretary
5.	Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) representing the district	Members
6.	Project Director, District Rural Development Agency	Member
7.	Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officers of the district	Members
8.	District Head-Incharge of Health and Family Welfare	Member
9.	All District Heads-Incharge of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries, Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture, Agricultural Marketing & Agri-Business	Members
10.	Executive Engineers concerned of Public Works Department and Water Resource Organization	Members
11.	District Head-Incharge of Cooperation	Member
12.	Secretary of the District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB)	Member
13.	District Manager, Lead Bank	Member
14.	District Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development	Member
15.	Two progressive farmers recommended by Joint Director of Agriculture of the District	Members

(b) State Level Review & Advisory Committee

1.	Chief Minister	Chairman
2.	Minister of Agriculture	Vice Chairman
3.	Ministers Incharge of Finance, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries, Cooperation, Energy, Social Welfare	Members
4.	Five Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) (to be rotated once in two years)	Members
5.	Chief Secretary to Government	Member

6.	Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Member-Secretary
7.	Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries-Incharge of Finance, Revenue, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Departments	Members
8.	Convener, State Level Bankers Committee	Member
9.	Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development	Member
10.	Vice Chancellors of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University	Members
11.	Two Representatives from State Level Farmers' Associations (to be nominated by Agriculture Department)	Members
12.	Two progressive farmers recommended by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Members
13.	Commissioner of Revenue Administration / Director / Commissioner of Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business	Members

(c) Objectives:-

- Focus on increasing the net income of the farmer;
- Make efforts to offer security to farmers against unpredictable nature of agriculture;
- Enhance access to institutional credit;
- Supplement the farmers income during off- season;
- Build farmers resilience;
- Check every possibility of farmers death by working to remove indigence and vulnerability among the farming community;
- Improve governance with a view to achieve efficiency and transparency in delivery of Agriculture services;

(d) Interval of meetings:-

Both the District and State Level Committees shall meet once in a quarter. The State Level Committee meeting shall follow the District Level Committee meetings, so as to benefit from the data, information and recommendations of the District Level Committees.

(e) Agenda for review

(i) Crop prospects during the Quarter:-

Crop condition, stage of the crop, water level in the reservoir, pest and disease occurrence during the quarter and input position for the forthcoming quarter shall be reviewed and monitored.

(ii) Implementation of Schemes:-

Implementation of schemes and review on progress during the quarter of the relevant schemes amongst the following:-

- National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) / Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);
- National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA);
- Agricultural Marketing Schemes;
- State Schemes of Agriculture Department;
- Schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries;

(iii) Analysis of natural calamities and relief measures taken up:-

Weather condition, rainfall data pertaining to the quarter to be monitored and reviewed. The preventive measures and contingency plans to be drawn by the departments concerned for the welfare of farmers and creation of awareness about the prevailing weather condition and the cropping pattern to be decided accordingly. Relief measures to be reviewed and monitored.

(iv) Welfare of farmers :-

The cases of farmers' deaths, if any and other vulnerabilities among farmers and relief / compensation offered and steps taken to prevent eventualities during the quarter are to be reviewed with Revenue department records.

(v) Institutional Finance and Recovery mechanism

To overcome the problems faced by farmers in times of natural calamities like severe drought situation, the Committee shall ensure the following in coordination with members from banking institutions:-

- Timely sanction of loans;
- Eliminating the lengthy process of sanctioning loans;
- Broad awareness shall be given on the availability of different loans for farming community;
- The entrepreneurship loan available for farming community shall be thrown light;
- Recovery Mechanism should be smooth;

(vi) Rural and alternate employment of farmer on distress conditions

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) shall highlight the employment opportunities made available under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for the farming community and Agriculture labourers to mitigate the distress conditions in the District Level Committee.

(vii) Crop Insurance and compensation - Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

The authorized insurance companies shall ensure coverage of maximum number of farmers and area. The Committee shall review and monitor the progress in enrollment of farmers and compensation in time.

The Committee shall also review on the following efforts taken to enroll farmers:-

- Massive awareness campaign;
- Special facilitation centers opened at block level;
- Appointment of Micro Level insurance agents;
- Special Bankers Committee meeting at State and District level to sensitize the bankers;

(viii) Marketing

The Committee shall ensure remunerative price for Agricultural Commodities considering the following initiatives:-

- Creating and strengthening of Regulated Markets as well as post harvest management infrastructure facilities;
- Minimizing the post harvest losses;

Based on the above agendas, the District Level Committees shall focus on implementation and the State Level Committee shall focus on providing policy, coordination and budgetary support.

(f) Outcome

- Increasing per unit yield and higher market return by reducing cost of cultivation;
- Speedy and efficient delivery of relief entitlements increasing the volume of credit flow generating alternate off- farm activities;
- Preparing farmers to negotiate unpredictable nature by coverage under various welfare schemes;
- Check farmers suicides/deaths due to agrarian distress / other reasons;
- Transparency in delivery of Agricultural services;

4. The District Collectors are directed to send the minutes of the District Level Review & Monitoring Committee meeting to the Director of Agriculture. The Director of Agriculture shall in turn send the recommendations to the Government for consideration of the State Level Review & Advisory Committee.

5. The members of the Committees are eligible to draw the Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance as applicable to the First Class Committee.

(By Order of the Governor)

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Principal Secretary to Government.

To

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- The Joint Secretary (MIDH), Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
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- The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Chennai-9.
- The Principal Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Chennai-9.
- The Principal Secretary to Government, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Chennai-9.
- The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5.
- The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-5.
- The Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32.
- All District Collectors (except Chennai).
- The Chairman of all District Panchayats (through the District Collector concerned).
- The Project Directors, District Rural Development Agency of all Districts (through the District Collector concerned).
- The Sub Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers of all districts (through the District Collector concerned).
- The District Head-Incharge of Health and Family Welfare (through the District Collector concerned).
- The Joint Directors of Agriculture of all districts (through the Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5).
- The Joint Directors of Horticulture and Plantation Crops of all districts (through the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-5).
- The Deputy Director (Agri Business) of all districts / Secretaries of all Market Committees (through the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32).
- The Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry of all districts (through the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Chennai-6).
- The Deputy Registrar (Dairying) of all districts (through the Commissioner of Milk Production and Dairy Development, Chennai-51).
- The Joint / Deputy Director of Fisheries of all districts (through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Chennai-6).
- The Executive Engineers (Agricultural Engineering) of all districts (through the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35).
- The Executive Engineers of Public Works Department and Water Resource Organization of all districts concerned (through the Engineer in Chief, Water Resources Department, Chennai-5).
- The Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies of all districts (through the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai-10).
- The General Manager and Convener, State Level Bankers Committee, Tamil Nadu, Indian Overseas Bank, Agriculture and Rural Initiatives Department, 763, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
- The District Manager, Lead Bank of all districts (through the General Manager and Convener, State Level Bankers Committee)
- The Secretary of the District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB), (Through the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai -10).
- The Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, 48, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Chennai – 600 034.

- The District Manager, NABARD of all districts (through the Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Chennai-34)
The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Lawley Road, Coimbatore – 641 003.
The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Madhavaram Milk Colony, Chennai – 600 051.
The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, First Line Beach Road, Nagapattinam – 611 001.

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The Rural Development & Panchayat Raj / Health & Family Welfare / Public Works / Public Departments, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35.
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