

National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)

DUTIES OF CONSULTANTS UNDER NMSA AT NATIONAL, STATE & DISTRICT LEVEL

National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture will be operational in all States and UTs. To provide technical support and assist the Standing Technical Committee there is provision for engaging Consultants at National, State and District level. At National level 8 Advisors/Chief Consultants can be engaged drawing from ICAR/SAUs with additional responsibilities or full time engagement on contract basis to serve the Standing Technical Committee and Technical Support Group. At the State level there is provision of 84 State Consultants for the entire country. Each State may engage maximum of 3 State Consultants to serve State Level Standing Technical Committee and Technical Support Group. There is provision of 300 district level Consultants covering all States/UTs to coordinate with Technical Support Group and assist in planning, monitoring and execution of District level activities of NMSA. States may engage one Consultant for each 2 to 3 adjoining Districts for this purpose.

NATIONAL ADVISORS/CHIEF CONSULTANTS:

Duties:

- To provide technical guidance to the Mission director on matters related to interventions proposed in the Mission. To develop standardized formats for sub-Mission of action plans
- To coordinate with Standing Technical Committee (STC) for providing time to time knowledge support and technical feed back to the Project Sanctioning Committee and National Advisory Committee of NMSA.
- To assist State in planning, formulation of NMSA Mission Implementation Plan and Annual Action Plan.
- To provide technical assistance to NMSA staff in scrutinizing the action plans received from the States.
- To Establish time-lines and indicators for completion of each activity
- To supervise the quality of implementation of various interventions proposed in the Mission for improving the production of rice, wheat and pulses.
- To assist Mission Director and other senior officers in synchronizing and synergizing with other divisions of DAC; State governments; State agriculture Universities; ICAR research institutions and other stake holders on technical front.

- To constitute teams for monitoring the progress of works in the States and provide technical guidance to them in conducting Monitoring and evaluation.
- To coordinate the works of State and District level programmes
- To visit the States periodically to provide technical guidance and impart knowledge about best practices.
- To assist in the conduction of specific central and regional workshops.
- To analyze the data received from various States and to come up with suggestions wherever improvements are required in the execution of the activities.
- Documentation and dissemination of contribution of various interventions and success stories.
- To render overall help to the technical staff working in the cell.
- To perform other tasks specified by Mission Director.

STATE CONSULTANTS:

Duties:

- Liaisoning with SAUs, ICAR Institutes & other professional agencies.
- To coordinate with State level Standing Technical Committee (STC) for providing time to time knowledge support and technical feedback.
- To assist Nodal Department in planning, formulation of NMSA Mission Implementation Plan and Annual Action Plan.
- To establish time-lines and indicators for completion of each activity
- To supervise the quality of implementation of various interventions proposed in the Mission.
- To assist Mission Director and other senior officers in synchronizing and synergizing with line Departments of State Government, State Agriculture Universities, ICAR research institutions and other stake holders on technical front.
- To assist in programme monitoring, evaluation and uploading of information in the Monitoring Information System (MIS).
- To coordinate the works of District level programmes.
- To visit Districts periodically to provide technical guidance and impart knowledge about best practices.
- To assist in the conduction of specific central and regional workshops.
- To analyze the data received from various Districts and to come up with suggestions wherever improvements are required in the execution of the activities.
- Documentation and dissemination of contribution of various interventions and success stories.

- To render overall help to the technical staff working in the cell.
- Training of field staff engaged in NMSA work.
- Making available technical information required by National Level Monitoring team during its visit to the State.
- Development of technical literature/ extension materials for farmers.
- Compilation and documentation of contribution of various interventions under cluster demonstrations, lessons learnt and success stories from NMSA districts.
- To perform other tasks specified by Mission Director.

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS:

Duties:

- Liaisoning with KVK and other Agricultural Research Organizations located in the districts.
- Collection and maintenance of basic Agricultural and allied statistics of the district.
- Planning and supervising implementation of various Mission interventions and reporting performance, weather data to the State Mission Director/State Consultant.
- Development of technical/extension material for farmers in consultation with District Agriculture/Horticulture Officers and the State Consultants.
- Assisting District Nodal Officers in preparation of projects for various components and clusters.
- Assisting Panchayati Raj Institutions, in selection of village, clusters, beneficiaries, activities etc.
- Assisting District Officials in programme monitoring and reporting.
- To visit project areas/clusters periodically to provide technical guidance and supervision.
- Training of district extension staff in improved production and management practices.
- Analyze and documentation of the contribution of various interventions under cluster demonstrations and success stories.
- Any other work assigned by the District Level Committee of NMSA for effective implementation of various components of the Mission.