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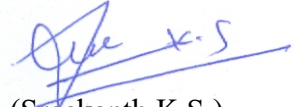
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

To

All Implementing Agencies/States/UTs concerned  
(FPOs - Agroforestry and Bamboo Sectors)

**Subject: Minutes of Virtual Meeting held on 21st June, 2021 at 03:00 PM under the Chairpersonship, Joint Secretary (NRM), DAC&FW to review the formation of FPOs in Agroforestry and Bamboo Sectors—reg.**

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the above meeting, for information and necessary action.



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**Encl: As above (01)**

Copy for information to:

1. PPS to Joint Secretary (NRM), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PA to Director (NRM), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Director (Marketing), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 at 03:00 PM under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary (NRM) of this Department to review the formation of FPOs in Agroforestry and Bamboo Sectors**

A Virtual Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 at 03:00 PM under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary (NRM) of this Department to review the progress of formation of FPOs in Agroforestry and Bamboo Sectors. The meeting was attended by approximately 45 participants comprising officials/officers from DAC&FW, representatives from concerned States Governments and from the Implementing Agencies (IAs) of FPOs viz. NABARD, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC). List of participants is given at **Annexure-I**.

2. Shri Ranjit Singh, Director (NRM) of this Department welcomed all participants and made an overview of the conference. Thereafter, Dr Om Prakash Sharma, Additional Commissioner (RFS & NRM) outlined briefly the progress on formation of FPOs in Bamboo and Agroforestry Sector with regard to preliminary discussion during the last meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

3. The details of discussion made during the meeting with IAs and concerned States are summarized as below:

(i) **NABARD:** The representation from NABARD stated that they are not in position to identify specific area/farmers actively involved in Bamboo & Agroforestry sectors. The representative from State Govt. of Karnataka pointed out that nobody from NABARD contacted them so far. After detailed discussion, the Chair requested NABARD to get in touch with Mission Director of States concerned and move ahead the initiatives and carry out the registration process at the earliest possible. NABARD assured to get in touch with SMDs of States concerned and then take the next steps and to get the registration done by the end of July, 2021.

(ii) **NAFED:** The representative from NAFED made a brief presentation on formation and promotion of Bamboo and Agroforestry FPOs zone-wise. Based on the baseline survey and mobilizing of farmers, they have allotted the proposed 36 Bamboo and Agroforestry FPOs to the CBBOs across the concerned States. It was informed that the registration of these FPOs would be completed by July, 2021 tentatively. The details of identified CBBOs and districts for these FPOs is at **Annexure-II**. It was informed that all the CBBOs have contacted the respective State Mission Directors and started work in all the states and NAFED would be able to complete the registration process by end of July, 2021.

(iii) **NERAMAC:** The representative from NERAMAC informed that they have selected 5 districts for allocation of 5 Bamboo FPOs in consultation with State Bamboo Mission ASSAM and assured to complete the registration process by the end of July, 2021.

(iv) **ASSAM:** The representative from ASSAM pointed out that due to covid-19 situation, inter-district movement is totally disrupted in the State and so that the progress is not up to the mark. They stated that State and IAs are trying to do their best and jointly collaborate with IAs and likely to complete the registration process by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021. The SBDA convened a meeting with the IAs and CBBOs on 23.05.2021.

(v) **Karnataka:** The representative from Karnataka stated that they have proposed 3 FPOs, one each for Sandalwood, Medicinal Plant and Melia dubia. The NABARD can contact them for support regarding formation of the FPOs by selecting the CBBOs.

(vi) **Madhya Pradesh:** The Representative from MP had stated that they have instructed Local DFO to extend the due-support to NAFED to expedite the process.

(vii) **Gujarat:** The representative from Gujarat stated that state has identified 2 clusters in Kheda District. Due to imposition of lockdown, the state has started the process in coordination with NAFED. He informed to complete the registration process at the earliest possible.

(viii) **Odisha:** The representative from Odisha Stated that the process for the FPO formation is going on and IA is in contact with the State Mission.

5. Shri Suresh Kumar S., Director (Marketing), DAC&FW has informed that DAC&FW has already released funds (50% administrative cost plus 50% cost of CBBOs) as 1<sup>st</sup> instalments to all the Implementing Agencies (IAs) to complete the due formality of formation of FPOs across the all the sectors and after getting utilization of funds and progress reports at ground level, the second instalments would be released.

6. At the end of the meeting, the Chair requested all the IAs (NABARD, NAFED & NERAMAC) to get in touch with SMDs of Agroforestry and Bamboo schemes in respective States and expedite the process of FPO formation. Similarly, the concerned State Govt were also asked to cooperate with IAs for augment the formation process of FPO in these sectors. **She also requested all the IAs to submit the progress reports, time line and steps being taken, for formation of FPOs at monthly basis.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

List of the Participants:

**From DAC & FW**

1. Smt. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary (NRM), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-  
Chairperson
2. Shri. Suresh Kumar S, Director (Marketing), DAC & FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Shri Ranjit Singh, Director (NRM), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Dr Om Prakash Sharma, Additional Commissioner (RFS / NRM), DAC&FW
5. Dr Mehraj Ajij Shaikh, Assistant Commissioner (NRM), DAC&FW
6. Shri Sreekanth K.S, Assistant Commissioner (NRM), DAC&FW

**From IAs & CBBOs**

1. Shri. Bhawani Shankar, DGM, NABARD
2. Shri Pankaj Kumar Prasad, AMD, NAFED
3. Shri. U Kurup, NAFED
4. Shri Vimal, NAFED
5. General Managaer, NERAMAC

**From State (NBM & SMAF)**

1. Ms. Anita S. Arekal, SMAF, Karnataka
2. Ms. Dimpri Bora, Deputy SMD and CEO of Assam Bamboo Mission, Assam
3. Representative from MP State Bamboo Mission, M.P.
4. Shri Chandra Prabha, Consultant Deptt. of Forests, Karnataka
5. Representative from Deptt Forests State Govt. of Gujarat, Odisha, Maharashtra.

## Annexure-II

The details of identified CBBOs and districts for 36 FPOs in Bamboo and Agroforestry Sectors by NAFED

Sector	No. of FPOs	CBBOs	Identified District	State Concerned	Registration Status
<b>South Zone</b>					
Agroforestry	02	Institute of Entrepreneurship and Development (IED)	Dharmapuri	Tamil Nadu	One registered while 2 <sup>nd</sup> one is to be registered by last week of June, 2021.
Agroforestry	03	DHAN Foundation	----	Tamil Nadu	Registration likely to be completed by July, 2021
<b>West Zone</b>					
Agroforestry	02	Palladium India Consulting Pvt Ltd	Kheda	Gujarat	-do-
Bamboo	03	-do-	Yavatmal, Nasik and Washim	Maharashtra	-do-
Bamboo	04	M/s Mark Agri Genetics Pvt Ltd	(Yavatmal, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli & Raigad)	Maharashtra	-do-
<b>North East Zone</b>					
Bamboo	07	Associated and Agro-Management Services (ATMS)	(Sivasnagar, Jorhat, Golaghat, Morigaon & Lakhimpur)	Assam	Tentatively registration to be completed by July, 2021
Bamboo	06	Qseal Agritech Pvt Ltd	Charaideo, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Nagaon, Kamrup, Barpeta	Assam	-do-
<b>East Zone</b>					
Bamboo	03	Shiksha O Anusadhan (SOA)	Khurdha, Mayurbhang	Odisha	-do-
<b>Central Zone</b>					

Bamboo	06	Dvara Trust	Dhar, Badwani, Satna, Khandwa, Sidhi, Airajpur	Madhya Pradesh	-do-
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