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Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
(Rainfed Farming Systems Division)

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Subject: Constitution of National Advisory Committee for National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) - reg.

National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been approved for implementation during XII Five Year Plan with the objective of making agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient. NMSA has been conceptualized by subsuming Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP), National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI), National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSH&F) and Soil and Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI).

2. The objectives of NMSA are as under:
- a) To make agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific Integrated/Composite Farming Systems;
 - b) To conserve natural resources through appropriate soil and moisture conservation measures;
 - c) To adopt comprehensive soil health management practices based on soil fertility maps, soil test based application of macro & micro nutrients, judicious use of fertilizers etc.;
 - d) To optimize utilization of water resources through efficient water management to expand coverage and increase water use efficiency.
 - e) To develop capacity of farmers & stakeholders, in conjunction with other on-going Missions e.g. National Mission on Agriculture Extension & Technology, National Food Security Mission, National Initiative for Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) etc., in the domain of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures;
 - f) To pilot models in select blocks for improving productivity of rainfed farming by mainstreaming rainfed technologies refined through NICRA and by leveraging resources from other schemes/Missions like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), RKVY etc.; and

- g) To establish an effective inter and intra Departmental/Ministerial co-ordination for accomplishing key deliverables of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture under the aegis of NAPCC.

3. A National Advisory Committee (NAC) is hereby constituted with the following composition in order to provide over all guidance for planning and implementation of the Mission at National level.

3.1 Composition

i	Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation	Chairman
ii	Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DAC	Member
iii	Additional Secretary (in charge of NRM&RFS Division), DAC	Member
iv	Representative from Ministry of Water Resources:	Member
v	Representative from Ministry of Rural Development:	Member
vi	Representative from Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Member
vii	Representative from Ministry of Environment & Forest	Member
viii	Representative from Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Member
ix	Representative from Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Member
x	Representative from Department of AYUSH	Member
xi	Representative from Department of Agricultural Research & Education,	Member
xii	Representative from Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries	Member
xiii	Representative from Department of Land Resources	Member
xiv	Representative from IMD, Department of Earth Sciences	Member
xv	Technical Expert of National Rainfed Area Authority	Member
xvi	Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission	Member
xvii	Joint Secretary (INM), DAC	Member
xviii	Joint Secretary (Horticulture), DAC	Member
xix	Joint Secretary (Crops)	Member
xx	Joint Secretary (NRM & RFS) & Mission Director (NMSA)	Member
		Secretary

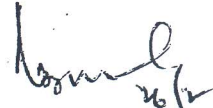
(Note: Representatives from Ministries/Departments to be not below the rank of Joint Secretary)

3.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)

The terms of reference of NAC are as under:

- i) To provide strategic direction for guidance and planning for effective implementation of the Mission.
- ii) To review the activities of the Mission and suggest corrective measures.
- iii) To approve special interventions for tackling emergent/unforeseen requirements.

- iv) To approve components/items of a project for which cost norms have not been specified.
- v) To amend the operational guidelines, decide need based re-allocation of resources across States.
- vi) The NAC will meet at least twice a year.


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Distribution:

- 1) Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources
- 2) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
- 3) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 4) Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest
- 5) Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 6) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 7) Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education,
- 8) Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries,
- 9) Secretary, Department of Land Resources
- 10) Secretary, Department of AYUSH
- 11) DG, IMD, Department of Earth Sciences
- 11) CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)
- 12) Additional Secretary & FA, DAC.
- 13) Additional Secretary, (in charge of NRM/RFS, Division) DAC
- 14) Joint Secretary (INM)/ Joint Secretary (Horticulture)/Joint Secretary (Crops), DAC
- 15) Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission.
- 16) Senior PPS to Secretary (A&C), PS to JS (RFS & NRM).