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

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Subject: Constitution of Project Sanctioning 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 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 Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) is constituted as under to oversee the activities of the Mission and to approve the annual State Action Plans.

3.1 Composition

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| i. | Joint Secretary(NRM&RFS) & Mission Director (NMSA),DAC | Chairman |
| ii. | Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission | Member |
| iii. | Representative from Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) | Member |
| iv. | Representative from Department of Land Resources | Member |
| v. | Representative from Department of Rural Development | Member |
| vi. | Representative from Ministry of Water Resources: | Member |
| vii. | Representative from Ministry of Tribal Affairs | Member |
| viii. | Representative from Ministry of Environment & Forest | Member |
| ix. | Representative from Department of Animal Husbandry
Dairying & Fisheries, | Member |
| x. | Representative from Department of AYUSH | Member |
| xi. | Representative from Department of Science and Technology | Member |
| xii. | Representative from IMD, Department of Earth Sciences | Member |
| xiii. | Representative from INM Division, DAC | Member |
| xiv. | Representatives from RKVY/ NFSM/MIDH/NMAE&T /NMOOP | Member |
| xv. | Joint Secretary, NCPAH, DAC | Member |
| xvi. | Additional Commissioner (RFS) | Member Secretary |

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

3.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)

The terms of reference of the PSC are as under:

- i) To approve Mission Implementation Plan and Annual Action Plans of States including revision wherever necessary.
- ii) To approve projects within approved subsidy norms of Mission Components.
- iii) To allocate resources across the States.
- iv) To provide overall supervision, guidance and planning for effective implementation of the Mission.
- v) To review the progress of the Mission and suggest corrective measures.

- vi) To approve the National Level pilot/innovative/studies on Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture.
- vii) To decide and approve agencies for evaluation studies or specific assignments through outsourcing or contracts.



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2. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest
3. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
4. Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
5. Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries,
6. Secretary, Department of Land Resources
7. Secretary, Department of Rural Development
8. CEO, Technical Expert of National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)
9. Secretary, Department of AYUSH
10. Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
11. DG, IMD, Department of Earth Sciences
12. Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission
13. Joint Secretary (INM),DAC
14. Joint Secretary (MIDH)/Joint Secretary (NFMS), /Joint Secretary (RKVY) / Joint Secretary (NMAE&T)/ Joint Secretary (NMOOP), Joint Secretary, NCPAH,DAC
15. PS to JS (RFS & NRM).