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Subject: Constitution of Standing Technical 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 Standing Technical Committee (STC) is constituted as under to provide time to time knowledge support and technical feed back to the Project Sanctioning Committee and National Advisory Committee of NMSA.

3.1 Composition

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| i. Director, Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture, ICAR, | Chairman |
| ii. Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission | Member |
| iii. Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute, ICAR | Member |
| iv. Director, National Research Centre for Agroforestry (NRCAF) | Member |
| v. Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region | Member |
| vi. Director Indian Institute of Soil Science (ISSO), | Member |
| vii. Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region | Member |
| viii. Director, Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack, ICAR | Member |
| ix. Representative from IARI, | Member |
| x. Director, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), DAC | Member |
| xi. Representative from five selected SAUs/ Professional of National/ International eminence each covering Eastern, Western, Northern, Southern & NE region of the country on rotation basis. | Member |
| xii. Technical experts engaged under NMSA | Member |
| xiii. Chief Soil Survey Officer, Soil & Land Use Survey of India(SLUSI) | Member Secretary |

3.2 Terms of Reference (ToR)

The terms of reference of the STC are as under:

- i. To guide and advise the PSC on the technical aspects of climate change adaptation and strategies for long-term planning for sustainable agriculture.
- ii. To examine Mission Implementation Plan on the pretext of technical feasibility.
- iii. To monitor & assess the performance of the Mission and suggest modalities of improvement on technical and scientific prospectives.
- iv. To suggest PSC on engagement of Scientific/Technical agencies for evaluation studies or, engagement for specific tasks through outsourcing.
- v. To update the PSC on the latest technological information on sustainable agriculture and climate change adaptation & mitigation for strategic improvements in programme implementation.

- vi. To recommend PSC on the identified pilot blocks by State Government and consortium partner in the context of agro ecological conditions & suitable adaptation strategies.
- vii. STC will meet at least once in three months and submit its report to the PSC on the implementation of NMSA along with technical suggestions.


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13. Senior PPS to Secretary (A&C), PS to JS (RFS & NRM).