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12 Projects sanctioned for sustainable agriculture and augmentation of farmers' income.

Annual Action Plan of Rs 9,136 lakh under sub-schemes approved for 2020-21

Chief Secretary directed for fixing definite deliverables and timelines against each project.

Bhubaneswar, 31 Dec

In another step towards sustainable agriculture and doubling of farmers' income, Government has sanctioned 12 new projects of worth Rs.7,295.25 lakh under Rastriya Krushi Vikash Yojana (RKVY). The projects have been sanctioned in the State Level Sanctioning Committee meeting held on digital mode under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy wherein Principal Secretary Agriculture and Farmers empowerment Sri Saurabh Garg outlined the issues for discussion.

Giving sanction to the projects, Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy directed to specify deliverables with time lines against each project and monitor those closely. He further directed to do due diligence at different levels of the project implementation and bring out necessary modifications as per ground level feed back in the light of the changing need of the farmers. Sri Tripathy also directed to identify the projects having potential for promotion of agri-entrepreneurship from among the ongoing projects. The project implementing departments and agencies were asked to expedite implementation of the projects through ground level monitoring.

While presenting the projects submitted by different departments, Principal Secretary Sri Garg outlined their technical, financial and administrative aspects for discussion. Sri Garg also lighted upon necessity of the projects in the light of their direct benefit to the farmers. A total number of 12 projects of worth Rs, 7295.25 lakhs were presented by the project proponents. Considering their importance and feasibility, Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy accorded approval to the projects. These projects would be financed both by the Central and State Government on 60:40 sharing basis.

The major projects approved included promotion of pheromone traps for managing all army worm and insects on crops, e-paste surveillance and management, promotion of soil less nursery in tribal regions, promotion of high value crops, supply of kitchen garden kits, support to WSHGs for mushroom cultivation, planting material support for flower cultivation, renovation and modernization of old diary plants, promotion of nutria garden in tribal area, construction of seed storage godown at nine places in different districts, supply of mango grafts for backyard plantation, and, supply of mix fruit plants for backyard plantation.

The committee also considered and approved the Annual Action Plan (APP) of Rs.9136 lakh under different sub-schemes like Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (Rs.8884 lakh), Reclamation of Problematic Soils (Rs.250 lakh), and Crop diversification Programme (Rs.1.960 lakh). Considering the covid impact on field level activities, Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy granted time extension for 26 major projects in horticulture. aquaculture, orchids, breeder seed processing, fish processing, coconut and integrated farming.

Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Agriculture Production Commissioner Sri Raj Kumar Sharma, Principal Secretary Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Sri Sourav Garg, Principal Secretary Finance Sri Ashok Kumar Meena, Director Agriculture Sri Muthu Kumar along with Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of concerned departments and members of the SLSC participated in the discussions.

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PRO to Chief Secretary