

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF STATE LEVEL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (SLTC)

Venue: PWD Conference Hall, 8th Floor, Nabanna

Date: 04.03. 2022

Time: 03:00 P.M.

Shri Onkar Singh Meena, Principal Secretary to The Government of West Bengal, Department of Agriculture and Chairman of State Level Technical Committee, chaired the meeting. The Chairman welcomed the participants and requested all the participants to introduce themselves. The Chairman then requested Shri J Roy, Special Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal to initiate the discussion. The Special Secretary briefed the House regarding the SoF received from various districts and requested The Managing Director, The West Bengal State Co-operative Bank Ltd. and convenor SLTC to present the SoF.

Then agenda wise discussion started and the following decisions were taken:

Agenda no. 1. Finalising district wise Scale of Finance for Agriculture and Horticulture Crops and schemes under working capital requirement for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sector for 2022-23:

After compilation of proposals of Scale of Finance for 2022-23 for Agriculture and Horticulture crops, received from all districts of West Bengal as per recommendation of District Level Technical Committee meetings in an excel sheet, the same has been shared with Directorates of Agriculture and Horticulture for reviewing the proposed Scale of Finance.

Agriculture Crops:

- i. As per observation received from the Directorate of Agriculture regarding abnormally high Scale of Finance for some crops, the following modifications have been made after receiving confirmation over mail from the district concerned:

(Amount in Rs per Acre)

Sl No.	District	Crop	Earlier proposed	Modified
1.	Coochbehar	Potato	1,08,165/-	85,360/-
2.	Coochbehar	Sugarcane	1,11,620/-	61,600/-
3.	Coochbehar	Groundnut	45,420/-	35,750/-

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- ii. As per suggestion from NABARD official present in the meeting SoF on Agriculture was reviewed as per agro-climatic zone and matter was discussed with concerned districts. The DDA(Admn.), Dakshin Dinajpur has proposed some modifications and the same is mentioned below :

(Amount in Rs per Acre)

Sl No.	District	Crop	Earlier proposed	Modified
1.	Dakshin Dinajpur	Aman (local)	20,900/-	28,000/-
2.	Dakshin Dinajpur	Aman (HYV)	28,000/-	32,000/-

- iii. From the perspective of incorporation of some notified crops like Gram, Moong, Lentil and Khesari, the following SoF has been suggested by the districts concerned :

District	SOF of Crop (Rs/Acre)			
	Gram	Moong	Lentil	Khesari
Nadia	23300/-	25100/-	23300/-	-
South 24 Pgs	-	-	-	12000/-
Purba Medinipur	-	-	-	14974/-
Paschim Midnapur	-	14000/-	14000/-	-
Jhargram	-	14000/-	14000/-	-
Birbhum	14428/-	12988/-	13240/-	-
PurbaBardhaman	-	-	15200/-	15200/-
Paschim Bardhaman	-	-	15200/-	-
Malda	13000/-	13000/-	13000/-	13000/-
Murshidabad	19325/-	19325/-	19325/-	-

The aforementioned modifications have been incorporated and the revised SoF for Agriculture Crops has been annexed accordingly at Annex1-Agril.

Horticulture Crops:

From Horticulture Directorate, confirmation of proposed compiled Scale of Finance for all districts in the state has been received and incorporated in the annexure. Some queries have been raised regarding Scale of Finance of some horticulture crops by member participants present in the meeting. The Director of Horticulture has suggested modifications to the Scale of Finance for some Horticulture crops like, Dragon Fruit in Malda, Lemon in Jalpaiguri, Mango in Uttar Dinajpur, Strawberry in Purulia, Watermelon in Howrah, Ladies Finger and Brinjal in Uttar Dinajpur etc. which have been incorporated and the modified SoF for Horticulture Crops has been annexed at Annex2- Horti.

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Animal Husbandry:

The Directorate of Animal Husbandry has proposed SoF for working capital for eligible ARD schemes for the financial year 2022-23 and the same has been accepted by the house. The SoF is annexed at **Annex3-ARD**.

Fishery:

Dr. Kishore Dhara, Dy. Director of Fisheries, the representative of Directorate of Fisheries submitted an indicative Scale of Finance that could be taken up for working capital for fishery projects under KCC & MJCC during 2022-23. He also mentioned that confirmation of the Department of Fisheries reregarding the said indicative SoF was still awaited. The MD, WBSCL pointed out that finance for Fish vending on bicycle with insulated box was not allowed in SoF in terms of RBI Memo No. FIDD.KOL.LBS.No.488/ 03.01.025/2020-21 Dated June 29, 2020. The house has no objection to the other parts of the indicative Scale of Finance proposed by Directorate of Fisheries and annexed at **Annex4-Fishery**.

There being no other issues, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

(Onkar Singh Meena)
Chairman

State Level Technical Committee

List of Participants to the 3rd Meeting of SLTC held on 04.03.2022

1. Shri Onkar Singh Meena, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal
2. Shri Jitendra Roy, Special Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal
3. Shri Samrat Mukherjee, DGM, NABARD, Kolkata R.O.
4. Shri B Mukherjee, Additional Director of Agriculture (Evaluation), West Bengal
5. Shri Manasij Mukhopadhyay, Managing Director, The WBSCB Ltd.
6. Shri Niloy Roy, Senior Manager, SLBC, West Bengal
7. Shri Sandip Das, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Government of West Bengal
8. Dr Kishore Dhara, Deputy Director of Fisheries (HQ), Fisheries Department, Government of West Bengal
9. Dr K P Mukherjee, Assistant Director, Animal Resource Development Department, Government of West Bengal
10. Shri Sandipan Chakraborty, DGM (IDD), The WBSCB Ltd.
11. Shri Kalyan Kumar Kar, AGM (IDD), The WBSCB Ltd.