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Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Central Steering Committee held on 01.5.2008 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) to review the progress made under Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE) during 2007-08 and for discussion & finalization of Annual Action Plan of implementing states under MM-II of TMNE for the year 2008-09 - regarding

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the Meeting of Central Steering Committee held under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.K. Mishra, Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation) on 01.5.2008 at 11.00 A.M. in Committee Room No.142, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. This is for kind information and necessary action.

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Distribution:

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3. Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhvan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing, Panchsheel Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Principal Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Additional Secretary (Hort.), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
7. Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, DAC
8. Chief Secretary/APC, Government of Arunachal Pradesh/ Assam/Manipur/Meghalaya/Mizoram/Nagaland/Sikkim/Tripura/ Jammu & Kashmir/Himachal Pradesh/Uttarakhand.

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The list of participants is given at **Annexure-I**.

Horticulture Commissioner after welcoming the participants requested all the concerned State Governments to make brief presentation on the progress of achievements made under TMNE during 2007-08 and on the action plan proposals under MM-II for the year 2008-09. Horticulture Commissioner also highlighted the following issues which needs to be taken up by the implementing States/implementing agencies:

- (i) All the implementing States/implementing agencies must submit the audited utilization certificate for the year 2006-07 and also for 2007-08. The UC for the year 2007-08 should be submitted in consolidated form rather than in installment basis. The State must utilize the unspent balance if any for the approved programme and submit the UC for the same.
- (ii) In some States such as Nagaland there is lack of coordination between horticulture and agriculture in implementation of programmes under marketing infrastructure. Horticulture Commissioner suggested that as far as possible implementation parts on development of marketing infrastructure, State Horticulture Department should be assigned this responsibility by State Government.
- (iii) Technology Mission Cell, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has started releasing all funds to SFAC and also to Nodal Institutions under MM-I through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) on the same day of sanction. SFAC must ensure that the funds released by DAC to SFAC must be transmitted to slate SFAC and further to implementing agencies through RTGS on the same day of receipt of funds. The compliance report must be submitted immediately to Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

Horticulture Commissioner also requested implementing States to provide their bank code and other details to State SFAC/Central SFAC for release of funds through RTGS.

(iv) Horticulture Commissioner has emphasized that the State Level Steering Committee in each State must ensure that the programmes undertaken by North Eastern Council and other departments for creating infrastructure such as link road, etc. must be converged with Technology Mission so that the scheme could be implemented in more effective way.

Thereafter, all the 11 States were invited one by one starting from Assam to make presentation on progress of the work done under TMNE during 2007-08 and the Action Plan for the year 2008-09:

1. Assam: Mission Director (SHM), Government of Assam made presentation on the progress of the previous year and action plan for the year 2008-09 and mentioned that though the programme has picked up in Assam at a later stage but 22% area and 58% production under vegetable has been enhanced since the inception of the scheme. Shri J.P. Meena, Agriculture Production Commissioner has mentioned that the entire State has been divided into clusters and the programme is very well designed for effective implementation of the programmes for overall enhancement of area and production of horticultural crops. He further mentioned that the marketing and processing aspect has been well taken care of in the State. The State has utilized Rs.2200 lakhs against the allocated fund of Rs.2680 lakhs and UC of balance amount will be submitted shortly. The total requirement of funds under MM-II projected by State is Rs.9468.65 lakhs. He mentioned that there is delay on the part of MFPI for providing subsidy to the entrepreneurs for establishing processing industry. In some cases, the processing plants have been commissioned for the last two years but the assistance/subsidy has not been provided by MFPI and requested Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for taking up with Ministry of Food Processing for early clearance of the proposals so that the objective of the scheme could be achieved.

2. Arunachal Pradesh : Mission Director (SHM), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh made a presentation. He has mentioned that Rs.1836.00 lakhs has been utilized against the allocated Rs.2830.00 lakhs during 2007-08. The balance amount of Rs.994 lakhs has been dispersed to District Units for completion of approved action plan. The UC will be submitted for entire amount shortly. The State project its requirement of funds of Rs.3420.83 lakhs for the year 2008-09. The Mission Director (SHM) has requested for consideration of more funds under perennial fruits like orange, peach, plum, kiwi, apple etc. for area expansion programmes. ADG (Hort.) has emphasized that the Mission Director should have more interaction with concerned nodal institutions under MM-I for ensuring the quality planting material for undertaking programmes under area expansion.

3. Himachal Pradesh: Principal Secretary (Hort.), Himachal Pradesh made presentation on the progress made during 2007-08 and also made presentation on Action Plan 2008-09. Mission Director, Govt. of Himachal

Pradesh has mentioned that Rs.2100 lakhs has been utilized against Rs.2400 lakhs for 2007-08 and the balance amount of Rs.300 lakhs has already been disbursed to field functionaries, UC for the same will be submitted shortly. Mission Director requested more funds for area expansion programmes for fruits, herbs, medicinal and aromatic plants. Mission Director has further mentioned that large quantities of quality planting material for apple, cherry, peach, plum etc. has been imported especially from USA which has led to considerable production enhancement in the State. He has further mentioned that the production of horticulture produce has been considerably enhanced since inception of the scheme in the State as per details given below:

Fruits	-	10.9%
Vegetables	-	9.82%
Flowers	-	250.8%
Medicinal Plants	-	20.21%

Mission Director (SHM), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has requested Secretary (A&C) to consider the proposal for Anti-Hail Gun at least one number at initial stage which will be imported. Secretary (A&C) told that State Government may submit the project proposal separately which may be considered by this Department. The total projection made by the State of Rs.9999.87 lakhs for the year 2008-09.

In the Action Plan, the State Government proposed number of laboratories to be taken up for 2008-09. Secretary (A&C) has mentioned that State has already been taken during the previous years therefore there is no necessity of taking in this year.

4. Jammu & Kashmir : Mission Director (SHM). Government of J&K made detailed presentation on the progress made during 2007-08 and mentioned that funds released by Government of India has been fully utilized during the current year and the unspent balance of the previous year (2007-08) has also been utilized. Secretary (Agri. & Hort.), Govt. of J&K has mentioned that a coordinated approach will be adopted for implementation of the programmes in J&K during 2008-09 and requested for more funds for enhancing horticultural production as the State of J&K has huge potential of horticulture. The total projection made by the State of J&K for the year was Rs.6015.13 lakhs. Though, there are certain constraints, the State of J&K is facing such as non-availability of tissue culture laboratories, cold chains, link roads, post harvest management and insufficient funds for capacity building programmes for farmers. ADJ(Hort.) has emphasized that there should be more coordination between the nodal institutions under MM-I and State Horticulture Department for effective implementation of the programmes under technology missions. Secretary (Hort.), Govt. of J&K has mentioned that there is very good linkage between SKUAT and Hort. Department for production/Distribution of quality planting materials.

5. Mizoram: Mission Director (SHM), Government of Mizoram made a presentation and requested for more funds of Rs.6.00 crores for turmeric

cultivation. He has mentioned that State has huge potential of horticulture and the programmes are implemented in the best way. The State Department of Horticulture has made collaboration with Israel companies for development of hi-tech infrastructure including micro irrigation in the State. The State has utilized allocated funds fully and submitted the UC. The State has projected its requirement of Rs.7729.00 lakhs for the year 2008-09.

6. Meghalaya: Agriculture Production Commissioner, Govt. of Meghalaya has made a brief presentation on the progress made during 2007-08 as well as action plan 2008-09 and highlighted their achievement as well as components to be covered in the Action Plan 2008-09. The State proposed its requirement of funds of Rs.3142.99 lakhs for the year 2008-09. Secretary (A&C) has appreciated the efforts made by Government of Meghalaya for taking effective steps for creating post harvest management of horticultural produce. Secretary (A&C) has mentioned that other States should also make effort for development of infrastructure under marketing, PHM & Food processing sector so that the programmes are implemented in an integrated manner to achieve the desired objective of the Mission.

7. Manipur: Secretary (Hort.), Government of Manipur made a presentation on the progress made during 2007-08 as well as action plan 2008-09. He has mentioned that full allocated funds have been fully utilized by the State and the UC will be submitted to Technology Mission Cell, DAC shortly. The State has proposed Rs.2933.28 lakhs for the year 2008-09. Secretary (Hort.), Govt. of Manipur has requested Secretary (A&C) that an informal meeting should be held with Mission Directors and other officials of the State Government's of North-Eastern and Himalayan States at State Governments housed in Delhi the day before the next Central Steering Committee meeting so that the success stories of each State could be discussed and the useful informations are shared by each of the implementing States. He offered that the Manipur State will be the first to host the meeting next year in the Manipur House at Delhi before the Central Steering Committee meeting. Secretary (A&C) has agreed for the suggestion and informed that action could be taken accordingly.

8. Nagaland – Mission Director (SHM), Govt. of Nagaland made a presentation on progress made during 2007-08 and on Action Plan 2008-09. He has mentioned that the allocated funds of Rs.2500 lakhs during 2007-08 has been fully utilized and proposed total annual action plan of Rs.5059 lakhs for the year 2008-09. He has mentioned that Nagaland has huge potential for fruits crops such as citrus, kiwis, passion fruits and also flowers.

9. Uttarakhand: Mission Director (SHM), Govt. of Uttarakhand made a brief presentation on their progress made in 2007-08 under TMNE and on action plan 2008-09. He has mentioned that State has been declared organic therefore, more funds are required for IPM, INM and other organic components. He has further mentioned that some of the components of the horticultural crops are borne by the State Government from their State Action Plan for the benefit of the farmers. He mentioned that about 4000

ha of orchards were damaged in Uttarakhand and appreciated the efforts of Government of India for immediately releasing Rs.4.39 crores for area expansion/rejuvenation/replanting of orchards in the affected areas. The Mission Director has proposed Rs.5434 lakhs for the year 2008-09.

10. Sikkim: Mission Director (SHM), Govt. of Sikkim made a brief presentation on the progress made in 2007-08 under TMNE and action plan 2008-09. He mentioned that Rs.3108.13 lakhs has been utilized against Rs.3110 lakhs for the year 2007-08 and the balance unspent will be utilized against the approved action plan 2008-09. The State has proposed Rs.4118.60 lakhs for the year 2008-09. Secretary (A&C) has appreciated the work done under TMNE in the State of Sikkim and assured all possible assistance for further development of horticulture under the Technology Mission.

11. Tripura: Representative of Tripura made a presentation on the progress made during 2007-08 as well action plan 2008-09. He has mentioned that Rs.1533.33 lakhs has been utilized against the allocated fund of Rs.2400.00 lakhs during 2007-08 and the balance amount of Rs.866.67 lakhs will be utilized during 2008-09 against the approved programmes. He has proposed Rs.2553.00 lakhs for the year 2008-09.

Chairman in his concluding remarks emphasized the need for use of quality planting material and adoption of suitable technologies for production of horticulture crops and also stretched the need for creation of adequate facilities for post-harvest management, marketing and processing. Based on the presentation made by States, potential for horticultural development, progress of achievements and utilization of funds, the district-wise action plan of each of the 11 States under MM-II of Technology Mission for the year 2008-09 has been finalized and shall be communicated to all the Mission Directors of North-East and Himalayan States for timely and effective implementation of the programmes under TMNE.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thank to the Chair.

List of participants:

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6. Shri Bijay Kumar, Managing Director, NHB, Gurgaon.
7. Shri J.P. Meena, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Assam. Guwahati, Assam.
8. Shri V.S. Oberoi, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Meghalaya, Civil Secretariat, Shillong, Meghalaya.
9. Smt. Sonali Kumar, Pr. Secretary, Agri. Prod. Deptt. J&K, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
10. Dr. P.C. Kapoor, Pr. Secretary (Hort.), Secretariat, Himachal Pradesh, Govt. of H.P., Shimla.
11. Shri V. Vumlunmong (IAS), Secretary Horticulture, Government of Manipur secretariat South Block, Imphal-795001.
12. Shri S. IMCHEN, Commissioner & Secretary (Hort.), Civil Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland.
13. Dr. S.N. Pandey, ADG (H-I), ICAR, KAB-II, Pusa, New Delhi-110012.
14. Shri Daljeet Singh, Dir (Agri.), Planning Commission, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
15. Shri K.S. Sethi, Director (Finance), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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17. Dr. Sahadeva Singh, Deputy Commissioner (Hort.), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
18. Dr. Alok Tyagi, Mission Director & Director (Hort.), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
19. Dr. H. Barooah, Mission Director & Director(Hort.), Department of Horticulture, Government of Assam, Khanpara, Guwahati, Assam.
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24. Shri Nazir Ahmad Wani, Mission Director(SHM) & Director (Horticulture), Government of J&K, Rajbagh, Srinagar.
25. Dr. D.R. Gautam, Mission Director (SHM) & Director (Hort.), Government of Uttarkhand, Directorate of Horticulture, Dehradun.

26. Dr. Gurdev Singh, Mission Director (SHM) & Director (Hort.), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
27. Dr. D.P. Sarkar, Joint Director (Agri.), Directorate of Hort. & Soil Conservation, Tripura.
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29. Shri Vinod Balasharna, Director (Agriculture), Agriculture Department, Krishi Bhawan Talab Tillo Jammu, J&K.
30. Shri Bashir. Ahmad, Director, CAD, Jammu, Talab, Tillo, Sole Push Jammu, J&K.
31. Dr. M.S. Qasba, Director Hort. Jammu, Talab Tillo Jammu, J&K.
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34. Shri. K.K.Sharma, Director (Floriculture), Jammu, 24-C/C, Gandhinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
35. Shri K. Nagacham, Director (Hort.), Government of Manipur, Imphal, Manipur.
36. Dr. Sheikh Bilal Ahmed, Professor & Head, Div. of Entomology Skvast Kashmir, J&K.
37. Shri Venkutesh N. Hubballi, Director, Dte. of Cashewnut & Cocoa, Cochin.
38. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Director, Dtc. Of Arecanut & spices Development Calicut, Kerala.
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50. Shri. Snair Sena, Marketing Officer, Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima, Nagaland.