

Proceedings of the SAC (Scientific Advisory Committee) meeting 2014-15

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra has conducted fourth Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting at office premises, Pampoli on 17th December, 2014 which was attended by almost all the line departments. Mr. Sandeep Kumar Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Kameng district, Seppa has chaired the meeting. The meeting was started with play of ICAR theme song followed by felicitation of Deputy Commissioner with Nishi muffler. Then in, DC carried forwarded the meeting.

At onset Dr. Sanjoy Borthakur, Programme Coordinator cum member secretary, East Kameng, Pampoli gave information about aims and objectives of SAC meeting to the newly joined members of SAC meeting. It was followed by welcome address cum presentation in detail on progress report for the current year till December 2014 and action plan for the year 2015-2016.

After completion of the presentation Deputy Commissioner requested the house for discussion on the presentation and requested the members to give their valuable inputs for the action plan 2015-2016 as well as about the works that can be done in collaboration with the other dept. for the benefits of progressive farmers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISCUSSION AND VIEWS OF THE HOUSE:

Starting with the discussion in regards the collaboration of activities Dr. S. Borthakur , P.C, KVK East Kameng, has put forward three points viz., Combining of all the activities of different departments in few beneficiaries, Passing of information to each other /coordination to avoid repetitions and Combined efforts for jhum land development (at least one beneficiary/yr) [Agri-Horti-Silvi]. On third point i.e. Jhum land development, ADO, Seppa J.U Bahar representing District Agriculture Officer told that in most of the nearby places people has adopted settled cultivation, so it will be better to select distant area. But he opined with the first point on putting efforts by all the allied dept. and adopting village for the development of few selected progressive farmers. In this point Deputy Commissioner asked for the formation of model village and to carry out all the activities with combined efforts, he also asked all the dept. to inform beneficiaries to have compulsory training through KVK in order to get selected as beneficiary under different project like RKVY, NFSM, ATMA, TM etc. DC has also opined for formation of Board with members from all departments if required to monitor the supplier so that the quality inputs can be given to beneficiary.

Dr. S. Borthakur, Programme Coordinator, East Kameng, Seppa has stressed to avoid repetition of training conducted by different departments and all the HODs agreed upon it. He also stressed upon adoption of well connected village for

adoption and to prepare a road map for the purpose. Deputy Commissioner has suggested for another sitting of the stake holders and to prepare the road map.

In regards to supply of inputs to beneficiary, Deputy Commissioner suggested that the items being supplied to farmers should be procured preferably from locally available sources like KVK and farmers for minimizing the cost as well as benefitting the local producers. He specifically asked the Department of Agriculture to make necessary arrangement for procurement of rice seed from KVK so that the KVK, can earn some revenue and utilize it for development of demonstration farm which will help to a large extent for all the Departments as well as the farmers of the district a lot.

Deputy Commissioner, East Kameng, Seppa has asked HFA representing Horticulture dept. to convey the message of the meeting to the District Horticulture Officer and specifically directed to give importance in coordination with other Dept. He also suggested to develop the Govt. Farms/Nurseries located in different parts of the district and in this respect asked the KVK to give the technical inputs and if possible to place OFT or FLD in these farms.

Dr. M. Modi, DVO, East Kameng, Seppa has also supported the proposal for adoption of village and advocated for selecting few beneficiaries in the village through all the schemes available in different departments. He also shared his experiences in the district especially regarding the selection of the beneficiaries and opined that coordinated effort will help in monitoring the scheme. Deputy Commissioner urged him to encourage the farmers on rearing of domestic animals and to give proper training and to involve KVK as and when required. Programme Assistant (Animal Science) of KVK has requested DVO to supply medicine from their Dept. as many of the local people surrounding nearby places approaches him for the treatment of their animals instead of going to the veterinary dept., Seppa. DVO accepted the proposal with a request to submit monthly report for onward submission.

For the Fishery Dept. as nobody has represented, Deputy Commissioner asked the Department to work out on reclamation of fish pond as well as asked to give proper guidance and training to the beneficiaries through KVK.

On mid of the discussion DC mentioned about the rubber plantation at Seijosa, which was planted at large scale by many farmers. But, while visiting the site he felt that the farmers do not have proper knowledge about tapping and marketing. So he requested KVK, Agriculture and horticulture dept. to plan for visiting the site and to conduct required training for the farmers.

Project Director, DRDA, Mr. K. Nyodu, East Kameng, Seppa accepting the views of the members of the house, mentioned that there has to be technical inputs either through KVK or other dept, whoever the projects has been adopted. He also informed that the IWMP projects are ongoing in different villages of the district and benefits of the project may also be incorporated in the adopted village as decided by the house. He also mentioned about the citrus decline in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and

requested all the stakeholders present in the meeting to take appropriate action in this regard in the district before it becomes a major problem like other areas of the state.

Mr. D.N Saikia, District research officer, East Kameng, Seppa, thanks the Programme Coordinator for giving him a chance to attend the meeting from the beginning of the KVK. He informed it is his last SAC meeting as he is getting retired shortly and appreciated the work of KVK. He opined that over these five years, KVK has done many good works for the benefits of farmers. He also expressed that the district has vast fertile land and favourable environment for almost all the crops and has scope to become a developed district.

Mr. R.F Rimo, farmers member has also put forwarded his views. He told that KVK has done a very good job in spite of facing lots of problems. He also mentioned the matter of incompletion of residential buildings for more than three years and requested the Deputy Commissioner to look into the matter.

Mrs. Chunni Rimo, farmwoman member expressed her happiness to be present in meeting and expressed her satisfaction over the initiatives taken by the Programme Coordinator as well as other scientists of KVK for introducing new crop and crop varieties. She also expressed thanks to other department for their help as and when required. She expressed happiness about the resolution of the house to work in a coordinated manner.

At last, Deputy Commissioner, chairman of the meeting summarizes the views of members and expressed that the Kendra is conducting its activities in a systematic manner and opined that collaborative approach of all the stake holders will enhance the production and productivity of crops and livestock in the district leading to improvement in the economy. He also requested all to broaden the activities to far flung areas of the district in a phased manner. The house adopts the Action plan 2015-16 of the Kendra for presenting in the forthcoming Workshop of KVKs of Zone III.

The meeting was ended with the vote of thanks from Programme Coordinator cum member secretary of the SAC.



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