Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie

"Research Study on Transparency in Primary Commodity Procurement"

Minutes of the Meeting dated 9th November, 2020

I. Members present:

1. Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie

2. Shri Meenesh Shah, Executive Director, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Managing Director, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, NAFED

4. Shri. N. Ramesh, Executive Director, Pulses and Oilseeds, NAFED

5. Dr. Shailendra Singh, Dy General, National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE)

6. Dr. Satish Chandra Pant, Assistant Professor, CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM)

7. Sh. Nitin Lahoti, Manager – Innovation Management NIAM Agri-Business Incubator (NABI), CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (CCS NIAM)

8. Dr. D V Deshpande, Professor, Vaikuntha Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM)

9. Prof. Sandip Mitra, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata

10. Prof. Debasis Sengupta, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata

11. Shri Kishor Supekar, Managing Director, National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd (NCDFI)

12. Shri K.C. Sahu, GM, Food Corporation of India (FCI)

13. Prof. Nakul Parameswar, Assistant Professor, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA)

14. Ms. Anupama John K, Research Associate, IRMA

15. Ms. Komal Kesarwani, Consultant Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie

16. Dr. Milind Ramteke, Dy Director & Coordinator Center for Cooperatives and Livelihood (CCL), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie

II. Key Discussion Points:

1. Prof. Nakul from IRMA presented the progress made in the project until the month of October 2020.

2. Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie suggested to include Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata in the questionnaire development process. Also he suggested IRMA to involve all the other Knowledge Partnering Institutions such as MANAGE Hyderabad, CCSD-NIAM Jaipur, VAMNICOM Pune in the survey and sampling process as per their reginal outreach.

3. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, NAFED agreed to do the needful to facilitate visits by the working group team to its various procurement centres.

4. Shri K.C. Sahu, FCI agreed to provide remaining data for Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana.

5. Prof Sandeep Mitra from Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata suggested to provide necessary database to Indian Statistical Institutes (ISI) for preparation of suitable research designe for the Research Study.

6. Dr. Shalendra Singh, MANAGE extended support from their side for the completion of survey and associated procedures.

7. Dr. Dilip Deshpande, VAMNICOM suggested the possibility of studying the interaction effects of different types of farmers and their responses.

8. Dr. Satish Chandra Pant, NIAM suggested that FPOs as sources of supply to the agencies may be a good alternative.

9. Sh. Kishor Supekar, NCDFI emphasized on the role of IT and quality in bringing transparency to the process.

10. Sh. Meenesh Shah, NDDB appreciated the presentation, and agreed to Dr. Sanjeev Chopra's suggestion to collaborate with KPIs, as needed by IRMA.

III.   Key Next Steps:

1. The team will work towards the fine tuning of the sampling process and consult Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata for its views in the finalization through an online meet shortly.

2. Test the questionnaire in and around Anand with NAFED/Dairy Cooperatives/ FCI centres.

3. Appoint a survey agency for initiating the main survey.

4. Develop case study protocols for qualitative studies to be taken up in December.

Meeting ended with thanks to all.

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To,

- All the concerned