

**Minutes of the meeting held on 22.12.2014 & 23.12.2014 under the Chairmanship of Project Director, RACP to review the progress of Restructuring of the World Bank funded Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project (RACP)**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Project Director, RACP to review the progress of the preparation of the detailed Restructuring plan of the World Bank funded Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project (RACP) on 22/12/2014 & 23.12.2014. Mr. Manivannan Pathy, TTL-RACP led the discussions and CFC RACP, PMU team, Nodal Officers of Line Departments, and ARAVALI participated. List of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-1**.

Project Director presented the progress of the Restructuring of the World Bank funded Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project (RACP). All line departments have submitted the first draft of proposal including implementation arrangements and cost estimates (Budget). Mr. Pathy TTL informed that he would like to undertake a quick review of the proposals submitted by line departments; understand the revised funds flow and procurement arrangements and specific investments proposed by the line departments in the identified clusters. Further, the proposals submitted by the line departments were discussed and following decisions were taken:

1. All line departments will establish dedicated Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at Jaipur for implementation and coordination of the project activities and specific Officers shall be deputed immediately in PIU for effective functioning. No salary will be paid to the regular staff of PIU at state level and at district as well as cluster level. Although cost of staff i.e. Need based Subject Matter Specialist, Computer Operator (Man with Machine), Finance Assistant, Service Point etc. would be provided for PIU and working at district as well as cluster level from the project through manpower agency. The department may submit specific proposal regarding this so that necessary procurement arrangements may be made on time.
2. The detailed discussions of the identified project clusters including upper catchment and command area were held. It was concluded that justification note of all the selected / identified clusters will be prepared and submitted to the Bank for clearance. While preparing justification note, it should be ensured that sufficient marketable surplus should be available in the cluster for taking up / linking up marketing activities and returns to the beneficiaries. These justification notes would also be discussed during the forthcoming Restructuring Mission.
3. Detailed plan of interventions with justification for the soft activities (eligible activities) pertaining to Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry (Small Ruminants) should be prepared and submitted to the Bank prior to arrival of formal WB Restructuring mission.
4. Based on the proposals submitted by the departments, PMU will prepare cluster and activity wise cost estimates to be incurred under the project. This would include cost to be incurred on cluster level activities, services, management and administrative costs for all

concerned line departments so that components/sub components wise cost may be finalized under the project. The departments must consult and coordinate with their cluster and district level functionaries so as to evolve an action plan which addresses to the requirements of the cluster area.

5. It was advised that the activities already being implemented under various state/GoI/EAP supported schemes under various line departments may be not taken up (unless they bear a strong justification) under RACP clusters as it only promotes the horizontal coverage without innovation. Requirement in the clusters area should be matched through dovetailing of ongoing schemes on priority basis. However based on innovation and need, a few activities on pilot basis may be taken up.
6. It was advised that the Copy of Aide Memoire of ISM June, 2014 should be provided to all the Nodal Officers / line departments. Further decisions of the World Bank should be made available to the line department invariably. The copy of the Aide Memoire of ISM June 09-13, 2014 was provided to the Nodal Officers of the line departments (soft copy attached again along with this document).
7. As regards to FCSC, 50% of total costs should be borne by FPO/CBO, may be in the form of land cost (donation). Assistance for FCSCs should be given in two stages; first stage about INR 10 lacs and during second stage about INR 25 lacs. FCSC shall be owned and managed by the FPOs.
8. Illustrative costs for FCSCs both for grains and F&V should be prepared. Activities under Kisan Sewa Kendras (KSKs) may be taken up on pilot basis before expanding further.
9. Project Director (ATMA) is to be designated as DPM for RACP, for supporting marketing activities at the village and cluster level, one Agri. Marketing Expert (AME) should be provided with P.D. (ATMA) in all the clusters on hiring basis, who will also take care ABPF activities in the cluster.
10. Project should take a final call for the RAJUVAS involvement, its role and responsibilities. For the purpose RACP PMU will take the approval from the competent authorities.
11. As regards to the RTCs, it is an extended arm of the line department and after the expiry of the project period; it should be owned and managed by the Animal Husbandry department. For this, the AH Department has already given written consent. RTC should be proposed in the cluster area itself.
12. For optimizing the cost of the Rural Haat establishment at Mokhampura, it was decided to take up the activity in phases. Initially the essential construction activity like boundary wall, water facility for goats, ramp, electricity, small office room and plantation of trees would be taken up. And only after the success measured through foot fall and profitability to the farmers scale up will be proposed. Gram Panchayat should be agreed to manage the Rural Haat functions and so an MOU will be signed with the Gram Panchayat for the purpose. Project primarily envisages strengthening of the existing small ruminant haats in the clusters, but when informed that DAH has already informed to the RACP PMU that they don't have any specific information for the existing SR haats it was decided to enquire from the Gram Panchayats through DPM/District animal husbandry officials.

Decision to support new haats will be taken after learning from the Mokhampura experience.

13. Regarding, RSWC's association in RACP, however information was provided by the RSWC, still lot of work is to be done i.e. location of warehouses, distance from the cluster area, accreditation, activities required to be taken up, existing share of farmers storage in the ware-house, costing etc. These ware houses would ultimately be a place where alternate marketing channels could be generated & developed.
14. If found justified the activities under Warehousing sector would be taken up. However, it should be contemplated in advance that at what level the farmer storage share would be attained after the project period.
15. All the participating line departments will prepare the cluster and activity wise Action Plan and based upon the action plan the Procurement Plan must be evolved and communicated to the RACP for the last quarter of the year 2014-15 and for the year 2015-16 The cluster plan, action plan and procurement plan must be submitted by December 31, 2014 to PMU RACP. The Project Management Unit (PMU) will compile the Action Plan and prepare cost table of the project (Project period) based on the cost estimates submitted by the line departments and will further submit to the Bank by end of the first week of January 2015. So that Restructuring Mission of the World Bank may be launched likely in the month of January / February 2015.
16. Detailed fund flow mechanism/arrangement as per re-structured mode of implementation at various levels should be prepared and submit to the World Bank.
17. All procurements including goods, services etc related to the line department would be done by the concerned department upto permitted threshold ceiling permitted by the bank after the restructuring mission. As far as procurement of NGO is concerned, procurement of NGO for canal clusters would be done by Water Resource Department, for ground water clusters by Ground Water Department and for watershed clusters would be done by Watershed Development and Soil Conservation department. The concern department will prepare the Terms of Reference (TOR) for procurement of NGOs in consultation of the PMU. It would be ensured that in addition to community mobilization, NGOs will support the activities related to the all line departments at the cluster level. Initially these NGOs would be hired for three (3) years. TOR of NGOs shall also include the Staff requirements for the other line department activities .
18. An MOU may be signed between the RACPMIS and the department to finalize the functions and responsibilities of the departments for effective functioning of the project activities of their domain.
19. Procurement of Geo membrane to be used in farm ponds to be constructed in Mokhampura cluster would be done at PMU level. DPMU Jaipur is directed to provide complete proposal including total demand, justification, technical/installation and maintenance details, location for supply etc. to PMU today itself i.e. December 23, 2014 so that PMU may issue EOI with in time
20. Requirement of man power to be needed in the line departments may sent to PPMC so that PPMC can provide man power with in a month to the PMU and PMU will provide to

the line departments as per their need. Requisition of desired manpower may be sent to Manager (procurement) after getting approval of PD RACP.

21. Procurement of two Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLR) having telemetric system should be included in procurement plan of the annual action plan for last quarter (January 15 to March 15) for the year 2014-15 and charges of supply, installation and maintenance should be included in the procurement cost but maintenance cost of DWLR after the project period would not be borne by the project except procurement of two DWLR.
22. The Project Management Unit (PMU) will modify the Finance Management and send to the Bank by end of first week of January 2015.
23. The Project Management Unit (PMU) will modify the Procurement Manual based upon the procurement plan submitted by the departments and send to the Bank by end of second week of January 2015.

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**Project Director cum Joint Secretary**  
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Dated:

Copy for information and necessary action:

1. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Depart., Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
2. P.S. to Chairman & Managing Director, Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation, Jaipur.
3. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
4. P.S. to Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
5. P.S. to Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur
6. P.S. to Secretary, Water Resources Department, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
7. P.S. to Secretary, PHED & GWD, Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur
8. Head of Department \_\_\_\_\_
9. P.A. to Project Director, RACP, Jaipur
10. Chief Finance Controller, RACP, Jaipur
11. Nodal Officer \_\_\_\_\_
12. Executive Director, ARAVALI, Jaipur
13. Project Coordinators \_\_\_\_\_ RACP Jaipur

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**Annexure - 1**

**Meeting of Short Technical Mission of World Bank held on 22.12.2014 & 23.12.2014  
at 11.00 A.M. in Conference Hall of RACP, Durgapura, Jaipur**

**List of Participants**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Officer</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Sh. L. C. Ojha	Project Director, RACP, Jaipur
2.	Sh. Manivannan Pathy	TTL, World Bank
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4.	Sh. Suresh Chandra	CFC, RACP, Jaipur
5.	Sh. J. S. Sandhu	Nodal Officer and Joint Director, Agriculture, Jaipur
6.	Dr. Pradeep Saraswat	Joint Director (SA), Animal Husbandry Deptt., Jaipur
7.	Sh. B. K. Maheshwari	SHG, GWD, Jaipur
8.	Dr. Vir Pal Singh	Project Coordinator (Project), RACP, Jaipur
9.	Sh. Anurag Bhatnagar	Project Coordinator (Horticulture), RACP, Jaipur
10.	Dr. Pritpal Singh Kalra	Project Coordinator (Livestock), RACP, Jaipur
11.	Sh. M. L. Maheshwari	Project Coordinator (Surface Water), RACP, Jaipur
12.	Sh. M. M. Kant	Project Coordinator (Ground Water), RACP, Jaipur
13.	Sh. Anand Singh	Project Coordinator (Watershed), RACP, Jaipur
14.	Sh. S. S. Shekhawat	DPM, DPM, Jaipur - I, RACP, Jaipur
15.	Sh. Surdeep Singh	Dy. Director (P&B), RSWC, Jaipur
16.	Sh. Rajendra Prasad Gupta	Ex.En., RSAMB, Jaipur
17.	Sh. Rajkumar Singh	Dy. Manager (Agri.), RACP, Jaipur
18.	Sh. Govind Srivastava	ARO, Department of Horticulture, Jaipur
19.	Sh. Sanjay Choudhary	Warehouse Manager, RSWC, Jaipur
20.	Sh. Rajendra Sethi	Dy. Manager (Procurement), RACP, Jaipur
21.	Sh. Mahesh Chandra Sharma	Asstt. Manager (Procurement), RACP, Jaipur
22.	Sh. Rajeev Kulshreshtha	A.En., WD & SC, Jaipur
23.	Sh. Rakesh Bhargava	A.En., WRD, Jaipur
24.	Sh. Ambuj Kishore	Coordinator, ARAVALI, Jaipur