

Proceedings of the 1st meeting of District Level Steering Committee on “Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small and Marginal Farmers in Purulia and Bankura District of West Bengal” held on 3 August 2015 at Bankura.

The first meeting of District Level Steering Committee (DLSC) on “Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small and Marginal Farmers in Bankura District” was held on 3 August 2015. The meeting was convened in the DM’s chamber under her chairmanship.

Besides the District Magistrate, who is also the chairman of the committee, the meeting was attended by ADM (Dev), Bankura; DDM, NABARD, Bankura (Co Chairman); GM, NABARD, Joint BDO, Chhatna Block; ADFO, Bankura (North) Division, ADA, Survey and Planning, GoWB; DFO, Bankura; Deputy Director, ARD, GoWB; DDA, Agriculture, GoWB; DDA, Sericulture, GoWB, Representative from DRCSC (Convenor) and Representative from Jadavpur University.

Initiating the discussion, the District Magistrate desired to be briefed about the project and its implementation process. GM, NABARD, Bankura had indicated that the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) of UNFCC has accredited NABARD as National Implementing Agency (NIE) for implementing the project in Bankura and Purulia Districts for a period of four years (June 2015 to May 2019). DRCSC, the NGO, would act as Executing Agency (EA) for the captioned project.

Shri Sujit Kumar Mitra, (DRCSC), Convenor, District Level Steering Committee made a power point presentation on climate change adaptation project being implemented in Bankura. He told the House that the specific goal of the project is to develop climate adaptive and resilient livelihood systems through diversification, technology adoption and natural resource management for rural small and marginal farmers associated with agriculture and allied sector in Lateritic Zone of West Bengal. He has narrated all the components of the project viz. land and water use master plan, reducing climate risks through timely and appropriate crop & livelihood advisory in local language, sustainable resilient technology transfer for enhancing the adaptive capacity of farmers, learning & knowledge management, etc.

Dr Sugata Hazra, Department of Oceanography, Jadavpur University has also informed the House about the plan of action for the project. He has indicated that the GP level WUMP and LUP process has already been started by Jadavpur University, Kolkata and will be carried out up to the end of the project. For chalking out proper planning, he requested district administration to stretch their helping hand by providing information and data on areas viz. Plan and layout of proposed Damodar Pipeline with locations of reservoirs, positions and performance of existing and proposed RLI schemes and check dams in and around Chhatna, positions of Fluoride affected tube wells in project locations and also daily rainfall data of past and present in the project locations. District Magistrate assured him with total support in this regard.

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Mr Mitra also requested all the Line Departments of the State Govt. present in the meeting to provide their plan of action for Chhatna Block for smooth implementation of the project. After the presentation, it was unanimously decided to include some more Departments viz. DDA, Agriculture, Irrigation Department, PHE-Mechanical, KVK, DRDC and MGNRES Cell in the District Level Steering Committee and the committee would meet once in three months.

The meeting then ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

 5.11.15

Signature of Chairperson



Sujit Kumar Mitra
4.11.2015

(Project Coordinator & Convenor)