



Minutes of meeting held on "Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture: Comprehensive Pilot Program
in Doulatabad Mandal, Mahabubnagar District"

17th July, 2012 in the chambers of the Principal Secretary, Rural Development.

The meeting was convened to consider the pilot project for undertaking a comprehensive program on revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture (RRA) with representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Horticulture as a part of the national RRA Network. The proposal emerged from the discussions at the Planning Commission on the proposed National Rainfed Farming-systems Program and is a part of a national pilot initiative in 20 Blocks which is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

WASSAN, which piloted the proposal for Doulatabad Mandal of Mahabubnagar district presented the details of the proposed 'NRM-Production Systems-Livelihoods' integrating programs of various Departments such as MGNREGS, IWMP, RKVY, NFSM, CLDP, IJP, NHM and various schemes of line departments, Banks and NABARD. The attempt is to fill in all gaps in natural resources development, institutions, technology, capacities, skills, infrastructure, credit, market linkages etc., so as to attain the full production potential of each rainfed production system. This program follows the framework laid out by the Planning Commission Working Group on NRM and RF for the 12th FYP.

After due discussion, the following decisions have been taken:

1. The proposal which brings in an integrated approach for rainfed agriculture is agreed in principle subject to finalising the village plans using the VOs, Farmers / Fisheries Cooperatives and Livestock groups and Mandal Samakhyas.
2. For preparing such village plans, WASSAN will act as Resource Agency. All concerned departments namely Rural Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries etc will participate. For this purpose, each department will issue separate instructions to their field personnel.
3. These village plans will be consolidated at Mandal plans to prepare sectoral plans of various production systems at Village and Mandal levels for presentation on 26th August 2012 at Doulatabad. After discussing these sectoral plans, decisions will be taken on modalities of their funding.

CEO SERP and District Collector Mahabubnagar will be requested to spearhead this initiative.

Principal Secretary RD
