

CROP PEST SURVEILLANCE PROJECT (CROPSAP)-MAHARASHTRA

CROPSAP State Level Steering Committee meeting for the year 2019-20 was held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Suhas Diwase, Commissioner of Agriculture, Maharashtra State, on 3rd May, 2019 at Sakhar Sankul, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Pune. Stakeholders and committee members were participated in the meeting. (List of participants is attached separately). Shri. Eknath Dawale, Secretary Agriculture, GoM, attended the meeting. At the outset, Commissioner Agriculture welcomed Hon. Secretary Agriculture, stakeholders and other delegates and briefed about the purpose of the meeting. Dy. Director, Plant Protection, informed committee about agenda points of the meeting. Hon. Secretary Agriculture, reviewed the project in brief and guided the committee for pin point actions to be taken in ensuing *Kharif* season. After detail deliberations on agenda points following decisions were taken.

S. No.	Agenda, Deliberation & Decisions	Stakeholder
1.	Confirm the minutes of last Steering Committee Meeting held on 7th Sept. 2018: Dy. Director of Agriculture (Plant Protection) briefed the house about decisions endorsed in the earlier meeting held on 7th Sept., 2018. Committee members discussed in detail about the proceedings of the meeting and confirmed the minutes.	--
2.	Action taken report on the minutes of the last steering committee meeting: Considering the number of farmers enrolled for SMS service through m-Kisan portal and limited quota allotted to Maharashtra State, Chairman instructed DDA Project to communicate this matter to GoI and take follow up to get additional SMS quota to the state. Further, activation of the pending users at commissionerate level may be done immediately. Chairman instructed DJDAs to take regular district wise review and ensure that; farmer should get appropriate advisory SMS, instruction should also be given to concerned DSAOs and SDAOs to contact DDA- Project at Commissionerate level immediately in case any difficulty arises while sending the SMSs through Kisan Portal.	All DJDAs, DDA- Project

3.	<p>Inclusion of maize, sorghum and sugarcane crops in CROPSAP:</p> <p>On background of infestation of Fall army worm and white grub, it has been decided to include maize, sorghum and sugarcane crops under CROPSAP for their surveillance and management. NIC, Pune has suggested to develop the mobile based data entry proforma and monitoring related reports as like other crops and made it ready from coming kharif season.</p>	NIC, Pune DDAPP
4.	<p>Stakeholders, DJDAs, SAU wise activities conducted for management of cotton pink bollworm in 2018-19.</p> <p>Secretary, Agriculture reviewed the various activities carried out for management of PBW and praised efforts of all stakeholders, DJDAs, SAUs, Commissionerate of Agri. input suppliers, ginners as well as farmers for successfully keeping PBW infestation under control in 2018. He expected continued efforts from all the stakeholders in coming kharif season too.</p>	All Stakeholders, SAUs, Director (I QC), Director(E & T), DJDAs, DSAOs, SDAOs
5.	<p>Stakeholders, DJDAs, SAU wise activities to be carried out in 2019-20 for management of cotton pink bollworm, fall armyworm and white grub in sugarcane, maize and sorghum.</p> <p>On the line of PBW management strategy, Secretary Agriculture instructed to formulate management strategy for fall armyworm and white grub with required modifications and suggested all stakeholders to follow package of practices formulated by CICR, Nagpur for PBW DDAPP brought it to the notice that, the strategies and package of practices for FAW management given by the GoI vide letter No. फि.सं. F.No.7-5/2018 A-E (Pt.-1) (FTS P-50921), dated 26/4/2019 were already communicated to field functionaries for taking further measures.</p> <p>On this issue Chairman gave the following instructions for management of PBW, FAW and white grub:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To avoid pre monsoon sowing, cotton seed should be made available after 15th May 2019. b. Through awareness campaign DJDAs should aware the farmers to avoid pre monsoon sowing of cotton to avoid infestation of Pink Boll Worm. c. Restrict the transport and supply of illegal cotton seeds from other states. d. To avoid supply of illegal seed random inspection should be done and strict action should be taken against the suppliers. e. MAIDC should ensure sufficient availability of pesticides, pheromone traps for PBW and FAW. For planning purpose commissionerate may place 	All Stakeholders, SAUs, Director (I QC), Director(E & T), DJDAs, DSAOs, SDAOs

	<p>tentative demand of inputs to MAIDC along with list of recommended pesticides. However DSAO should place detail inputs demand accordingly MAIDC should supply the same urgently.</p> <p>f. Director (I & QC) should strictly ensure the quality of inputs supplied and take stringent action against defaulters.</p> <p>g. Involvement of sugar factories for management of white grub in sugarcane should be ensured.</p> <p>h. Director (I & QC) should allot districts to the seed companies for FAW and PBW management campaign.</p> <p>i. Director (I & QC) should monitor production and supply of bio agents at Govt. Labs as per requirement from DSAOs.</p> <p>j. SAUs should ensure participation of RAWE students in the management campaign and FFS. Certificate may be given by DJDA and SAU to the students for their active involvement. Also, if required SAU may submit proposal to commissionerate of Agriculture to pay stipend to the RAWE students through Agriculture Dept.</p> <p>k. DJDAs and SAUs together should plan production, distribution and availability of Trichocards. DJDAs may contact Women SHG's for getting Trichocards as per their requirement.</p> <p>l. Sanitation should be maintained in Ginneries, Disaster Management Act may be evoked and action may be imposed, if necessary against those who are not cooperating and not maintaining hygiene in their premises.</p> <p>m. CROPSAP data may be shared with MSc Ph.D Students of SAUs for assessing pest and weather relation for further development of pest forecasting module.</p> <p>n. Seek approval from the Govt. to VSI, Pune and KVKs for supplying bio agents through DBT. i.e. relaxation of DBT rules.</p>	
6.	<p>CROPSAP linked FFS programme planning for 2019-20:</p> <p>Director, Extension & Training briefed the house about CROPSAP linked FFS programme and their implementation in 2019-20. Chairman insisted its effective implementation for all major crops and has given following instructions:</p> <p>a. DJDAs instructed to submit their cropwise FFS planning within two days.</p> <p>b. To avoid the overburden of work, FFS plots should be integrated with CROPSAP plot.</p>	<p>All Stakeholders, SAUs, Director (I QC), Director(E & T), DJDAs, DSAOs, SDAOs</p>

	<p>c. DJDA should select subjects for FFS as per local situation and need. Background planning has to be based on “Small Interventions Big Impact.”</p> <p>d. DJDAs should decide intervention on measurable scale and digitally document their assessment. For this purpose SAUs may give technical inputs.</p> <p>e. All types of media like print, electronic, digital, social, personal etc. to be get used in extension programme.</p> <p>f. To show the FFS results, control plot may be kept in parallel with FFS plot.</p> <p>g. Funds available under various centrally sponsored schemes should be used for FFS on priority. In case of shortage of funds provision for 6000 FFS may be kept under CROPSAP.</p> <p>h. Cost norm for FFS will be Rs.14000/- per FFS. However DJDA may consider labour charges and contingency while deciding item wise cost norm.</p> <p>i. Link up FFS with CROPSAP and demonstrations from various centrally and State sponsored programmes for effective implementation of FFS. Accordingly, Director Extension & Training should issue FFS guidelines.</p>	
7.	<p>Integration of CROPSAP with MahaAGRITECH project.</p> <p>Chairman appreciated NIC for giving API services to integrate CROPSAP with MahaAGRITECH project. In this regard Chairman expected further cooperation from NIC to overcome problems arises, if any.</p>	NIC, Pune
8.	<p>Component wise grants requirement to CROPSAP & HORTSAP for 2019-20 from all stakeholders & DJDAs.</p> <p>A proposal of Rs.4152.55 Lakh was submitted for approval. However committee suggested inclusion mass trapping demonstrations for Fall Army Worm in the proposal. Chairman instructed DDAPP to revise the proposal accordingly and submit to Government of Maharashtra for approval. A revised proposal of Rs.4246.95 Lakh is appended separately. Chairman suggested all stakeholders to initiate project activities accordingly.</p>	DDAPP, All Stakeholders
9.	<p>Utilization Certificate from DJDAs and Stakeholders:</p> <p>Chairman suggested all stakeholders and DJDAs to submit final Utilization Certificate (UC) of 2018-19 immediately so that consolidated UC can be submit to the Govt.</p> <p>Committee has given approval to utilize unspent balance remained unutilized at ICAR Institute and SAU level by the end of financial year 2018-19 to carryout project activities in financial year 2019-20. However, balance grants will be deducted while releasing funds for 2019-20. Chairman suggested all stakeholders to initiate the project activities well in time.</p>	All Stakeholders, SAUs

10.	Finalization of surveillance proforma, advisory capsules: Cropwise surveillance proforma, pest survey guidelines and advisory capsules were finalized in separate technical session. It has been decided to circulate the finalized surveillance proforma and advisory capsules on email among SAUs and ICAR institutes for their confirmation and after confirmation same should be put in use for this financial year.	All Stakeholders, SAUs
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Shri. Vijay Ghawate, Director Extension and Training expressed vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Agriculture, chairman and all other participants for their valuable contribution in the meeting.



(Suhas Diwase)

Chairman CROPSAP Steering Committee &
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