

Brief Highlight on Proposed Annual Plan 2010-2011 under Agriculture Department Government of Mizoram

1. Agriculture occupied a very important place in the economy of Mizoram. As per Economic Classification of workers 2001 census. About 60% per cent of the total workers are engaged in Agricultural activities mostly by practicing jhum (Shifting cultivation)
2. In spite of the over abundance of constrains and hurdles that is anticipated in achieving growth in Agriculture sector, the following action plan which give due formal knowledge to the demand and supply issue that will give an over view of the strategy attempted to achieve the goals.
3. Major items proposed in the Annual Plan 2010-2011

Watershed Development Programme in shifting cultivation will be continued in 61 (sixty one) projects with aim on natural resource management, economic enhancement leading to poverty alleviation with target area of 5500 ha.

Oil Palm Development Programme will be continued with an aim to reduce the areas under jhum cultivation. The target area of the development will be of 2500 ha.

Crop Insurance Scheme will also be continued to provide insurance coverage to the farmers in the event of failure of crops due to natural calamities, pest and diseases etc.

Under Rashtrya Krishi Vikas Yajona (RKVY) thrust will be given on reducing yield gaps in important crop through focused attention and maximizing returns to farmers.

To address the climate change and depletion of soil fertility due to shifting cultivation (i.e. slash and burn), a comprehensive project on climate resilient Agricultural innovative on pilot basis will be initiated under Additional Central Assistance (ACA)

4. The Proposed Annual Plan 2010-2011.

The proposed amount is Rs. 1785.00 lakhs. In which the non-work component such as Direction and Administration which account for Rs. 382.80 lakhs, approximately 21.4 per cent of the total proposed amount of Rs. 1785.00 lakhs the Salary and Wages component is Rs. 227.00 lakhs approximately 12.7 per cent of the total proposed amount.

The remaining balance amount of Rs. 1558.00 lakhs is meant for various development activities and agricultural inputs which account for 87.3 per cent of the total proposed amount, the earmarked and normal plan scheme are as below:

Rs. 550 lakhs is allocated for implementation of WDPSCA in 61 projects as per New Operational Guideline with target area of 6500 ha.

Rs. 415 lakhs is allocated for RKVY for state specific needs such as Land Development under area expansion of WRC, reducing Yield gaps in important crops and maximizing return to farmers with a focused attention on rice production

5.2.3 Rs. 200 lakhs (ACA) is allocated to address the climate change and depletion of soil fertility due to shifting cultivation (i.e. slash and burn), a comprehensive project on climate resilient Agricultural innovative on pilot basis will be initiated under Additional Central Assistance (ACA)

5.2.4 Rs. 50 lakhs is allocated as a token provision of NLUP

5.2.5 Rs. 570 lakhs is allocated for normal plan scheme