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Government of India
NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog
(Agriculture Vertical)

NITI Aayog, New Delhi
Dated 30th June, 2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Task Force on Use of Technology for Agriculture Insurance-regarding

It has been decided with approval of the competent authority to set up a Task Force on Use of Technology for Agriculture Insurance with the following composition and TORs.

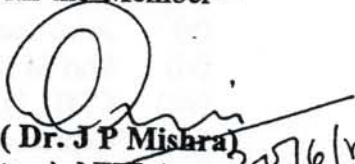
2. The composition of the Task Force

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| (i) | Dr P K Agarwal, Global Leader, CCAFS, CIMMYT – India Office | Chairman |
| (ii) | Dr U C. Sood, Director, ICAR- IASRI, Pusa, New Delhi | Member |
| (iii) | Shri Ashish Bhutani, Joint Secretary (PMFBY), DAC&FW | Member |
| (iv) | Joint Secretary, Fisheries, DAHDF | Member |
| (v) | Joint Secretary Livestock Management, DAHDF | Member |
| (vi) | Shri M K Poddar, GM, Agriculture Insurance Company | Member |
| (vii) | CMD, NABARD or his nominee, | Member |
| (viii) | Representative of Cooperative Bank | Member |
| (ix) | Representative of Chairman, NDDB | Member |
| (x) | Dr S K Ray, Director, NCFC, Pusa | Member |
| (xi) | Pr. Secretary (Agri.) Government of Andhra Pradesh | Member |
| (xii) | Pr. Secretary (Agri) Government of Gujarat | Member |
| (xiii) | Pr. Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka | Member |
| (xiv) | Shri C.S. Murthy, NRSA, Hyderabad | Member |
| (xv) | Joint Secretary, IT, DEIT | Member |
| (xvi) | Dr J. P. Mishra, Adviser (Agri), NITI Aayog | Member-Secretary |

3. The Term of Reference (TOR) of the Task Force will be as follows:

- (i) To assess and analyze the availability and use of technology, globally and in India for insurance related to crop, livestock and aquaculture;
- (ii) to assess the capability of technologies in estimation of losses to crops, livestock and aquaculture
- (iii) to evaluate the capability of the technology(ies) in damaged area estimation under crop, aquaculture and population of livestock due to natural calamities or other hazards;
- (iv) to suggest the appropriate and cost effective technologies for quick estimation of damage to crops, livestock and aquaculture, both in terms of spread and severity; and
- (v) any other issue considered relevant by the Task Force.

4. The Chairman of the Task Force may co-opt any other official / non-official expert / representative of any organization as a member(s), if required.
5. The Task Force may also examine and address any other issues which are important though not specifically spelt out in the ToR. The Task Force may devise its own procedures for conducting its business / meetings / field visits / constitution of sub-groups, etc.
6. The expenditure of the members on TA / DA in connection with the meetings of the Task Force or any work incidental to the functions of the Task Force will be borne by the parent Department / Ministry / organization/ State Government for official members, and by NITI Aayog for non-officials members as admissible to Class-I Officers of the Government of India.
7. The Task Force will submit its Report by 30th September, 2016 to Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.
8. The Task Force on Crop Insurance will be serviced by Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog. Shri Manash Choudhury, Dy Adviser (Fisheries) Room No. 561, NITI Aayog, New Delhi (Telefax No. 23096560) email : manash.choudhury@gov.in will be the contact person for this Task Force in NITI Aayog. Any further queries / correspondence in this regards may be made with him, and also with the Member – Secretary of the Task Force.


(Dr. J P Mishra)
Adviser (Agriculture), NITI Aayog
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Chairman and members of the Task Force

Copy for information to

- (i) DS to Vice Chairman
- (ii) PPS to Member RC
- (iii) PPS to CEO
- (iv) PPS to AS(YSM)

Copy also to

Shri Gulzar N., Director, PMO with reference to PMO ID No. 100/31/C/29/2016-ES.II Vol. X dated 23.05.2016 for points (e) and (j) of ROD of the meeting held on 17.05.2016