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Subject: **Minutes of the meeting to kick start STINER along with identified agencies, recipients and IIT, RuTAG, Guwahati on 10th July, 2017 at IIT, Guwahati.**

The Meeting to kick start STINER was held on 10.7.2017 at IIT, Guwahati which was coordinated by Dr. S.K. Kakoty, RuTAG, IIT, Guwahati, attended by Scientific Secretary and Scientist 'F' (Dr. Ketaki Bapat) from PSA office through Video Conferencing (VC) and MDoNER's team was led by Secretary, DoNER comprising the following officers:

a)   Shri S. N. Pradhan, Joint Secretary
b)   Shri J.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary
c)   Ms. Mercy Epao, Director
d)   Shri Gautam Chintey, Secretary, CBTC
e)   Shri B Paul Muktieh, CMD, NEDFi
f).   Shri Pankaj Kumar, MD, NERAMAC
g)   Shri Dheeraj Thakuria, MD, NEHHDC
h).   Shri H.K. Hajong, PD, NERLP (and team)
i).   Dr. S. Choudhary MD NERCORMP (and team)

2.   Dr. Kakoty welcome the delegation and expressed delight that MDoNER is taking initiative to implement RuTAG technologies. Secretary, MDoNER gave the opening remarks and the Joint Secretary (A&P) gave brief presentation on STINER programme. The JS explained that IIT, RuTAG, Gty has been identified as the lead RuTAG for non-farm sector.

3.   This meeting has been necessitated to have a joint meeting for all stakeholders for finalizing modalities towards dissemination of STINER programme. The funds are already parked with MDoNER's agencies (NEDFi, NEHHDC, NERAMAC and CBTC) and the livelihood groups (NERCORMP & NERLP) will be the recipient of the following proto-type technologies of RuTAG:

   i).   Feed block machine
   ii).   Eri Cocoon opener
   iii).   Hank to bobbin winding machine
   iv).   Potters wheel
   v).   Multi purpose drier (the implementing agency will arrange for masonry work locally and the masons will be trained at IIT, Gty).
   vi).   Chaff cutter (Mushroom)
   vii).   Retro fitted bicycle
   viii). Power loom for muga silk

from other agencies:

    i).   Jacquard loom
    ii).   Loin loom
    iii).   Low cost loom developed by GiZ will be procured by NEHHDC and place at RuTAG, Gty for proper evaluation and promulgation.

4.   MDoNER has circulated 3 draft MoUs for implementation of STINER programme. These drafts were deliberated in the meeting and the points raised by Scientific Secretary through VC were noted. It was decided that the draft MoUs will be looked into by all the stakeholders before finalizing. The MoUs will have to be vetted by concerned agencies.

5.   RuTAG, Gty had agreed to provide the identified technologies by charging technology fee @ 10% of the cost only. This is not the usual technology transfer fee which is charged by RuTAG. The cost of technology will include cost of hand holding, training, maintenance, customized modification (if any) and availability of RuTAG / technician for any queries, repair etc (for one year). MDoNER will send request letter to reduce the overhead charge from 20% to 10%.

6.   A hand holding workshop will be organized by RuTAG in the following week for which NEHHDC & NERCORMP, NERLP will send participants.

7.   It has been agreed to set up Technology Felicitation Centre (TFC) at Central Agricultural Universities/NITs or any other site provided by the State Government in all the NE State capitals. In the TFCs, all proto-type technologies will be displayed for awareness, hands-on training, skilling and creating for possible further demands by farmers / entrepreneurs.

8.   It was agreed that funds already parked with MDoNER's agencies will directly release to IIT, RuTAG after signing of MoU. RuTAG will be responsible to ensure quality and timely deployment of technologies to the targeted group. Fabricator / entrepreneur identified by RuTAG will provide hand holding support, training, maintenance, customized modification (if any) and availability of RuTAG / technician for any queries, repair etc (for one year).

9.   A Vote of Thanks was extended by Dr. Siddhratha Singha, Assistant Professor, RuTAG, Gty. Before departing to New Delhi Secretary, MDoNER and team also visited live demonstration of few technologies at IIT, Guwahati.