

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME (NADCP) HELD UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (AHD), DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING ON 4th October, 2019 AT KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

The first meeting of National Steering Committee for National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) was held on 4th October, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (AHD), Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

2. The list of participants is placed at Annexure I. A video-conference was also held with States/ UTs who could not attend the meeting at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and the list of States are also mentioned in the Annexure.
3. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and gave the roadmap for implementation of National Animal Disease Control Programme for control of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis (NADCP), which was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 11th September, 2019. The Chairman emphasized on the enormity of the project that would require a tremendous, concerted and combined effort of the Centre and the States/ UTs to operationalize the programme at the ground-level so as to achieve its objectives.
4. Accordingly, the contours of the Operational Guidelines, the terms of reference/ role of a Programme Logistics Agency (PLA) and those of a Programme Management Agency (PMA) were discussed. The Chairman emphasized that PLA would be responsible for procurement, supply and distribution of the vaccines, ear tags and tag applicators thereby making them available to the State Governments (Animal Husbandry Department) at the district level maintaining the requisite cold-chain. PMA would act as the secretariat to the programme and would be responsible for implementation and monitoring the programme at the ground level as well as monitoring the responsibilities entrusted upon the PLA.
5. The following major points emanated out of the above Agenda-wise discussion:
 - a) The contours of the operationalization of the NADCP were enumerated. It was mentioned that till now States/ UTs are implementing the FMD-CP scheme on 60:40 basis. However, from the next round, NADCP would be adopted by the States/ UTs with 100% funding from Centre.
 - b) While vaccines, ear tags and tag applicators would be procured centrally, these would be distributed and supplied to the States up to the district level through a Programme Logistics Agency (PLA). Other items like disposable syringes, gloves, face masks, cold chain infrastructure, etc. would be procured and strategically made available by the State/ UT Government concerned. The action plan from the States/ UTs was accordingly requested for. During the Video-Conference with the States/ UTs, Joint Secretary(LH)

took stock of the position with respect to submission of Action Plan by the States/ UTs giving the requisite gap in various items, manpower etc. required to be procured at the State level and also giving the financial requirement for each of the item

- c) It was highlighted in the meeting that States/ UTs have to meticulously identify the vaccinators and ensure that they are trained appropriately for ear tagging, vaccination (for both FMD and Brucellosis) and filling / uploading of data in the INAPH format
- d) Each animal has to be tagged and identified at the time of vaccination only if they have not been tagged already in any other programme being implemented by various agencies. The vaccination record has to be maintained by the vaccinator in both the Animal Health Card and in the INAPH format. The vaccinator could fill the INAPH format in the mobile app and upload it directly or fill the data on the paper format and later upload it on the INAPH portal
- e) It was suggested to explore possibility of using different coloured tags for different species of animals
- f) Both the Center and the States/ UTs would set-up Call Centres and verify from the farmer randomly that whether vaccination is done as per records (INAPH/ record with Vaccinator). This would aid in monitoring of the programme at the ground level
- g) A National and State level Public Awareness Campaign has to be launched and States/ UTs were requested to make films, radio jingles, posters etc. for maximum outreach and awareness amongst the beneficiary well before the vaccination. Drum-beaters and local publicity methods were also suggested and it was decided to go ahead with such practices as well as share slogans. However, the campaign should focus on the importance of vaccination against FMD and Brucellosis failing which the farmer might have to incur huge losses, as well as on the use of disposable syringes while vaccinating
- h) Emphasis was also placed upon maintaining the cold-chain and its monitoring through Vaccine Vial Monitors (VVMs). ACS Haryana suggested a software application for monitoring 'real time' cold-chain maintenance. It was accordingly decided to examine the feasibility of such an application
- i) Concern on late reports of seromonitoring was raised. AHC/ ICAR representative clarified that adequate kits are available for seromonitoring and testing will be undertaken timely through AICRPs
- j) It was suggested that the biomedical waste disposal guidelines should be followed and it was clarified that it is already mentioned in the Operational Guidelines
- k) It was suggested that the point on synchronization of vaccination schedule across the country shall be incorporated in the ToR for the PMA

l) Chandigarh and Ladakh to be incorporated in the ToR for PMA

6. Further, based on the above discussions the following decisions were taken by the National Steering Committee (NSC):

a) The Operational Guidelines for National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD and Brucellosis were approved as enclosed at Annexure II

b) The terms and references including mechanism for engaging a Programme Logistics Agency (PLA) was approved as enclosed at Annexure III. It was also decided to engage NAFED as PLA in view of the proposal received from them in this regard and its nationwide presence and experience in handling such operations. NAFED had proposed to charge 1% of tender value as their service charge for handling the logistic operations. NSC recommended that this charge for services to NAFED should not be more than 0.5% of tender value

c) The proposal for engaging a Programme Management Agency (PMA) to handle such an enormous project was approved. The scope of work of PMA, team structure along with qualifications for team members, criteria and methodology for selection including proposed draft RFP for appointment of PMA were approved as enclosed at Annexure IV.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.
