

Record Notes of the review meeting on implementation of rubber plantation under “Chief Minister’s Rubber Mission in Tripura” for the FY 2025-26.

Date : 25-04-2025,
Time : 3.00 pm,
Venue : Video Conference Hall (Ground floor), Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Gurkhabasti, Agartala.

The list of participants present in the meeting (Physically and through online) is given below:

1. Shri Keshab Kar, TCS, SSG, Addl. Director (HoO), Tribal Welfare
2. Smt. Shyalaja K, Jt. Rubber Production Commissioner, Rubber Board, Agartala
3. Shri Ashu Ranjan Debbarma, District Welfare Officer, North Tripura (Online)
4. Shri C. Lalfaksanga, District Welfare Officer, North Tripura (Online)
5. Shri Sirshendu Debbarma, DWO Khowai (Online)
6. Shri Khirod Debbarma, DWO West Tripura (Online)
7. Shri Amaresh Barman, District Welfare Officer, Unakoti
8. Shri Prabir Debbarma, District Welfare Officer, Dhalai
9. Shri Parindra Das, District Welfare Officer, South Tripura
10. Shri Santosh Debbarma, Dy. Director, TRP & PTG
11. Ar. Shyamal Das, Asst. Dir. Agriculture, O/o DWO Unakoti
12. Shri Dilip Barman, Executive Officer, TTAADC
13. Shri Swapan Ch. Debnath, Asstt. Development Officer, Rubber Board
14. Shri Arunabha Majumdar, Consultant Manimalayar, Rubber Board
15. Shri Rajendra Debbarma, Jr/ C/A, Section I/c, CMRM, TTAADC
16. Shri Rajesh Debbarma, I/c Development Section, TRP & PTG

At the outset, Addl. Director (HoO), Tribal Welfare, Government of Tripura has welcomed all participants in the meeting who were present physically and through Online and initiated discussions based on the power point presentation as per the agenda of the meeting on Chief Minister’s Rubber Mission in Tripura for the FY 2025-26.

After detailed deliberation on different aspects relating to the implementation of the CM’s Rubber Mission in Tripura, the following decisions have been made:

1. **Progress of plantation in the last 4 years (FY 2021-22 to 2024-25):**

- a) It has also been suggested that the standard of quality of plantation should not be compromised and for which regular monitoring is to be done in planned contingent manner to reduce the mortality rate and for not exceeding 10% of the previous year’s plantation **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**

2. **Timeline for indent submission and plantation:**

- a) **Vacancy Plantation (FY 2024-25)**
 - i. The indent to be submitted for the Vacancy Supply (VS) for gap filling shall not be more than 10% of the previous year’s plantation.
 - ii. The last date for submission of indent to the Rubber Board, Agartala is till **30 May, 2025** and whereas for plantation is by **mid-June, 2025.**

- iii. The indent submitted shall be consistent with the beneficiary names from the previous year, ensuring no discrepancies. To facilitate confirmation, the list of beneficiaries from the previous year, as submitted to the Rubber Board, will be provided. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**

b) **New Plantation (FY 2025-26):**

- i. The last date for submission of indent to the Rubber Board, Agartala is till **25 August, 2025** and whereas for New Plantation (NP) must be completed by **31 August, 2025**.
- ii. The concerned IAs/IOs are required to submit indents only after obtaining prior approval from the concerned DM & Collector, for the purpose of ensuring labor mandays under MGNREGA.
- iii. All IAs are requested to follow planned approach by adhering to the timeline for submission of indent for supply of poly bag plants. And also to submit the indent in correct prescribed format to Rubber Board. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**

c) **Standardization of Indent Submission:**

- i. It has been observed that even after several communications, the indent submission format is frequently incorrect. Instructions/ norms/ formats are not followed as suggested, making compilation difficult.
- ii. Therefore it is reiterated once again that the format shall be submitted in excel format only and is/ are to be sent to zoagr@rubberboard.org.in with cc to twsubplan@gmail.com
- iii. It is also requested to all concerned to kindly send indents through email under common subject *i.e.* **CMRM-NP** for New (2025) Planting and similarly, **CMRM-VS** for Vacancy (2024) Planting. This will ease in searching in the email inbox.
- iv. The following points are to strictly ensured for submission of indent for VS and NP.
 - a) There should be one indent for each cluster. Each Cluster must submit a single excel only. Cluster selection should be based on the proximity of the area designated for plantation. If there are more than one cluster, indents should be prepared accordingly.
 - b) Indents to be submitted in excel format only.
 - c) Please do not add texts like, Rs., No., Nos., Nil etc. or symbols like. (full stop), , (comma), * (star), # (hash tag), @ (at the rate) etc. or any stuff, other than numerical in a cell of columns of the given Excel format.
 - d) The figures should be up to two decimals, if only applicable.
 - e) Individual mobile no. of the intended beneficiary is to be provided. If not available, then the mobile no. of the concerned IO may be substituted.
 - f) Individual Aadhaar no. is to be provided for ensuring the uniqueness of the beneficiary.
 - g) Please follow the prescribed formats: **Annexure I** is for Indent for Supply of Rubber Polybag Plants for 2025 Planting; **Annexure II** is for Vacancy Supply for 2024 Planting and **Annexure III** is the Jurisdiction of Rubber Board Establishments. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**

3. Fulfilling the allotted IA wise target for the FY 2025-26:

- a) As per information from the Rubber Board, Agartala, the availability of quality rubber polybags is limited to 20,000 hectares. It may not be possible to accommodate areas exceeding this limit due to an insufficient supply of plants.
- b) The only feasible approach that has been discussed is internal allocation among the IAs, with a subsequent request to the Executive Director of the Rubber Board, Government of India. Separate meetings with concerned DWOs will be held to explore this. **[Action: TWD/ Rubber Board]**
- c) The following is the District wise revised target for all IAs (including the additional target) for the FY 2025-26:

IAs/ District	Area in ha					Total target (ha)
	TWD (DWOs)	TTAADC	TRP& PTG	TRPC	Rubber Board	
North Tripura	200	300	125	300	1894	2819
Unakoti	960	430	0	400	0	1790
Khowai	695	1080	0	900	0	2675
Dhalai	3300	1100	175	475	1100	6150
Gomati	2793	1257	0	1220	700	5970
South Tripura	167	550	200	680	800	2397
West Tripura	50	500	0	400	500	1450
Sepahijala	100	392		850	600	1942
Total	8265	5609	500	5225	5594	25193
Remarks	4593 ha additional (including spill over target in Gomati District)	826 ha additional			971 ha less	5419 ha additional

- d) Weekly progress reports on area selection and MGNREGA labor mandays approval, and prospective beneficiary selection, must be submitted in the Google Sheet (Link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13FEGsLpitPXbvRH4kXlG_zLryn1ObX_08n_GktoPY9Y/edit?usp=sharing) at the end of each week. This is as per the prescribed format supplied by Rubber Board.
- e) The beneficiary selection should be done after taking prior approval from the concerned Chairman, BAC/ VC, after excluding duplicate beneficiaries, if any. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**
- f) It is the responsibility of the concerned IAs/ IOs to submit indents, and they must secure prior approval from the relevant DM & Collector to ensure the allocation of labor mandays (MGNREGA). **[Action: TWD]**

4. Fund placement towards the cost of fencing, fertilizer etc.:

- a) It has been suggested to allocate funds in advance to DWOs of concerned Districts for further sanction based on performance of plantations raised by different IAs/ IOs. This will ensure that timely actions can be taken for fencing works and related activities by the prospective beneficiaries for reducing the mortality rate.
- b) For taking up rubber plantation in the FY 2025-26, proposal to be sent to the Finance Deptt., Govt. of Tripura for approval from HPC for additional fund release. **[Action: TWD]**

- c) The concerned DWOs are required to submit any pending Utilization Certificates, so that these can be forwarded to the Finance Deptt., Govt. of Tripura, to ensure the additional release of funds. **[Action: All DWOs/ IAs/ IOs]**

5. **Pre/ post-plantation trainings:**

- a) All concerned DWOs are requested to conduct trainings periodically in District Level in collaboration with the Regional Officers, Rubber Board on need based. Accordingly, all District/ Regional offices of IAs are to approach DWOs for the same. **[Action: All DWOs/ Rubber Board]**
- b) Accordingly, funds will be allocated to the DWOs, if required. Proposals for this should be sent to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura if such planning is underway. **[Action: All DWOs]**

6. **Miscellaneous:**

- a) Rubber Board also has ensured to provide the best quality Poly Bag Saplings of rubber. As such, it is to be reiterated once again to not accept the saplings, if not satisfied, during delivery of the saplings on site/ off site by designated nursery owners. **[Action: All IAs/ Rubber Board]**
- b) For ensuring proper plantation under the said scheme, quality geotagged photographs are to be shared covering all activities (Delivery of rubber saplings, plantation, fencing etc.). **[Action: All IAs]**
- c) As the scheme is implemented in convergence mode, wherein the saplings are sponsored by the ATMA; cost of fencing etc. through NABARD Loan and labour wages under MGNREGA, 3rd Party monitoring/ auditing is carried out by the concerned stakeholders. Thus, it is suggested to extend co-operation to the visiting team member/s of ATMA/ NABARD for monitoring of the plantation raised under the concerned Districts/ Sub-Divisions/ Blocks as and when required. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**
- d) Consequently, to enhance accessibility, facilitate suitable monitoring, and improve the identification of plantation sites under the said scheme, signboards are to be installed in front of each planted area. The specifications fixing of these signboards are provided below: Format enclosed in **Annexure-A**.
- The minimum size of the board may be 2'x 3' ft (L x B)
 - Letters in black colour against yellow background
 - The project board may be displayed prominently
 - Cemented foundation with steel border. Material should be water proof to withstand any weather condition. **[Action: All IAs/ IOs]**
- e) To explore the possibility of extending the financial assistance to the prospective beneficiaries under the said scheme through BMS-DBT module. **[Action: TWD]**

The meeting ended with thanks to all.

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To
All Concerned.

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Copy to:-

1. The PS to the Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura for kind information of the Secretary.
2. The PS to the Director, Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura for kind information of the Director.
3. The Head of Implementing Agency, _____ for kind information.
4. All District Magistrate & Collectors for kind information.
5. All District Welfare Officers for information.
6. All Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers for information.