

CHAPTER-2 (MANUAL-1)

PARTICULARS OF ORGANISATION, FUNCTIONING AND DUTIES

2.1 Objective of the public authority.

The Office of the District Agriculture Officer, Nongpoh was set up as a branch of the Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Meghalaya to implement the state and central sponsored programs and schemes relating to development of Agriculture within the Ri-Bhoi District. The public authority is also responsible for the formulation of such schemes and programs, by harnessing the potentialities of both human and natural resources, and, through participation of the farming communities in implementation to achieve its objective.

2.2 Vision statement of the public authority.

The Vision statement of the Public authority is similar with that of the Directorate of Agriculture, i.e. to achieve the holistic goal of attaining Food security, together with Conservation of Natural Resources, Economic Development and contribution of the Farm sector towards the growth of the Economy of the state and the country as a whole.

2.2 (a.) Salient features towards achieving the Vision.

- i). Popularize cultivation of different cereals crop, pulses, oilseeds, other cash crops of economic importance through demonstration, and mini kit programs.
- ii). Introduction of High Yielding Varieties and to bring more areas of cultivation under such seeds where ever possible along with latest developed packages of practices. To encourage the farmers to replace the traditional varieties with high yielding/ high return HYV seeds, at the same time taking steps to ensure, conservation of precious germ plasm of the traditional varieties.
- iii). Production and multiplication of quality seeds disease free certified and true to type seeds of different cereal crops through registered growers.
- iv). Strategic interventions through timely delivery of different inputs to the farmers.
- v). Raising the productivity of crops per unit area through Integrated Nutrient Management of soils, proper agronomic practices along with efficient plant protection measures.
- vi). To educate the farmers about the potential of organically produced crops through the use of organic manure or adoption of organic production practices.
- vii). Ensuring availability of irrigation facilities from minor irrigation projects and diesel pumps, where ever possible. Maximum utilization of irrigation potential created to increase the cropping intensity and crop production.

viii). Increase the level of mechanization in farming activities to enhance efficiency and reduce cost the cost of cultivation. By helping farmers avail farm machineries like power tillers, tractors and pump sets etc.

ix). Encouraging rabi crop cultivation for maximum utilization of land and generating extra income.

x). Using the different medias for education and dissemination of vital information and new technologies to the farmers.

xi). Strengthening and modernizing the extension arm of the department within the district to aid in more effective transmission of new technologies and package of practice for crop production to the farmers.

xii). Implement watershed development program and watershed approach in crop production for sustainable agriculture.

xiii) Extensive and Intensive training to farmers on new technologies, package of practices, and production opportunities.

2.3 Brief history of the public authority and context of its function.

The District Agriculture Office was created in 1992 when Ri-Bhoi District came into existence.

2.4 Duties of the public authority

Overall supervision and execution of development schemes/ programs physical and financial, administrative, control over employees and formulations of projects and programs concerning development of agriculture in the district.

2.5 Main activities/ functions of the public authority.

Implementation, Supervision, of development programs of the Directorate of Agriculture in the district as well as to be available to the farmers for consultation for all matters relating to development of agriculture.

2.6 List of service provided by the public authority.

i.) Advisory: Mainly technical advisory in nature pertaining to agriculture crop production and development.

ii.) Development programs: To Implement agriculture development programs / schemes.

iii.) Information: Dissemination of information relating to agriculture to the farmers and for the farmers.

iv.) Training and Extension: Imparting training and transfer of technology through the extension arm to the farmers.

2.7 Organizational Structure Diagram at various levels.

Provided in enclosed Diagram 2.7

2.8 Expectation of the public authority from the public for enhancing its effectiveness and efficiency.

Active Participation

2.9 Arrangement and methods made for seeking public participation / contribution.

Through its extension functionaries, interaction and publicity.

2.11 Address of main office and its branches.

MAIN OFFICE:

1. OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICER
RI- BHOI DISTRICT, SAIDEN, NONGPOH.

BRANCHES:

1. OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR
BHOIRYMBONG, B.P. O. BHOIRYMBONG.
2. OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR
JIRANG, PATHARKHMAH.
B.P.O. PATHARKHMAH.
3. AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER
C\o BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
UMSNING C&RD BLOCK, UMSNING.
4. AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICER
C\o BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
UMLING C& RD BLOCK, UMLING.

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OFFICE HOURS:

SUMMERS:

OPENING – 10.00 AM
CLOSING – 5.00 PM.

WINTERS:

OPENING – 10.00 AM
CLOSING – 4.30 PM