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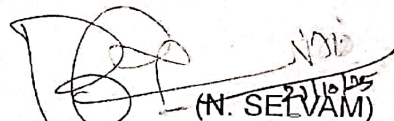
Subject: Approved Minutes of the DAESI Review meeting held virtually on 14.10.2025-26 - reg.

Please find attached herewith the approved minutes of the review of DAESI programme, held virtually on 14.10.2025, with the request for necessary information and compliance.

A compliance report on the action points may please be furnished on or before 05.11.2025, along with the report for the next review meeting scheduled on 10.11.2025.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: as above.


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Distribution:

All the Participants of the meeting.

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- 1.Sr. PPS to Joint Secretary (Extension), DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2.Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Addl Commisssioner (Extension), DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3.Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, Director General, MANAGE, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad-500030, Telangana.
- 4.Dr. M. Srikanth, Director (ABM) and PC (DAESI), MANAGE.
- 5 Dr. G. Naveen Kumar, Academic Associate, MANAGE.

Minutes of the Monthly Review Meeting of DAESI- September 2025

Date: 14th October 2025, 11.00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Mode: Virtual mode

Chaired by: Shri Sajith Kumar Kunhalath, Director (Farm Information), MoA&FW

Participants:

- Dr. M. Srikanth, Director (ABM) and PC (DAESI), MANAGE,
- Shri N. Selvam, Joint Director (Extension), DA&FW, MoA&FW,
- Dr. G. Naveen Kumar, Academic Associate, MANAGE,
- Shri Rudrappa Elalli, Extension Officer, DA&FW, MoA&FW,
- Officials of SAMETIs, implementing the DAESI programme in various States/UTs.

(Total 19 participants).

As per the letter no.F. No. 1(4)/2019-EM (e-74998), MoA&FW, Govt. of India, dated September 26, 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India conducted its first on-line monthly review meeting of DAESI programme on October 14, 2025. It was revealed in the meeting that the new format of monthly review meeting is initiated for close monitoring of the programme for better and quality performance of the programme. The objective is also to ensure systematic monitoring of programme's implementation and assessing its field-level impact. This meeting would be held virtually on the 10th day of every month and if the 10th day falls on holiday, would be held on the next working day.

A. Discussion on Agenda Points:

After welcoming the participants, Dr. M. Srikanth, Director (ABM) and PC (DAESI) made a presentation on the physical and financial performance of the programme as detailed below:

1. For the FY 2025-26, a total number of 148 programmes have been approved till September 30, 2025, out of which 98 commenced and 50 have been pending mainly due to collection of course fee from the applicants and delay in fund releases to NTIs by the SAMETIs.
2. During the FY 2025-26, funds amounting to ₹72.86 lakh was released, while ₹83.58 lakh is yet to be disbursed.
3. Regarding ongoing batches, 13 batches from the financial year 2023-24 are in progress, with final examinations scheduled to be held in October-November 2025, and 282 batches from the financial year 2024-25 are currently running across various States.
4. Regarding the proposal to consider self-financed candidates for issue of new

licenses, MANAGE proposal, to consider the DAESI certificate for eligibility of the issuance of pesticide licenses or renewal of existing licenses, was subsequently referred to the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS) for examination by the Ministry. The DPPQS advised that certain additional topics from the NIPHM course curriculum may be incorporated in the DAESI course material. Accordingly, MANAGE undertook a comprehensive revision of DAESI curriculum and the same is under progress. Out of 71 revised chapters spreading over 16 modules, 51 chapters have been completed and are under review as on date, while the remaining 20 are expected to be finalized by November 30, 2025.

5. Regarding financial progress, the total budget provision for the DAESI Programme in 2025-26 is ₹5.00 crore with an approved target of 375 programmes under CSPA category. It was informed that the available balance with MANAGE in respect of DAESI was 'Nil', as the first instalment of Rs. 125 ^{crore} was completely utilized during FY 2025-26. Accordingly, MANAGE was advised to submit a request to the Ministry for release of second instalment.
6. It was informed that MANAGE had already completed five annual review workshops at various SAMETIs and planned to conduct four more before the end of the financial year. These workshops are for the facilitators, Nodal Training Agencies, and SAMETI officials to gather ground-level feedback and address operational issues, if any.
7. It was also informed that evaluation of all NTIs is underway and the same may be completed within one year. Additionally, capacity-building initiatives are being planned for DAESI facilitators and input dealers, including refresher courses focussing on digital tools, organic inputs, Farmer Producer Organizations, etc. MANAGE also intended to document and share the best practices and success stories from the field and complete the preparation of revised study material alongside a comprehensive question bank for the DAESI during the Financial Year 2025-26.

B. Discussion with Stakeholders:

1. **Issue of private universities offering DAESI Diploma:** Mrs. Rupinder Kaur, SNO, PAMETI raised the issue of private universities offering fake diploma certificates which hamper the mobilization of candidates for DAESI programme. She was informed that similar type of problem was being faced by most of the States in the past and a letter to JS (Extn.) in this regard was written by MANAGE to sensitize the Secretaries (Agriculture) of various

States to consider DAESI Diploma issued by MANAGE for issue/renewal of license. A reminder letter in this regard would be written to JS (Extn.) shortly by MANAGE.

2. **Submission of AUCs by SAMETIs:** It was reiterated that SAMETIs should submit the AUCs up to FY 2022-23 at the earliest for smooth implementation of the programme.
3. **Submission of Monitoring Charges:** It was also observed that most of the SAMETIs had not remitted the monitoring charges to MANAGE for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25. Accordingly, Directors/SNOs of SAMETIs were advised to do the needful in this regard.

C. Action Points from the meeting:

1. All the SAMETIs have to commence the approved DAESI programmes and to submit fresh proposals as per the annual action plan for the FY 2025-26.
2. SAMETI Directors have to submit letters to MANAGE immediately for release of funds.
3. All the SAMETIs have to install the biometric devices with face identification at respective NTIs for the ongoing batches of 2025-26 and attendance should be captured at least twice i.e., at 10.00 am and 02.00 pm on the day of training imparted.
4. MANAGE has to update the MIS report on the website on regular basis.

At the end, Shri. Selvam Joint Director (Extn.) thanked all the stakeholders of DAESI who joined the on-line meeting.
