

### **Proceedings of DAESI Review Meeting held on 10 March 2023**

A review meeting was organized on 10.03.2023 at MANAGE (online) to discuss the progress and issues on implementation of DAESI Programme in all 21 states of the country implementing the DAESI Programme. The meeting was conducted and moderated by Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Deputy Director (Agricultural Extension) and Principal Coordinator (DAESI). Director General, MANAGE delivered a message to all officials from SAMETIs on quality monitoring and mobilising more candidates under DAESI for the new year. SAMETI Directors and State Nodal Officers from 22 SAMETIs of 21 States participated in the meeting. All the consultants (DAESI) were also present in the meeting.

#### **List of Participants from SAMETI attended Review meeting:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Mrs. Sujatha	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
2.	Bihar	Shri Vinod Kumar Sahu	Deputy Director, BAMETI
3.	Chhattisgarh	Dr. Prakash Shinde	Deputy Director, SAMETI
4.	Gujarat	Shri Prakash Sharma	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
5.	Haryana	Dr. Ranjeet Singh Sagoo	Deputy Director and State Nodal Officer, HAMETI
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Shri Rajesh Chndra Sood	Director, SAMETI
7.	Kashmir	Prof. Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi	Director SAMETI
8.	Jammu	Dr. Farahnaz Rasool	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
9.	Jharkhand	Shri Hansraj Mishra	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
10.	Karnataka North	Dr A.S. Vastrad	Director, SAMETI
		Dr. B. Gopal	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
11.	Karnataka South	Dr. k. Narayanagowda	Director, SAMETI
		Dr. B. Kalpana	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
12.	Kerala	Mr. George Sebastain	Director, SAMETI
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Shri K P Aharwal	Director, SIAET
14.	Maharashtra	Shri Subbodh Mohril	Deputy director, VANAMATI
		Shri Namdeo Atkari	State Nodal Officer
15.	Orissa	Shri Prajnyanmayee Kamp	Deputy Director, State Nodal Officer, IMAGE
16.	Punjab	Dr. Rupinder Kaur	Dy. Director, State Nodal Officer, PAMETI
17.	Rajasthan	Shri Surendra Singh Rajawat	DDA and State Coordinator DAESI, SIAM
18.	Tamil Nadu	Dr. Sankaralingam	Director SAMETI
		Smt. Selvi. M. Zakira Kanam	Agricultural Officer, State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
19.	Telangana	Smt. G. Nareemani	Director, SAMETI

		Smt. D. Sudharani	State Nodal Officer, ADA, SAMETI
20.	Uttar Pradesh	Dr. Pankaj Kumar Tripathi	Director, SAMETI
		Shri Ram Milan	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
21.	Uttarakhand	Dr. B. D. Singh	State Nodal Officer, SAMETI
22.	West Bengal	Dr. Surendranath Das	Assistant Professor, SAMETI

Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Principal Coordinator (DAESI) during his welcome address appreciated SAMETIs for working efficiently in implementation of DAESI programme. Principal Coordinator (DAESI) presented the progress (Physical and financial) of DAESI Program over last five years with a special emphasis on the status of DAESI in the financial year 2022-23. The major issues flagged for discussion in the review meeting were

- Status of AUCs Submission by SAMETIs
- Approvals and Commencements of DAESI Programs for the year 2022-23.
- Identification of Nodal Officers for online application of DAESI Program.
- Identification of two facilitators in every district for enrolling more number of candidates
- Even distribution of batches approvals and commencements of DAESI batches every month during 2023-24
- Organisation of State level workshops to all Facilitators at SAMETI Level in April/May 2023
- Role of SAMETIs in training 50,000 input dealers every year

Regarding AUC Submission, most of the SAMETIs have submitted their AUCs up to the year 2018-19, except Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Odisha which they failed to submit the AUCs despite several communications. It was viewed seriously by the Principal Coordinator (DAESI) and informed the SAMETIs to submit the pending AUCs before 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Further, Principal Coordinator (DAESI) requested all the SAMETI Directors to compile the expenditure statements of the FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 and submit the AUCs of the same. Principal Coordinator (DAESI) raised the issue of delay in release of funds from SAMETI to NTIs in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh as most of the NTIs are facing difficulties in organising DAESI program due to delay or no release of funds from SAMETIs even after 4 to 6 months of commencements of DAESI Program. Further, he requested to ensure the robust monitoring of DAESI Program by SAMETIs where the quality issues were compromised in few of the NTIs in organising of DAESI Program and during the conduct of final examinations.

Principal Coordinator (DAESI) have clarified the various issues raised by SAMETIs

- Director, SIAET, Madhya Pradesh has requested for provision of transfer of money directly to NTIs instead of transferring the fund to ATMA which causes delay in release of funds to NTIs and Principal Coordinator (DAESI) told that permission will be accorded after taking the approval from DG, MANAGE
- Director, SAMETI, Himachal Pradesh, suggested for initiating special DAESI batch with less candidates for which the Principal Coordinator assured to explore a solution.

- Director, SAMETI Kashmir suggested to avoid the monitoring charges given to ATMA as ATMAs are not actively involving in any of the monitoring activities. Principal Coordinator (DAESI) responded that as it is central sector sponsored scheme and MOA&FW has included ATMA as district level implementing agency of the program, the DAESI trained candidates can be used by ATMA in the future and for that, it is important to involve ATMA at the district level.
- SAMETI, Kashmir has requested for the provision for organizing four batches by a single NTI for which it was informed that a single NTI can organize four batches but with different facilitators and the classes to be conducted on different days.
- PAMETI Punjab, HAMETI-Haryana SAMETI UP and SAMETI Tamil Nadu are facing difficulties in the mobilization of the candidates for DAESI program as the private universities and fake colleges are awarding the diploma without conduct of classes and for this DG, MANAGE in his address told that letter to MOA&FW has been written to take serious action against these universities and also to stop unscrupulous DAESI programs offered by such institutes.
- SAMETI, Gujarat requested a letter to be written to Department of Agriculture, Gujarat from MANAGE to consider the DAESI trained input dealers under self-finance scheme for grant of license. Principal Coordinator (DAESI) responded that, the Gazette notification issued by GOI may be quoted by trained input dealers to renew their licences.

Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General, MANAGE addressed the SAMETI Directors during his concluding remarks of the review meeting and stressed the valuable points

1. Strengthening of Public Extension System (PES) by utilizing the services of DAESI trained agri-input dealers as Para Extension Workers in the main extension system as the ratio of availability of Extension agents; Farmers is of around 1; 1200 which makes PES difficult to reach all the farmers.
2. Currently MANAGE is training around 16,000 to 17,000 input dealers every year and completed training of close to 80,000 input dealers including ongoing in the present year and it takes another 15 years to cover the remaining input dealers at present rate and for this, presented the strategies for training 50,000 input dealers every year.
3. Need for identification and training of two facilitators in each and every district of the state to enrol more number of candidates under DASESI program.
4. DG, MANAGE informed all the SAMETIs to start the programs immediately after approval without waiting for the completion of the ongoing programs as it cause staggering of programs at the end of February and March and informed all SAMETIs to have even distribution of programs throughout the year starting from April itself.
5. Active monitoring by all the SAMETI Directors/ SNOs of DAESI program to make the program achieve its intended objectives. ATMA should be rigorously involved for this purpose.

At the end of his address, Director General, MANAGE, lauded the efforts of states for achieving great heights regarding DAESI citing his own experience of frequent feedback from DAESI trained input dealers. Further, he reminded the core objective of DAESI to train them

as para extension worker. Finally, Principal Coordinator (DAESI) thanked DG MANAGE for his guidance and directions in implementation of the DAESI program. He also thanked all the SAMETI Directors and SNOs of DAESI Program and consultants (DAESI) at MANAGE for their active participation in the review meeting.