CONVERGENCE WITH HORTICULTURE
SCOPE OF CONVERGENCE

- Himachal Pradesh primarily a horticulture state.
- 32% of the total cultivable area under horticulture.
- Horticulture has a great growth potential in state and can create “Green Jobs”.
- Horticulture Dept is implementing schemes like HTM.
- IWMP being implemented with focus on watershed and livelihood
- NREGA works primarily deals soil and water conservation.
All type of MNREGA works aid in the horticulture production directly or indirectly.

Convergence of MNREGA, IWMP and HTM in Himachal can lead a shift from wage employment to sustainable rural livelihood.

Productivity increase can be achieved by convergence of MGNREGA, IWMP with HTM on land holdings of small and marginal farmers.

Under NREGA back end land development, micro irrigation aspect.
Under IWMP sustainability through watershed development.

Under IWMP value addition can be done through livelihood and production system & micro-enterprises component.
SCHEMES FOR CONVERGENCE

- Primary focus on the convergence of HTM, NREGA and IWMP

- NREGA can be used for the Land Development, Micro-irrigation and the plantation component.

- Green houses and other technology interventions can be done through the funds of the HTM

- Value Addition and marketing components can be taken care from the funds of IWMP
CONVERGENCE STRATEGY

- Common elements of HTM, NREGA and IWMP to be thrashed out.
- Area development approach to be followed
- Development of a watershed primary focus
- Village Plans on the basis of watershed to be taken up (area 150-500 hect approx)
- Action Plan of this area to be formed similar to IWMP
- Individual farmer centric approach will be followed
NREGA can provide the backend development of HTM and IWMP can take care of sustainability and value addition part.

Land Development of Individual and community land will be taken up from NREGA

Micro Irrigation component will be funded from NREGA and IWMP

Intensive Horticulture intervention will be done from HTM

Valve addition will be done by training of farmers and using the Livelihood and production system & micro-enterprises component.
**Major Points of Convergence**

- Provision of Land Development for Farmers being aided under HTM

- Micro-irrigation facilities as Tanks, Rooftop Rainwater, Harvesting Tanks, irrigation channels for farmers

- Plantation intervention through NREGA and IWMP

- Green House aid to the farmer from HTM

- Insecticide and Pesticide aid from HTM

- Mini cold storage facility from IWMP

- Marketing infrastructure from IWMP
Fruit Processing Training to farmers from IWMP

Raising of Nursery by Horticulture Department through NREGA and IWMP
Broad Planning and Monitoring

- Major issues will be dealt by Horticulture sub committee of DLRG

- Block Level Resource Groups will be formed consisting of BDO, HDO’s, Extension Officers and PRI’s
ISSUES ON WHICH GUIDELINES ARE TO BE ISSUED BY THE STATE

❖ Departmentsl framework from Dept of Horticulture vis a vis HTM and other schemes to be converged with MNREGS.

❖ Institutional architecture for Distt Level Convergence.

❖ Beneficiary identification norms and cost norms vis-à-vis MNREGA.

❖ Broader operational guidelines to be issued by the RD Dept vis a vis convergence of Horticulture with MNREGA (MB, MIS, Labour and Payment)

❖ EFMS for convergence works.

❖ Prescribed Monitoring Structure at State, Distt and Block Level.
Thanks