

NATIONAL BUREAU OF SOIL SURVEY AND LAND USE PLANNING(ICAR)

Amravati Road, Nagpur 440 033

Action Taken Report on QRT recommendations of NBSS&LUP, Nagpur (2007-12)

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1.	The Bureau should prepare Land Resource Inventory (LRI) at 1:10,000 scales to ensure effective land use planning at village level	The project has been prepared and is under consideration of National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) pending EFC. May be pursued and monitored for early sanction.	The project is under active consideration of the Planning Commission and is being pursued and monitored for early sanction and subsequent clearance.
2.	The remote sensing and GIS-based district level mapping on 1:50,000 scale may be taken up only on demand-driven basis in collaboration with State Remote Sensing Application Centre (RSAC).	May be taken up in consultancy mode.	This will be strictly followed and the 1:50,000 scale survey will be on demand-driven basis.
3.	State Soil Survey Co-ordination Committee may be re-constituted as Land Resource Management Committee (LRMC) with representatives from all the concerned departments dealing with natural resources for better co-ordination of survey at different levels.	May be accomplished within three months.	Action is being taken through Regional Centres for re-constitution of LRMC with representatives from all the concerned departments.
4.	The Bureau should take initiative to develop Indian Soil Classification System for the benefit of end users since the USDA Soil Taxonomy could not sustain at all levels because of its complexity in spite of sustained efforts by the Bureau.	The reports should be prepared in users (farmers and other stakeholders) friendly mode. Initiatives may be taken up immediately.	Initiative is being taken to develop Indian Soil Classification System.
5.	Trained manpower in Pedology and Soil Survey needs to be developed for India as well as for South Asian countries. Therefore, creation of "Centre of Excellence" in soil survey and pedo-informatics was recommended.	This should include application of geoinformatics techniques too.	The Concept note regarding creation of " Centre of Excellence " at NBSS&LUP is being prepared for submission to ICAR. This will also include the programme for application of Geoinformatics.

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6.	Revival of the Regional Centre, Nagpur is recommended to map approximately 75 mha in the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.	The prevailing system should continue.	Not applicable.
7.	The Division of Remote Sensing Applications and Cartography and GIS Sections are very closely linked in their operational structure and therefore they should be merged.	May be merged. A formal proposal may be submitted to the Council for approval.	A proposal is being formulated for submission to the Council for approval.
8.	The Printing Section is underutilized due to non-availability of facilities and manpower and therefore may be closed phase wise with redeployment of existing staff.	Proposal may be submitted to the council in this regard.	A proposal is being submitted to the Council for approval.