

**MINUTES OF THE 81<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF SPICES BOARD HELD AT GANGTOK ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**VENUE:** DENZONG REGENCY, GANGTOK

The 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Spices Board was held at 11 am on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Hotel Denzong Regency, Gangtok.

Dr.A. Jayathilak IAS, Chairman, Spices Board, presided over the Meeting

The following members were present:

- 1.Mr.Bhaskar Shah, Vice-Chairman
- 2.Mr.Hatobin Mai
- 3 Mr. B.M. Muniraju
- 4.Mr.E.M Augusthy
- 5Mr.Jojo George
- 6 Mr.Khorlo Bhutia, representing Govt. of Sikkim
- 7 Mr.Sasi Kumar, representing Director, IISR, Calicut
- 8 Mr.Ravela Gopalakrishna
- 9 Mr.Nagarajan, representing Director, CFTRI, Mysore
- 10.Mr.Jayaprakash, representing Phalada Agro Research Foundations Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

- 1.Mr.S. Thangavelu, Hon'ble MP ( Rajya Sabha)
- 2 Mr.B.S. Yeddyurappa, Hon'ble MP ( Lok Sabha)
- 3.Mr.Pratap Simha, Hon'ble MP ( Lok Sabha)
- 4.Dr.Viju Jacob
- 5.Mr.Zia-ud-din Ahamed
- 6.Mrs.Anita Karn, Director, Export Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- 7.Mr.Shakeel Ahamed IAS,Jt.Secretary and Mission Director, NHM, Ministry of Agriculture.
- 8.Mrs.Rupa Dutta IES, Director, Finance Division, Ministry of Commerce.
- 9.Mr.Ajith Thomas
- 10.Mr.Anjo T Jose
- 11.Mrs.Anita Karnavar
- 12.Mr.Mathew Samuel Kalaricakal
- 13.Mr.N.C. Saha, Director IIP, Mumbai

The following members were absent:

- 1.Mr.D.V. R Rajiv Mohan, M/s.ITC Ltd, Kolkata.
- 2.Mrs.Sushma Monga, Dy.Advisor, Niti Ayayog.
- 3.Mr.Kumarlal M Thailiani, Partner, M/s.Asian food Industries, Gujarat.
- 4.Secretary (Hort.), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
- 5.Secretary (Hort) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

The following officers of the Board were present:

- 1.Shri.S. Kannan, Director ( Marketing) & Secretary-in-charge
- 2.CA K.C. Babu, Director ( Finance)
- 3.Shri.S. Siddaramappa, Director ( Dev.)
- 4.Dr.Y.S. Rao, Director ( Res.)

At the outset, Chairman, Spices Board welcomed and thanked all the members who had come to attend the Board Meeting to this beautiful part of the country.

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 80th MEETING OF SPICES BOARD HELD AT SRINAGAR ON 30TH JUNE 2015**

Since no comments were received from the members on the 80th Meeting, the Board Confirmed the Minutes.

**Item No.2:**

The Board Noted the action taken report on the decisions of the 80th Board Meeting held on 30th June 2015 at Srinagar.

**Item No. 3:**

The Board noted the implementation of the Integrated Project for development of Chilli & Turmeric submitted to Govt. of Telangana which is being implemented jointly by Department of Horticulture and Spices Board during 2015-16.

**Item No. 4:**

Shri. Jojo George, Member has suggested the Board to provide discount for testing of Cardamom samples in Board's Laboratories. He also requested the Board to enlighten the cardamom growers to go in line with GAP protocols and involve the distributors of Agriculture inputs. Shri. Jojo George informed that only chemicals which are mentioned in the Package of Practices are used in Cardamom without Post Harvest Interval (PHI). Therefore, he suggested that the Board should focus on developing PHI for each chemical.

In reply to the suggestions made by Shri. Jojo George, the Chairman informed that the Board has already initiated action in Guntur for testing Chilli samples for pesticide residue at subsidized rate. So the same programme can be extended to Cardamom farmers also.

Chairman also informed that a meeting of Agro input agencies will be convened to educate on GAP and to modulate inputs. Chairman further stated that the farmers of Sikkim state can send their cardamom samples to QEL, Delhi for testing at discount rates.

**Item No. 5:**

The Board noted the proposal received from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for making a provision of Rs. 30.60 lakhs for the turmeric Seed material programme to be implemented by Horticulture Department within the revised action plan of 2015-16 under RKVY and the Board approved the programme.

**Item No. 6 :** The status is noted and appreciated the action taken by the Board

**Item No. 7 :** Status is noted.

**Item No. 8 :** Status is noted



### **Other discussions:-**

1) Adv.E.M. Augusthy, Member enquired about the budget allotted for the conduct of National Seminar in Kumily, number of stakeholders to be invited and the Officer-in-charge of the Seminar.

The Director(Dev) explained that the budget allotted for the conducting National Seminar is Rs. 5.00 lakhs under MIDH, but fund is not a constraint. The expenditure over and above Rs. 5.00 lakhs shall be met under Extension Advisory Scheme. The Director(Dev) also explained that the farmers, Scientists of State Agriculture Universities and Directors of State Agri/ Horticulture Departments, Officers from Southern states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will be invited. The total number of gathering would be around 300 – 350 Nos. Director (Dev) further informed that Sri. P Perinbam, Dy. Director, Bodinayakanur is in charge of the Seminar under the supervision of Director (Dev). Adv. Augusthy, suggested to invite the Ministers from Govt. of Kerala, local MP & MLAs for the Seminar.

2. Shri. Ravela Gopala Krishna, Member in his representation requested the Board to initiate action on the following issues:-

- a) Allotment of land / space to Growers' Societies in Guntur Spices Park.
- b) Recruit local Telugu knowing staff to Board's offices in Andhra Pradesh, Warangal and e-chilli project for better implementation.
- c) Provide departmental vehicle to RO, Guntur.

Chairman informed that the SETs from local area will be selected and allotment of land in Spices Park is subject to the availability of land. Department vehicle has already been provided to Guntur Office.

3. Shri.B.M. Muniraju, Member in his representation requested the Board to open an office in Chamaraj Nagar District to cater to the needs of Pepper, Turmeric and Ginger farmers.

He also requested the Board to establish a Spices park in Chamaraj Nagar district of Karnataka State to facilitate the farmers of Ginger & Turmeric to sell their produce.

4. Dr. Hatobin Mai, Member informed about the spread of viral disease from Sikkim to Arunachal Pradesh through transport of planting material has been noticed. He has suggested that the Board's Officers may be advised in this regard. Chairman suggested to establish own nurseries in Arunachal Pradesh to avoid disease spread.

5. Shri. Karloo Bhutia, Member suggested the Board to focus on introducing new cardamom curing Bhatti on the lines of Solar drying system used for Banana in Trichy areas in Tamil Nadu.

**Item No.9:** The Board Noted and assured to take the required action.

**Item No.10:** The Board Noted the Status.

**Item No.11:** The Board Noted the Training Programmes conducted.

**Item No.12:** The Board Noted the details of the Project.

**Item No.13:** The Board noted the steps being initiated to donate the used instruments to educational institutions and also noted the special efforts made to install additional instruments proposed for purchase under the Centre of Excellence in Microbiology Programme of QE Lab in Mumbai. The Board approved the proposal of providing the old and non repairable equipments to educational institutes and appreciated the action taken for establishing the Centre of Excellence in Microbiology Lab in Mumbai.

- Item No.14:** The Board noted the recommendation of second session of CCSCH held at Goa.
- Item No.15:** The Board noted the progress of the e-spice bazaar and the scope of the project.
- Item No.16:** The Board noted the status of Spices Park established/under establishment.
- Item No.17:** The Board noted the status of establishment of QE Labs.
- Item No.18:** The Board noted the progress
- Item No.19:** The Board's Office in Sikkim has been asked to follow up for allotment of the land for establishing the spice complex
- Item No.20:** The Board noted the details on IPC session conducted at Mysore.
- Item No.21:** The Board noted the status
- Item No.22:** The Board noted the awards for export excellence and requested to provide wide publicity for getting application from all categories.
- Item No.23:** The Board noted the achievements in exports during April-Sept 2015.
- Item No.24:** The Board observed the various activities undertaken by different departments during the year 2014-15 reported in the Annual Report circulated to Members.
- Item No.25:** The Board noted the changes made in the recruitment rules, eligibility criteria for the post of Director (Research) and approved/ratified the action taken.
- Item No.26:** The Board examined the Audit Report from the Principal Director, Commercial Audit, Chennai. The Board also noted that there is no change in the annual accounts approved by the Board in its 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Accordingly, the Board accorded the approval for the Audit Report on the Accounts of Spices Board for the year 2014-15.
- Item No.27:** The Board Noted and assured to take the required action.  
Chairman thanked all the members for actively participating and the meeting came to end.
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