

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON ONLINE MODE
ON 25TH JULY 2024**

1. The Special Meeting of Spices Board was conducted in online mode on 25th July 2024 at 10.00 am. Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Chairman, Spices Board, chaired the meeting.
2. Out of 15 members of the Board at present, the following attended online:
 - i) Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia IAS, Chairman
 - ii) Shri S.K. Sathyanarayana, Vice-Chairman
 - iii) Shri K.G. Jagadeesha IAS, Secretary (In-Charge)
 - iv) Shri Thirumurugan, Member
 - v) Dr. Neelam Patel, Senior Advisor (Agriculture), NITI Ayog, Member
 - vi) Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR, Member
 - vii) Dr. Vanlalramsanga IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Member
 - viii) Dr. Atya Nand, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Member
 - ix) Shri Gautam Ghosh, Member
 - x) Shri Chandrasekhar Singh Raghuvanshi, Member
 - xi) Shri Rajesh Kumar Mishra, Director, Indian Institute of Packaging, Member
 - xii) Shri. Akkiseti Babu Rao, Member
3. In addition, the following officials of the Board attended the meeting with the permission of the Chair:
 - i) Dr. A.B. Rema Shree, Director (Research & Finance i/c)
 - ii) Shri Basisth Narayan Jha, Director (Marketing) i/c
 - iii) Shri Dharmendra Das, Director (Development)
 - iv) Shri Jijesh T Das, Director (Admin i/c)
 - v) Shri Nithin Joe, Deputy Director (P&C)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: MODALITIES / GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPICES BOARD'S SCHEME 'SUSTAINABILITY IN SPICE SECTOR THROUGH PROGRESSIVE, INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR EXPORT DEVELOPMENT (SPICED)'

4. Secretary briefed about the necessity for conducting the special meeting. It was informed that the draft modalities of the Board's Scheme "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)" were sent to Department of Commerce (DoC) for approval. Based on the feedback from DoC changes were incorporated and the revised final draft was submitted to DoC for approval. During the meeting held on 11th July, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary Commerce, it was decided to get the modalities

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approved by the Board and accordingly this Special Meeting of Spices Board is convened.

5. With the permission of the Chair, Shri Nithin Joe, Deputy Director (P&C) presented the detailed modalities/guidelines for implementation of the SPICED Scheme which was prepared in consultation with the Board's Regional Offices across India. The modalities including General Guidelines, Guidelines for Processing of Applications, Component / Sub-component wise specific guidelines etc. were elaborated. Also, the salient features of the guidelines such as lead time for the announcement and receipt of application, timeframe for various stages of processing of application, Geo-tagging of scheme activities and publishing the status of application, list of beneficiaries etc. were highlighted.

6. Shri Thirumurugan, Member enquired whether the legal heir of the registered cardamom grower can avail assistance under small cardamom replanting scheme. It was clarified that the Cardamom registration certificate in the name of the applicant is mandatory for availing financial assistance under small cardamom replanting scheme. Hence legal heir may approach the concerned authority for obtaining the CR in his/her name and submit the application.

7. Shri. Rajesh Kumar Mishra, Director, IIP, Member suggested that IIP is willing to undertake projects sponsored by Spices Board for development of advanced packaging for spices, in line with the requirements of the major international markets.

8. Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR, Calicut, Member offered that the Institute can collaborate with the Board in conducting Master training programmes, supply of quality inputs and for providing incubation support under the Board's scheme. Chairman sought clarity from the Board officials whether the suggestions from IIP and IISR for collaboration can be implemented within the existing components of the approved scheme, and it was informed that the same is feasible.

9. Dr. Vanlalramsanga, IES, suggested that the Board may align its export target for 2030 with the actual scenario of growth in global spice market. Chairman informed that as explained in other meetings of the Board, the export target of 10 billion USD by 2030 is set by taking into account the contribution from verticals such as spice-based seasonings, which currently is not included in the spice export basket. The suggestion should, however, be further looked into.

10. The Board after detailed deliberations unanimously approved the modalities/guidelines for implementation of the SPICED Scheme for the remaining period of the Fifteenth Finance Commission Cycle (till 2025-26).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members.


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