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SPICES BOARD

**84TH MEETING HELD
ON
21ST SEPTEMBER 2016**

At

Visakhapatnam

MINUTES

**“Sugandha Bhavan”
Palarivattom,
Cochin – 682 025**

MINUTES OF THE 84th BOARD MEETING OF SPICES BOARD

HELD ON 21st September , 2016

The 84th Meeting of the Spices Board was held at Dolphin Hotels Ltd, Visakhapatnam on 21st September 2016 at 4.00 pm.

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

The following members were present;

1. Mr. B.M. Muniraju
2. Mr.E.M. Augusthy, Vice-Chairman
3. Mr. Ravela Gopalakrishna
4. Mr. Nagarajan, representing Director, CFTRI, Mysore
5. Mr. Anjo T. Jose
6. Mr.Anil Singh, representing Director (Plantations), MoC
7. Mr. Khorlo Bhutia, Representative from Govt of Sikkim
8. Mr.Zia-ud-din Ahammed
9. Mrs.Rupa Datta, Director, Finance Division, MoC
10. Mr.Jojo George
11. Ms.Divya Iyer IAS, attended as an Observer

The leave of absence was granted to the following members;

1. Mr. Bhaskar Shah
2. Mrs.Vijayalaxmi, Phalada Agro Research Foundations Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore.
3. The Director, Planning Commission, New Delhi
4. Mr. B.S. Yeddyurappa, Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha)
5. Mr. Pratap Simha, Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha)
6. Dr. Viju Jacob
7. Mrs.Anita Karnavar
8. Mr. Anjoy Ama, Representative Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

9. The Director, IISR, Calicut
10. Mr. N. C. Saha, Director, IIP, Mumbai
11. Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalaricakal
12. Mr. S. Thangavalu, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)

The following members were absent;

1. Mr. Kumarlal M Thailiani, Partner, M/s. Asian food Industries, Gujarat.
2. Mr. D. V. R Rajiv Mohan, M/s. ITC Ltd, Kolkata.
3. Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture New Delhi
4. Mr. Ajith Thomas, AVT MC-Cormick Ingredients Pvt. Ltd, Chennai.
5. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, Govt. of UP
6. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh

The following officials of the Board were present:

1. Mr. S. Siddaramappa, Secretary (i/c)
2. Mr. S. Kannan, Director (M & E)
3. Dr. A B Remashree, Director (Res.)

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING OF SPICES BOARD HELD AT NEW DELHI ON 24th JUNE 2016

Since no comments were received from the Members on the Minutes of the 83rd Meeting, the Board confirmed the Minutes.

ITEM No.2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 83rd BOARD MEETING HELD AT NEW DELHI ON 24TH JUNE 2016

The Members appreciated the action taken report on the decisions of the 83rd Meeting of the Board.

Item No.3: PRODUCTIVITY AWARD FOR CARDAMOM (SMALL)

The Board noted the details

Item No.4: INTEGRATED PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR PROMOTING ORGANIC FARMING IN SPICES THROUGH ADOPTION OF ORGANIC VILLAGE BY CLUSTER APPROACH AND PGS CERTIFICATION IN 8 NORTH EASTERN STATES UNDER PARAMPARAGAT KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (PKVY)

Chairman instructed to inform Dr.Thampi, Dy.Director, Regional Office, Guntur, to meet Mr.Chiranjeev Chowdary, Principal Secretary (Horticulture), Govt. of Andra Pradesh, Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022 to get copy of the projects submitted by Govt. of Andra Pradesh under PKVY to prepare projects on similar lines for development of spices crops.

Item No.7.STATUS REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. (SDA)

The Board noted the details.

Item No.9. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME SCHEDULED FOR 2016-17

The Board noted the details.

Item No.14. STATUS OF CONSIGNMENT SAMPLES ANALYSED BY QUALITY EVALUATION LABORATORY, SPICES BOARD.

The Board noted the details.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

Item No.2: REQUEST FROM Mrs.ALKA TANDON, REPRESENTATIVE, SECRETARY (HORTICULTURE), GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH)

Chairman wanted to know whether the letter has been sent to Govt. of Andra Pradesh in this regard.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Item No.3: DEVELOPING SAFEGUARDS FOR RELIABLY OUTSOURCING ANALYTICAL WORK.

The Board noted the details.

Item No.4: STATUS OF CONSIGNMENT SAMPLES ANALYSED BY QUALITY EVALUATION LABORATORY, SPICES BOARD.

The Board noted the details

Item No.5: STATUS REPORT ON ESTABLISHING QUALITY EVALUATION LABORATORIES

The Board noted the details

Item No.6: CARDAMOM e-AUCTION CENTRE, BODINAYAKANUR, TAMILNADU

The Board noted the details.

Item No.7: PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE MUSEUM & SIGNATURE STALL

The Board noted the details

Item No.8 : INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (IDS)

Considering the committed expenditure of Rs.33.89 Crores, and the pressing need for development of infrastructure for spice processing, the Board re-emphasized the necessity of releasing additional funds for the Infrastructure Development Scheme.

Item No.9: PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING SPICE COMPLEX IN SIKKIM

The Board noted the details. The proposal, Integrated Processing Unit under MOVCD is considered for establishing Spices Park at Sikkim.

ITEM NO.10 ENHANCING THE CASH PRIZE UNDER THE SPECIAL AWARD FOR ORGANIC CARDAMOM (SMALL)

The Board approved the proposal

ITEM NO.11: REVISED ACTION PLAN FOR 2016-17 FOR SPICES BOARD AS NLA UNDER MIDH

The Board noted the details

Item No.12: REPORT ON THE OUT-REACH PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PESTICIDES RESIDUE AND ARTIFICIAL GREEN COLOUR IN CARDAMOM

Sri.Jojo George and Sri.Anjo T Jose, Board Members highlighted the issues of indiscriminate use of pesticide and the practice of artificial colouring of fresh cardamom capsules by farmers before drying. They requested the Research and Development Department of the Board to intensify the awareness programmes among farmers and traders on green colouring and pesticide residue since the cardamom was rejected by countries like Japan and cautioned about certain rejection reflected in exports to Saudi Arabia and as well as spreading the news to other countries in the near future.

A detailed discussion on the subject was made among the Board Members on how to implement immediate steps to end the practice of artificial colouring and control on pesticide residue in cardamom.

Sri.E.M. Augusthy, Vice-Chairman, put forth a suggestion of providing six months period with immediate effect to educate and remove all the stock of artificially coloured cardamom from the market after which artificially coloured cardamom should not be accepted, under any circumstance, from farmers/traders at the auction centre. This proposed action should be given adequate media coverage as a special news to create awareness among the farmers and traders of cardamom.

The Board Members suggested the use and recommendation of genuine pesticide with label claim and for residue levels below minimum in cardamom samples. To queries regarding awareness programmes, Director (Res.) replied that ICRI has conducted training programmes jointly with Development Department at Myladumpara regarding pesticide residue issues and is trying to intensify by way of training and spice clinics at

various regions of the cardamom growing tracts. The Chairman informed the members that instructions will be disseminated to the farmers to stop artificial colouring practices of fresh cardamom before being brought to auction centres. An interim period of six months will be allowed for clearing the existing stock after which random sampling and testing will be made mandatory. A random inspection will be undertaken to know the situation and caution the concerned for eliminating the artificial colouring of cardamom

Item No.13: STATUS ON RAPID ALERTS-RASFF & FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS OF JAPAN

The Board noted the details

Item No.14: EXPORT OF SPICES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17

The Board noted the details.

Item No.15: STATUS OF e-SPICE BAZAAR TRACEABILITY PROJECT

The Board noted the details.

Item No.16: THIRD SESSION OF CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS

The Board noted the details.

Item No.17: STATUS OF SPICES PARK

The Board noted the details.

Item No.18: AMENDMENT IN THE SPICES BOARD (RECRUITMENT) REGULATION 2010

The Board approved the proposal and ratified the action taken.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

1) GST 2) ADHAR CARD

Mrs.Rupa Dutta, Director (Fin) MoC and Board Member informed the Board to initiate action to link Adhar card for availing any assistance from Spices Board.

Secretary explained the steps taken by Spices Board in developing a new software, *Grant Management System*, in which the Adhar card is made compulsory while submitting online applications by farmers for availing subsidy from Spices Board. With respect to those farmers who are not having Adhar card so far, a separate camps may be organized in association with UIDAI. A letter in this regard may be sent to DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) cell, MoC immediately.

Dr.Divya S Iyer IAS, Observer, explained about the GST. Chairman suggested any private trade bodies can also directly represent the Ministry for incorporating their suggestions for making suitable amendments in GST

Sri.Jojo George has requested for a copy of the feedback sent to MoC by Spices Board regarding implementation of GST

Chairman thanked all the Members for their active participation and the Meeting came to end at 5.30 pm
