

**MINUTES OF THE 76TH MEETING OF THE SPICES BOARD HELD
ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT COCHIN**

The 76th Meeting of the Spices Board was held at 2.00 pm on 6th November 2012 in the Head Office of Spices Board at Kochi. Dr. A. Jayathilak, I.A.S., Chairman, Spices Board presided over the meeting.

The following members were present:

1	Shri P J Kunjachan	Vice Chairman
2	Shri P.T. Thomas, MP	Member
3.	Shri S. Thangavelu, MP (Rajya Sabha)	"
4.	Shri Roy K Paulose	"
5	Shri Philip Kuruvilla	"
6	Shri Mathavan	"
7	Shri Jojo George	"
8	Shri Man Singh Parsoda	"
9	Shri Abul Kalam	"
10	Shri George Vally	"
11	Shri G Muraleedharan	"
12	Dr. M. Anandaraj	"
13	Shri G.B. Upadhyay, Deputy Secretary, [Representing Director (Plant.), Min. of Commerce & Industry]	"
14	Smt. Amrit Raj, Director (Finance), MoCI	"
15	Shri Rajendra P Ghogale	"
16	Shri K M Sulthan Ibrahim	"
17	Shri E.K. Vasu	"

Leave of absence was granted to the following Members:

1	Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, MP	Member
2	Shri Sanjeev Chopra	"
3.	Shri K.C. Pradhan	"
4.	Prof. Ram Rajasekharan, Director, CFTRI, Mysore	"
5	The Principal Director, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Dept. Sikkim	"
6	Smt. Sushama Srikandath	"
7	Dr. Viju Jacob	"
8	Smt. Sutapa Majumdar	"
9	Shri K R Jyothilal, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt of Kerala, Agriculture Dept, Trivandrum	"
10	Shri N.C. Saha	"
11	Shri Ajay J Mariwala	"

The following members were absent

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| 1 | The Administrator, Rajasthan State Agriculture Marketing Board | - | Member |
| 2. | Adv. Joy Thomas | | " |

The following officers of the Board were in attendance:

1. Shri P.M. Suresh Kumar, Secretary & Director (Res.) in-charge
2. Shri S. Siddaramappa, Director (Dev.)
3. Shri K.C. Babu, Director (Fin.)
4. Dr. M.R. Sudharshan, Director (Mktg.)
5. Dr. P.S.S. Thampi, Dy Director (Pub.)
6. Shri P. Jagadeesan, Dy Director (P&C)
7. Shri K.R.K. Menon, Scientist C, Quality Evaluation Laboratory

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members especially Shri G.B. Upadhyay, Deputy Secretary, representing Director (Plant.), Ministry of Commerce & Industry on his first visit to Spices Board.

Item No.1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Spices Board held on 17th July 2012

Confirmed

Item No.2 : Action taken report on the decisions of the 75th Meeting of the Spices Board held on 17th July 2012

Secretary briefed the action taken on the decisions at the previous Board meeting, and the Board noted the same. Actions recommended by various Task Force Committees were also noted.

Regarding rapid alert notification (item no.18), it was decided to have a trend analysis on the consolidated list of RASFF.

It was informed by the Director (Mktg.) that the second meeting of Seed Spices Task Force committee meeting was held at Gondal, Gujarat. The TFC identified certain critical areas where the Spices Board can look into, and the task force fixed the production, productivity based on the data collected by various centres and also probable

export that can be achieved during the current year 2012-13. One of the problems raised was difficulty in export of cumin & coriander to Bangladesh because of the evaluation done by the third party in Bangladesh. The matter is being taken up with the Ministry. Shri Ghogale, Chairman of TFC seed spices was requested to co-opt Shri Man Singh Parsoda Board member to the TFC so that he will disseminate the decisions of the TFC in Guna area.

Item No.3 : Pilot scheme for the analysis of farmers' chilly samples in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh

Approved to analyse 1000 samples in Guntur district during 2012-13 at a total cost of Rs.49.50 lakhs. It was informed by Chairman that this will be expanded to other areas.

Item No.4 : Status of consignment samples analysed by Quality Evaluation Laboratory, Spices Board

Noted

Item No.5: Report on approval of accounts by circulation

Noted.

Item No.6: Proposal for implementing Modified Flexible Complimenting scheme (MFCS) in Spices Board

Board approved implementation of modified flexible complimenting scheme for the Scientists in the Board as per the eligibility prescribed in the scheme.

Item No.7 : Mobile Spice Clinics – ICRI, Myladumpara

Noted

Item No.8 : Advisory Services of ICRI, Myladumpara

Noted

Item No.9 : Bio-Agent Production and Supply – ICRI Myladumpara

Noted

Item No.10 : Review on Export of Spices from India during April – August 2012 compared with April – August 2011

Noted

Item No.11 : Status of Spices Park and quality evaluation laboratories under establishment

Board noted the current status. Hon. M.P Shri S. Thangavelu appreciated Board's efforts in establishing Spices park in Sivaganga. He requested to include other spices, apart from chilli/turmeric, for processing in Sivaganga Spices park and, also, to arrange awareness meeting to the farmers in backward areas like Sivaganga. Chairman replied that the same will be arranged. Chairman informed that the Board has got sanction for Rs.19 crores under ASIDE scheme for establishment of Spices Park, Rae Bareli. Shri Rajendra P Ghogale presented the potential of Mint cultivation and exports and also about the project proposal for establishing mint processing facilities in the Rae Bareli Spices park.

Shri Abul Kalam requested to establish Spices Park at Dharwad and Chairman replied that as the University of Agricultural Science has to get approval from ICAR, Karnataka State may consider allotment of Revenue land in Dharwad.

Item No.12 : Spice House Certification

Noted

Item No.13: Decentralization of Submission of application for Exporter Registration

Noted

Item No.14 : Pre-Shipment Sampling / Stuffing – FSSAI Level of Aflatoxin

Noted

Item No.15: Decentralization of submission of Application under Export Development and Promotion Scheme

Noted

Item No.16 : Report on approval of Resolution by Circulation, for Requirement of Land for Quality Evaluation Lab at Mumbai by Circulation

Noted.

Addl Item No.I : E-AUCTION SYSTEM : REVISION OF CARDAMOM (LICENSING & MARKETING RULES 1987

Discussed at length and approved the proposal to revise.

Addl Item No.II : Amendment to Rules & Regulations for issue of Auctioneer Licenses under The Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rules 1987

Approved with the following changes and approval from legal advisor

4(i) The applicant shall be registered under Companies Act 1956 or Multi-state Co-operative Societies Act 2002 or Kerala State Co-operative Societies Act 1969 or The Partnership Act 1932 or a charitable society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or shall be a Co-operative Society registered or deemed to be registered under any law in any State or Union Territory in force at the time of submission of application

4(ii) The revised formula for computing the amount of the Bank Guarantee is as follows

(Total quantity of cardamom sold through auction in a crop season in kilograms / No. of auctions in the crop season) X Weighted Average Price per kilogram of cardamom for the crop season X 2

4(iii) PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE WITHIN 7 WORKING DAYS INSTEAD OF 2 WORKING DAYS and the clause "THE PAYMENT SHALL BE EFFECTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSFER TO THE BANK ACCOUNT" shall be deleted.

Condition No.10 may be changed as "DUES OF THE CARDAMOM SOLD IN AUCTION ARE CLEARED WITHIN 7 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF AUCTION"

It was suggested to include in the eligibility criteria for awarding new auctioneer licenses that the applicant shall have a central warehouse to store the cardamom. Also, it is desirable that the applicant may have the facility for cleaning and grading of cardamom

After incorporating the suggestions of the Board, the amended text will be as follows:

The Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rules 1987

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NOTIFICATION (CARDAMOM CONTROL)

G.S.R. – In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 38 of the Spices Board Act, 1986, (10 of 1986) the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments to the Cardamom (Licensing and Marketing) Rules 1987 namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Cardamom (Licensing and Marketing) Amendment Rules 2012.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In Rule 4 of the Cardamom (Licensing and Marketing) Rules the following shall be incorporated as sub-rule (4).

(4) The conditions for issue of License as Auctioneer shall be as under:

(i) The applicant shall be registered under Companies Act 1956 or Multi-state Co-operative Societies Act 2002 or Kerala State Co-operative Societies Act 1969 or The Partnership Act 1932 or a charitable society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or shall be a Co-operative Society registered or deemed to be registered under any law in any State or Union Territory in force at the time of submission of application”.

(ii) The applicant shall produce a Bank Guarantee to the Board valid till the block period for which the applicant desires to obtain the auctioneer license. The amount of the Bank Guarantee will be computed as per the formula given below

$$= \text{(Total quantity of cardamom sold through auction in a crop season in kilograms /No. of auctions in the crop season) X Weighted Average Price per kilogram of cardamom for the crop season X 2}$$

The quantity of cardamom sold through auction, number of auctions, weighted average price and average number of auctions per auctioneer will be taken on a geographical area basis. The period from 1st August to 31st July is treated as a crop season.

(iii) If the auctioneer defaults to make payment as per the terms and conditions by which the License for Auctioneer is issued, the Board would invoke the Bank Guarantee and the License will be suspended.

(iv) The applicant shall be in a position to pay the person whose cardamom is pooled, the applicable sale value of the cardamom sold in auction within seven working days from the date of the auction.

(v) The application for Issue of License as Auctioneer shall be submitted along with additional documents and required fees as prescribed by Spices Board, from time to time.

(vi) The applicant shall have a central warehouse to store the cardamom pooled. Also, it is desirable that the applicant may have the facility for cleaning and grading of cardamom.

3. In FORM – B (License as Auctioneer) the following conditions shall be substituted in place of the existing Conditions No 1 and No. 10.

Condition No.1: The auctioneer shall draw 1500 grams out of each lot of cardamom offered for pooling and the quantity of sample drawn should be recorded in the Crop Slip issued to the person whose cardamom is pooled. Of the sample drawn, 100 grams will be set aside as purchaser sample and 50 grams will be put on display at the auction centre. Thus a total of 150 grams can be used by the auctioneer for the bidding purpose. The auctioneer shall refund the value of 1350 grams of cardamom (from the sample drawn). Therefore, the total amount payable by the auctioneer to the person who pooled the cardamom shall be the sum of the sample refund value and the value for which the lot has been sold in the auction after deducting the eligible 1% commission on the total amount. No additional charges can be deducted in the name of wastage, weight loss, charity etc other than the permissible 1% commission.

Condition No.10: The auctioneer shall ensure that the dues of the cardamom sold in auction are cleared within seven working days from the date of the auction.

Addl Item No.III : ALLOWING THE GROWERS TO SELL CARDAMOM DIRECTLY TO DEALERS LICENSED BY SPICES BOARD

Approved by the Board to issue Circular that cardamom growers can sell his/ her produce to the registered dealers either through auctions or directly.

Chairman thanked all members, whose term is expiring on 2nd December 2012, for their full co-operation for smooth functioning of Spices Board. Shri P.J. Kunjachan, Vice Chairman expressed vote of thanks and meeting came to a close by 5.45 pm.