

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF SPICES BOARD**

**HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Spices Board was held at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 3.00 pm.

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

**The following members were present;**

1. Mr. B.M. Muniraju
2. Mr. Khorlo Bhutia, Representative from Govt of Sikkim
3. Dr. John Zachariaiah, Representative from IISR, Calicut
4. Mr. Ravela Gopalakrishna
5. Mr. Nagarajan, representing Director, CFTRI, Mysore
6. Ms. Anita Karnavar
7. Dr. N.C Saha
8. Mr. Anjo T. Jose
9. Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal
10. Mr. S. Thangavelu, Hon'be MP (Rajya Sabha)
11. Ms. Anita Karn, Director (Plantations), MoC
12. Mr. Chiranjiv Choudhary, Commissioner of Horticulture & Sericulture representing Secretary (Hort.), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
13. Ms. Alka Tandon, representing Secretary (Hort) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

**The leave of absence was granted to the following members;**

1. Mr. E.M Augusthy
2. Mr. Bhaskar Shah
3. Mrs. Vijayalaxmi, Phalada Agro Research Foundations Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore.
4. The Director, Planning Commission, New Delhi
5. Mr. B.S. Yeddyurappa, Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha)
6. Mr. Pratap Simha, Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha)
7. Mr. Zia-ud-din Ahmed

8. Dr. Viju Jacob
9. Mr. Jojo George
10. Mr. Anjoy Ama, Representative Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

**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. Mr. Rupa Dutta IES, Director (Fin), MoC

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF SPICES BOARD HELD AT AHMEDABAD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

Since no comments were received from the Members on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, the Board confirmed the Minutes.

**ITEM No.2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> BOARD MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

The members appreciated the action taken by the Board on the decisions taken during 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

**ITEM NO.3: PRODUCTIVITY AWARD FOR ORGANIC CARAMOM (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)**

The Board noted the details

Mr. Chiranjiv Choudary IFS, representing Secretary (Hort), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, stated that PKVY can be availed for all the states. Chairman has requested Mr. Chiranjiv Choudhary to provide the copy of projects submitted by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh so that the Spices Board can also prepare the project on similar lines for various spice crops and submit the same to all State governments.

**ITEM No: 5 : APPROVAL OF POST HARVEST SCHEMES FOR SPICES UNDER MIDH DURING 2016-17 FOR SPICES BOARD AS NATIONAL LEVEL AGENCY [NLA]**

The Board noted the details

**ITEM NO: 6 : INTEGRATED PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT FOR SPICES SUBMITTED TO 8 NE STATES UNDER MISSION ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT [MOVCD] FOR NE REGION**

The Board noted the details

✓ **ITEM No.7: STATUS REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SDA)**

Ms. Anita Karn IFS, Director (Plantations) informed the members that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry desires that the Board should concentrate on one major spice grown in the region under each SDA to begin with & should prepare crop specific projects to be submitted for funding through various agencies like MIDH, RKVY etc. The Chairman while accepting the comments from MoC discussed with the members for finalization of major spice crop for each SDA. The crops finalized for each SDA is as follows;

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of SDA</b>	<b>Major Spice crop</b>
1.	Haveri	Byadagi Chilli
2.	Gangtok	Large Cardamom
3.	Guwahati	Lakadong Turmeric
4.	Unjha	Cumin
5.	Mumbai	Kokum
6.	Guna	Garlic
7.	Jodhpur	Coriander
8.	Guntur	Guntur Sannam Chilli
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Mint
10.	Erode	Turmeric

✓ **ITEM NO. 8 : PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SDA, WARANGAL**

The Board noted the details

✓ **ITEM NO.9: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME SCHEDULE FOR 2016-17**

The Board noted the details

✓ **ITEM NO.10 CANCELLATION OF THE CONVERSION OF EXISTING POST OF ASST.DIRECTOR (MKTG) TO ASST.DIRECTOR (CYBER SECURITY AND MARKETING)**

Chairman explained to the Members the need to retain the post of Asst. Director (Mktg) as it is the only channel available for Export Promotion Officers for their rightful promotion post. In this connection a Resolution has been passed with respect to the cancellation of the Conversion of existing post of Assistant Director (Marketing) to Assistant Director (Cyber Security and Marketing), which is reproduced below and read as;

**“Resolved that the proposal of Chairman, Spices Board to post a regular officer with suitable qualification to manage IT security and to avoid any kind of hacking, data theft etc., in the cadre of Assistant Director in EDP Department through Direct Recruitment by converting the post of Assistant Director (Marketing) to Assistant Director (Cyber Security and Marketing) within the sanctioned staff strength approved in the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 30.06.2015 be recalled and to cancel the conversion of the existing post of Assistant Director (Marketing) into Assistant Director (Cyber Security & Marketing) and to retain the post within Marketing Department itself so as not to deprive the Export Promotion Officers from their rightful promotion post”**

The Board approved the proposal and the resolution passed in this regard.

**ITEM NO.11: e-SPICE BAZAAR TRACEABILITY PROJECT**

The members appreciated the initiative by the Board. Mr Chiranjiv Choudhary while appreciating the initiative informed the Board that the project shall benefit the Chilli & Turmeric farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

**ITEM NO.12 : HOLDING NEXT CCSCH-3 SESSION**

The Board noted the details

**ITEM NO.13 : EXPORT EXCELLENCY AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2014-15**

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting of award sub-committee.

The Chairman informed the members to refer the name of companies, if any, for the category **“Export of New Spice Products”, Spices Export to New Market & “Best Micro Manufacturer”** as the Board has not received any applications for the said category.

**ITEM NO.14: STATUS OF CONSIGNMENT SAMPLES ANALYZED BY QUALITY EVALUATION LABORATORY, SPICES BOARD**

Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal enquired about the benefits of QEL analysis for export of Spices from India. The Chairman informed the members that the best indicator of benefits of QEL analysis for export of Spices from India is the number of export rejections from India & placed the statistics of reduction in rapid alerts issued by EU from 121 in 2010 to 16 in 2014. The members appreciated the efforts of the Board in bringing down the rapid alerts.

Mr. Anjo Jose highlighted the issue of pesticide residue & artificial colouring in Cardamom & requested the Board to increase the efforts on conducting the quality improvement training programmes in Cardamom growing belts to communicate the importance of quality requirement for international markets. The Chairman informed the members that the Board conducts the quality improvement training programmes in Cardamom growing belts & shall intensify the training to reach all the farmers in the year 2016-17.

Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal enquired also about the possibility of removal of pesticide residue by washing the capsules before drying. Dr. Rema Shree, Director (Res), Spices Board, informed that methods are available at lab level for medicinal plants by the way of blanching the raw material before drying to remove the pesticide residue. The method has to be tried at lab & field level for Cardamom. The Chairman assured the members that experiments shall be conducted at lab & field levels by ICRI to in similar methods as detailed by Dr. Rema Shree to remove the pesticide residue in Cardamom.

**ITEM NO.15: EXPORT OF SPICES FROM INDIA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-16**

Members noted the export performance of Spices from India for the financial year 2015-16 & lauded the efforts of the Board in the same.

**ITEM NO.16: STATUS OF SPICES PARK & QUALITY EVALUATION LABORATORY**

The members noted the status of Spices Parks & Quality Evaluation Laboratory

**ITEM NO.17: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE MUSEUM AND SIGNATURE STALL AT COCHIN**

Members appreciated the innovative initiative by the Board & expressed the hope that the initiative shall promote the Indian Spices as the location at the port is a major tourist destination. Chairman assured that the fund would be made available from Export Development and Promotion Scheme and IEBR for the initiative. The Members approved the same.

**ITEM NO.: 18 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPICE COMPLEX AT SIKKIM**

The members noted the details

**ITEM NO.: 19 SHIFTING OF e-AUCTION CENTRE AT BODINAYAKANUR TO THE BOARD'S OWN BUILDING**

Mr. S Thangavelu, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha) while appreciating the facilities available in the newly constructed auction centre pointed out the necessity of a Cardamom grading machine, ATM, canteen & hygienic toilets in the premises of new auction centre for the benefit of users. The Chairman agreed to provide the same at the earliest & suggested the Board shall provide Cardamom grading machine under the scheme export oriented production & Canteen, Hygienic toilets can be constructed under the scheme HRD & works. Chairman also informed the members that discussion on ATM with the banks is in progress.

**ITEM NO.: 20 STATUS OF PENDING APPLICATION UNDER TECHNOLOGY / PROCESS UPGRADATION AND HI-TECH IN SPICE PROCESSING**

Chairman explained the budget cut across the Ministries & explained the inability of the Board to implement various schemes due to budget constraints. The members requested Ms. Anita Karn, Director (Plantations) to look into the matter to get the additional funds for Spices Board for implementation of various schemes of the Board for the benefit of Spice fraternity.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

**ITEM NO.1 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

The members approved the annual accounts of the Board.

**ITEM NO.2: FUND ALLOCATION FOR THE BOARD DURING 2016-17**

The members noted the details

**ITEM NO.3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

The members approved the annual report of the Board

**ITEM NO.4 : RR OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OFFICIAL LANGUAGE)**

The members approved the RR of Deputy Director (Official Language)

**ITEM No.5: REVERTING OF SCIENTIST FROM SCIENTIST 'D' TO 'C' UNDER MFCS**

The members approved the proposal to revert the Scientists from Scientist D to C under MFCS

**ITEM NO.6: FILLING UP OF THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (DEV) THROUGH WRITTEN TEST AMONG THE IN SERVICE CANDIDATES**

The members approved the proposal of filling up of the post of Deputy Director (Dev) through written test among the in service candidates & also approved the RR for the same.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

**ITEM NO.1: REQUEST FROM SHRI. RAVELA GOPALA KRISHNA**

Shri. Ravela Gopala Krishna made a request to the Board to allot 2 acres of land in Spices Park, Guntur to Amaravathi Spice Producer Society. The society is involved in the development & marketing of chillies, turmeric, tamarind, coriander, mustard, curry leaves & pepper from the farmers & is trying to establish a processing facility to meet the requirements of exports and value adding units. Chairman informed the members that if the society fulfils the conditions for leasing the land in Spices Park, Guntur, the proposal would be considered.

**ITEM NO.2: REQUEST FROM MS. ALKA TANDON, REPRESENTATIVE, SECRETARY (HORT), GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH**

Ms. Alka Tandon explained the activities undertaken by Govt. of UP under MIDH for the development of Spices in the state & further requested the Board to consider the following

- Establishment of 2 QEL's in UP for the benefit of mint farmers as the present proposal of lab in Rae Bareli is not sufficient to meet the requirement.
- Opening of godown facility in UP for storage of Menthol from small farmers.
- Increasing the present level of grant (33.33%) for the establishment of mint distillation unit.
- Board may conduct research on viability of solar distillation units developed by IIT Kanpur under MIDH funding.

The Chairman has noted the request from the Representative from Secretary (Hort), Govt. of UP.

At the end of the meeting, Chairman informed the Members about completion of his 5 year tenure in Spices Board and thanked all the Members for their active support and their cooperation in boosting up spices exports and it was a gratifying moment for him not only for more than doubling of exports but also to open Board's offices in every State of India. Chairman also informed that heit was satisfying to make the make spice industry more farmer oriented by cutting down middle men and the farmers could learn more about quality produce to get a better price in the international market.

The Members expressed their gratitude for the outstanding contribution of Chairman during his tenure in the Board. Dr. N.C Saha expressed during the Board meeting that "it is a great loss to the Spices Board". Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal informed the Members that "we shall miss a wonderful and proactive Chairman's presence in the Board".

Chairman also remembered with gratitude that, all the achievements in last 5 years were due to the active support of Members of the Spices Board.

**Chairman thanked all the members for their active participation & the meeting came to an end at 5 pm.**

No. Admin-1/Estt/83 Board Meeting/2016

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Sir,

Sub:- Corrigendum to the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting

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Kind attention is invited to the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting sent to you by email on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 . Kindly read the decision taken under Item Sl.No. No.9 as **“The Board approved the QITP proposal for 2016-17”** instead of “The Board noted the details”.

The inconvenience caused in this regard is regretted.

SECRETARY

To

All Members of the Board,  
Spices Board, New Delhi