

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 85<sup>TH</sup>  
MEETING OF SPICES BOARD HELD AT SAKLESPUR ON 28<sup>TH</sup>  
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The 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Spices Board was held at Conference Hall of ICRI, Regional Research Station, Spices Board, Saklespur, Karnataka on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 3 pm.

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

The following members were present.

1. Shri B.S. Yeddurappa, Hon'ble MP
2. Shri S. Thangavelu, Hon'ble MP
3. Shri Dhiraj Nayyar, NITI Ayog
4. Shri Chiranjeev Chowdary, Principal Secretary, Horticultural Dept., Govt. of AP
5. Shri Anjo T Jose
6. Shri Ravela Gopala Krishna
7. Shri Muniraj
8. Shri Anke Gowda, representing IISR, Calicut
9. Shri Nagarajan, representing CFTRI, Mysore
10. Shri Madhavaraj representing Mrs. Vijayalaxmi, M/s Phalada Agro Research Foundation Pvt. Ltd, Bangaluru.

**Leave of absence was granted to the following members:**

1. Shri. Pratap Simha, Hon'ble MP
2. Shri E.M. Augusthy, Vice-Chairman.
3. Dr. Viju Jacob
4. Smt. Anita Karnavar

5. Dr. N.C. Saha, Director IIP, Mumbai
6. Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal
7. Principal Secretary, Horticulture, Govt. of Sikkim
8. The Director, Plantation, MoC, Govt. of India,
9. Shri Jojo George
10. Shri K. Zia-ud-din Ahamed
11. Shri Bhaskar Shah

**The following members were absent.**

1. Jt. Secretary, National Horticulture Mission,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi
2. The Director, Finance Division, MoC, New Delhi
3. Shri. Ajith Thomas, AVT Mc-Cormick, Chennai
4. Shri. Kumarlal M Thailiani, Asian Food Industries.
5. Shri. DVR Rajiv Mohan, ITC Ltd, West Bengal.
6. The Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
7. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture, Govt. of UP

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Spices Board Meeting held at Visakhapatnam on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

Since no comments were received, the Board confirmed the Minutes.

**Item No.2: Action taken report on the decisions of the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board held at Visakhapatnam on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.**

The Board noted

**Item No.3: Project Proposals for Development and Production of Quality Spices in Respective states by Spice Development Agencies (SDAs)**

The Board appreciated the state governments for implementing the MIDH project through Spices Board. Shri. Dhiraj Nayyar, Member representing the NITI Aayog suggested that under MIDH Mission, they are planning to revisit the programmes.

**Item No.4: Integrated Project Proposal for Development of Black Pepper, Ginger and Turmeric under RKVY 2016-17, Govt. of Assam.**

The Board appreciated the initiative of Govt. of Assam for the implementation of Integrated project proposal for the development of black pepper, Ginger and Turmeric under RKVY through Spices Board.

**Item No.5: Upgradation of Mini Processing unit for saffron submitted by M/s.Unique saffron Growers welfare & Development Cooperative Marketing Ltd, Pampore, Srinagar.**

Chairman detailed the establishment and functioning of SPEDA and added that it is a unique initiative by the Spices Board to implement the post harvest, marketing and export promotion of saffron in J & K. The Board appreciated the Unique Saffron Growers Welfare & Development cooperative Marketing Ltd, Pampore, J&K for their willingness.

**Item No.6: Integrated Project Proposals for promoting Organic Farming in Spices Through Adoption of organic village by cluster approach and PGS certification under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) for North Eastern Region.**

The Board noted the status.

**Item No.7: Integrated Project proposals for Organic Value Chain Development for spices in North East region under MOVCD**

Shri.Dhiraj Nayyar, Member representing NITI Aayog suggested that all MOVCD project proposals for North Eastern region may be presented before the Co-ordinator for NE region in the NITI Aayog, for favourable consideration.

**Item No.8: Project proposal for promoting cultivation of Large Cardamom for Socio Economic Development of Villages near International Border in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland in North Eastern region under Border Area Development Programme (BADP)**

Board noted the proposal

**Item No.9: Status of consignment samples analysed by Quality Evaluation Laboratory, Spices Board.**

The Board noted the status. Shri.Anjo T Jose, Member requested to develop a Pesticide Testing Laboratory at ICRI, Myladumpara for the benefit of farmers and exporters of Idukki District.

**Item No.10: Developing safeguards for reliably outsourcing analytical work: Pilot study.**

The Board noted the status and Chairman also informed that Spices Board can implement it by the end of March 2017.

**Item No.11: Farmer Training Centre and Quality Testing Lab for Farmers in Spices Park, Guntur.**

The Board approved the proposal of ITC-ILTD Division in Guntur to partner with Spices Board in setting up the Farmer oriented Lab in the Spices Park. The Board suggested to engage other agencies also to do the work.

**Item No.12: Showcasing Indigenous Organic Input production and Training using Gosala Resources.**

The Board approved the proposal stating that it is a very unique and novel venture to develop quality organic cultivation using Gosala resources. The Board also recommended for developing scientific protocol for training of this programme to the farmers. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture Dept. AP, while endorsing the proposal again stressed the need for imparting training to farmers in the proposed organic cultivation method.

**Item No.13: Project for harnessing Pepper along AP-ODISSA border in association with Coffee Board.**

The Board approved the proposal to seek and secure joint working arrangements with Coffee Board and ITDA for cultivation of pepper in coffee plantation in Arakku areas. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture, AP, requested Spices Board's initiative to extend this programme to East and West Godavari, part of Ananthapur and Visakhapatnam area for cultivation of pepper as an intercrop in coconut and arecanut gardens. He also desired scientific value addition and Marketing arrangements by organizing a buyer seller meet at Paderu / Godavari area for pepper, turmeric and ginger besides chilli. He also desired the Spices Board to put up a proposal to the Govt. of AP for the extension of this project to other areas also. The AP govt. have expressed their willingness to provide the land in their horticultural farm to establish Nursery and requested scientific inputs and technical assistance from Spices Board for developing Master Pepper Nursery in lines of Coconut Development Board. The Board decided to pursue the initiatives

**Item No.14: Export of Spices for the first half of financial year 2016-17.**

The Board noted the increased export of spices both in physical and value terms during the period.

**Item No.15: Status of Spices Parks**

The Board noted the status on the establishment of spices parks.

**Item No.16 :-Amendment in Spices Board ( Recruitment) Regulation 2010.**

The Board ratified the action taken in Amending the Recruitment Regulation for the post of Assistant Director (Accounts).

**Item No.17: Equity Participation in M/s.Flavourit Spices Trading Ltd**

The Board ratified the action taken.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

- α) Shri Dhiraj Nayyar from NITI Aayog suggested to submit a report on “Spices Board’s activities” and also a comparative note on the activities of other Boards, especially, Rubber Board. He also, requested to make a compilation and presentation of the already submitted projects through MIDH and BADP especially for the NE region, for further consideration.
- β) Shri Anjo T Jose appreciated the Board for the steps in restricting the artificial colouring of cardamom at the Auction Centre and also suggested to take initiative to reduce the pesticide application in cardamom through such initiatives.

**Chairman thanked all the members and the Meeting came to an end by 4 pm.**

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