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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1  
Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting chaired by Director (Horticulture) to review activities of National Level Agencies (NLAs) at Room No. 246, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-reg.**

A copy of minutes of the meeting chaired by Director (Horticulture) to review activities of National Level Agencies (NLAs) held on 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

**Encl: as above**



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## **Minutes of the meeting of Review of activities of NLAs under MIDH held on 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

The Review meeting of NLAs under MIDH was held under the chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Kumar, Director (Horticulture) at 03.00 PM on 09.12.2016 to monitor the physical and financial progress of Annual Action Plan 2016-17 of NHRDF, Spices Board and HIL. The list of participants is given at Annexure 1.

At the outset, Shri Pankaj Kumar, Director (Horticulture) welcomed the Representative of NLAs. Based on the discussion held and clarification furnished by NHRDF, Spices Board and HIL, Director (Horticulture) made following observations:

### **National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF)**

1. In case of seed production, physical target unit should be converted from hectare to quintals/kg, on the basis of 10 year average production per hectare. The type of the seed like Certified, Truthful, and Foundation etc. need to be specified.
2. NHRDF was asked to provide list of non-traditional areas for technology demonstration.
3. NHRDF needs to provide gist synopsis of the Seminars/Training/Workshops held during AAP 2016-17. It should include the outcome of the programme, details of the organizer, number of participants, panel suggestions for NLA and Ministry, etc.
4. In case of project, NHRDF was asked to conduct study on 'Value Chain Analysis of Onion in Production Zone of Maharashtra'.
5. NHRDF needs to reallocate fund from HRD to Skill Development.
6. Training under skill development need to be started before the next review meeting and in case Qualification pack and other requirement are not available for Nursery training NHRDF can also go for Gardeners trainings.

### **SPICES BOARD**

1. Spices Board needed to specify whether Qualification Pack of Nursery Management is ready or not.
2. Spices Board needed to provide exact start date of training under Skill Development Programme and some achievement should be made before the next review meeting.
3. Spices Board was asked to conduct study on 'Value Chain Analysis of Cardamom in districts of North Eastern States' instead of Idukki district of Kerala.
4. Spices Board to share Terms of Reference for Value Chain analysis of Cardamom.
5. Technology demonstration activities should be focused in North Eastern region and non-traditional areas, photographs of the demonstrations need be shared with the department.
6. Distribution of equipments under Horticulture Mechanization should be done through DBT. Spices board informed that DBT is already being used for subsidy transfer therefore, it was advised that list of beneficiaries in the template formulated by DAC need to be shared.
7. Spices Board should request for the release of II installment of funds at the earliest.

## **Hindustan Insecticide Limited (HIL)**

1. HIL was asked to be more responsive in submitting achievement data/information.
2. In case of vegetable seed production, physical target unit should be converted from hectare to quintals/kg, on the basis of 10 year average production per hectare.
3. In case of studies, HIL was advised to conduct study on 'Judicious Use of Pesticide', however, synopsis or proposal of the same has not been submitted by the NLA. HIL needs to share terms of reference and synopsis of the study taken.
4. Trainings under skill development need to be started before the next review meeting and report of the training should be presented during the next review meeting.
5. Dates, duration, expected outcome of the proposed trainings on nursery management and tissue culture management should be shared with the department.
6. HIL was directed that before price fixation of rates of MIDH approved seeds for sale, an economic analysis is required to pass on the subsidy to farmers. The detailed analysis for price fixing should be shared with the department.

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

**Annexure 1****List of Participants**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Participants</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
1.	Shri Pankaj Kumar	Chairman	
2.	<del>Shri</del> R. K. Yadav	Director (NHRDF)	
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6.	Shri M.K. Mishra	Under Secretary	
7.	Shri Swarnendu Singha	Section Officer	
8.	Shri Pankaj Sharma	Senior Technical Assistant	
9.	Dr. Shalini Raghav	Young Professional	