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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1
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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 16th December, 2016 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

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Minutes of the meeting of Review of activities of NLAs under MIDH held on 16th 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 16.12.2016 to monitor the physical and financial progress of Annual Action Plan 2016-17 of SFAC, NIFTEM, NBB and NSC. 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 SFAC, NIFTEM, NBB and NSC, Director (Horticulture) made following observations:

National Bee Board (NBB)

1. It has been noticed that performance of NBB is very dismal as achievement made by NBB is only 8 per cent of the total target (Rs.1200 lakhs). NBB was asked to expedite their expenditure otherwise there could be deduction in fund. However, ED (NBB) has promised to expedite their physical and financial achievement within a week.
2. NBB should co-ordinate with the officials of ASCI for the implementation of Skill Development Programme. Contact information of ASCI official and ED (NBB) is shared with each other during the meeting.
3. NBB was asked to start one batch of skill development for Bee Keeper by January first week. Qualification Pack (QP) of Bee Keeper is ready with ASCI and curriculum need to be ready (same is communicated to ASCI). NBB has to follow Common Norms of Skill Development not MIDH cost norms. NBB is asked to get authorized affiliation for its training partner with ASCI.
4. NBB was asked to shift fund allocated under HRD to Skill Development.
5. NBB is asked to attend next review meeting after 15 days with a focus on the achievement of Skill Development activities. 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.
6. Achievement of NBB is zero in case of number of components such as Skill development training, Disease Diagnostic Labs, Development of Nucleus Stock, Dev of data base on bee keeping, Development of bee breeder, IBDC/CoE, etc. Therefore, they need to expedite these activities.
7. Dates, duration, expected outcome of the proposed seminars/trainings and completed seminars/trainings should be shared with the department.
8. Skill development should be at top priority of NBB.
9. NBB was asked to update data regularly on online web portal.

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)

1. NIFTEM was asked to get authorized Training partner affiliation from ASCI to conduct Skill Development programme.
2. NIFTEM should co-ordinate with the officials of ASCI for the implementation of Skill Development Programme.
3. NIFTEM itself is a training institute; therefore, NIFTEM may assist ASCI for the development of Qualification Pack (QP) or may take initiative to develop Qualification Pack related to Post Harvest Management skill sets.
4. Common Cost Norms for Skill Development was shared with NIFTEM.
5. NIFTEM needed to provide exact start date of training under Skill Development Programme and some achievement should be made before the next review meeting.
6. NIFTEM was asked to update data regularly on online web portal.
7. NIFTEM should show some progress study/survey assignments.

National Seed Corporation (NSC)

1. NSC should co-ordinate with the officials of ASCI for the implementation of Skill Development Programme.
2. NSC was asked to conduct Skill Development for Gardeners. At least one batch of gardeners (consisting 30 trainees) should get Skill Development training before next review meeting.
3. NSC was asked to get affiliation for its training partner with ASCI.
4. NSC was asked to attend next review meeting after 15 days. Meeting will focus on the achievement of Skill Development activities. 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.
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6. Dates, duration, expected outcome of the proposed trainings on nursery management and tissue culture management should be shared with the department.
7. In case of seed production (including hybrid vegetable, spices, certified and foundation seed), along with physical target unit NSC should give targets in quintals/kg also, on the basis of 10 year average production per hectare.
8. NSC 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.

Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)

1. Instead of Onion survey, SFAC was asked to conduct study on 'Value Chain Analysis of Onion in particular Production Zone' (It should be different from the region selected by NHRDF). In addition, SFAC should study/suggest FPO model for Onion.
2. In case of potato cold storage, SFAC should focus on following parameters:
 - a. Percentage share of potato stored in cold storages
 - b. Percentage share of potato sold directly (without keeping in cold storages)
 - c. Balance Sheet of production
 - d. Requirements of cold storages
 - e. Business model (Rental or Price arbitrage) of Potato Cold Storages.
3. SFAC was asked to update data regularly on online web portal.
4. SFAC was asked to provide status report of Jharkhand FPO.

Important information shared with NLAs during the meeting:

S. No.	Name of the Officer	Designation	Contact Number
1.	Dr. S.S. Arya	CEO, ASCI	0124-4288322
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Web Link for common cost norms:

<http://www.skilldevelopment.gov.in/assets/images/Notification/Common%20Norms%20Notification.pdf>

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

Annexure 1

List of Participants

S. No.	Name of the Participants	Designation	Contact No.
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