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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1  
Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017

**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 17.03.2017 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

**Encl: as above**



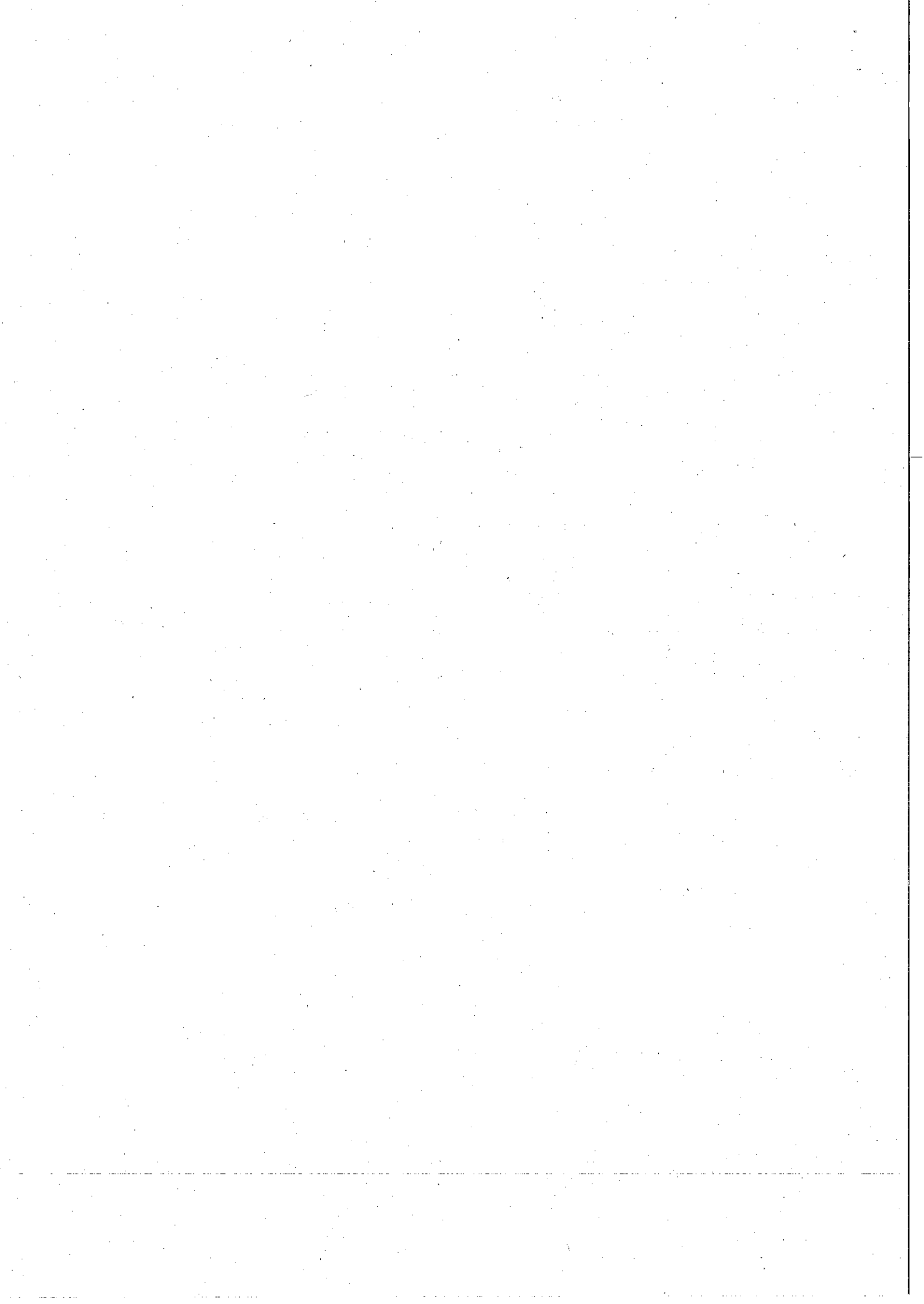
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**Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to Review the activities of National Level Agencies under MIDH**

The Review meeting of NLAs under MIDH was held under the chairmanship of Director (Horticulture) at 03.00 PM on 17.03.2017 to monitor the physical and financial progress of Annual Action Plan 2016-17 of NRCC, HIL and NIFTEM, action taken on directions in the previous review and finalization of their AAP 2017-18.

The list of participants is given at Annexure 1.

At the outset, Director (Horticulture), DAC welcomed the representatives of NRCC, HIL and NIFTEM. Based on the discussion held and clarifications furnished by NRCC, HIL and NIFTEM, the following observations were made:

**National Research Centre for Citrus (NRCC)**

1. During the meeting, NRCC was asked to prepare AAP for 2017-18 with focus on value chain study, skill development and demonstration aspect assuming the total outlay of Rs. 200 lakhs.
2. NRCC was asked to conduct two value chain studies in important cluster. Study should include extensive baseline survey in two selected clusters covering each farmer of the cluster and should not be based on sampling. Further the study needs to identify whether selected clusters are attached with processing and export hub or not. Total outlay for value chain study was fixed at Rs.50 lakh and NRCC was requested to submit synopsis for the same.
3. Rs 40 lakhs were earmarked for development programme & training programmes. NRCC will conduct skill development programme for 5 batches with a total outlay Rs.30 lakhs and Rs.10 lakhs was fixed for training programmes.
4. Under the demonstration programme, Rs. 75 lakh is allocated and NRCC was asked to provide exact location with list of beneficiaries for the demonstration programme.
5. It was informed by NRCC that it generates 7.5 lakh plants along with mother root stock. Out of these 7.5 lakhs plants, 3.5 lakh plants were sold to farmers generating revenue of around Rs.98 lakh. NRCC was advised to optimize their revenue and they should strive to be self sufficient in strengthening of their existing nursery infrastructure. It was decided that MIDH will not approve fund for strengthening of existing infrastructure.
6. It was decided that a team will visit NRCC during 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April 2017 in three centers of NRCC.
7. NRCC was having very huge unspent balance of Rs. 381.1 lakh, out of which Rs.326.78 lakhs have been spent. Since there is still Rs 54.22 lakh available with NRCC as on date

therefore, no funds will be released in the current financial year and first installment will be released to NRCC next year.

8. NRCC asked for funds for new poly houses. So, they were asked to submit project proposal with justification as supplementary AAP.

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

1. HIL was asked to keep same bank account for revenue from seed sale and MIDH fund, receipt.
2. HIL was asked to submit AAP for 2017-18 with total outlay same as for the current year 2016-17 i.e. Rs. 233 lakhs.
3. In case of seed production, they need to reduce the outlay to the extent of revenue earned from the target amount.
4. HIL was asked to take intensive study of four clusters selected from four zones across the country where pesticide use is quite high. ToR and synopsis of the study should be shared.
5. HIL was asked to develop new Qualification Pack for pesticide use, precautions and training resulting into less damage to soil health.

#### **National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)**

1. NIFTEM was not able to understand the survey/study assigned to them, therefore, they were not able to show any progress, instead of surveying the impact of PHM projects of MIDH, it surveyed impact of its own intervention.
2. AAP 2017-18 of NIFTEM will be of Rs. 50 lakhs, same as last year's AAP.
3. NIFTEM was asked to conduct value chain study in 2 clusters where PHM intervention of MIDH is implemented. Rs.30 lakhs for value chain study is allocated under AAP 2017-18. NIFTEM need to submit synopsis and ToR of Study.
4. Out of total outlay, Rs. 20 lakhs is allocated for Skill Development. NIFTEM was asked to develop Qualification Pack for skill sets related to PHM interventions.

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

**List of Participants**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Participants</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
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