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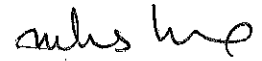
Room No- 434
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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 25th November, 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 25th November, 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 11.00 AM on 25.11.2016 to monitor the physical and financial progress of Annual Action Plan 2016-17 of DCCD, DASD and NIAM. 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 DCCD, DASD and NIAM, Director (Horticulture) made following observations:

Directorate for Cashew and Cocoa Development (DCCD)

1. It was noticed that some of the activities under DCCD are also being done by SHM therefore DCCD is requested to review the activities and avoid duplication in consultation with the State Horticulture Mission.
2. Expansion of area under cashew and cocoa is confined to some southern states only like Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, DCCD should explore more states like Jharkhand which are suitable for cultivation of cashew.
3. Technology dissemination programme should be done directly by DCCD by hiring some expertise from ICAR instead of handing it over to ICAR institutes/universities.
4. DCCD was directed to focus on accreditation of nurseries and exploring the possibilities of tagging, labeling planting material for accredited nurseries..
5. DCCD was directed to conduct a value chain study of cashew covering planting material, production practices, storage, transport and market chain, import of cashew in the country.

Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD)

1. DASD was directed to focus on productivity and income improvement programme instead of area expansion of arecanut.
2. DASD was suggested to distribute the planting material to the farmers during the seminars or other extension activities.
3. DASD was directed to distribute the breeder seed to FPOs for development of planting material and further distribution to the farmers.
4. Trainings under skill development programme should be of at least 200 hours and should be done through KVKs or any other government identified agency.
5. Details of the accreditation of the nurseries done by DASD need to be furnished to this department.
6. DASD was directed to submit a report on spices production practices for some specific spices and methods how to improve the production practices.

National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM)

1. NIAM directed to identify specific crop for every state and conduct a detailed Value Chain Analysis comprising all activities from planting material to the supply chain and market linkages.
2. NIAM was directed to conduct a state level study regarding requirement of planting material in the country, various sources of planting material available and steps to minimize the gap.
3. NIAM was directed to submit the synopsis of the study proposed before the next review meeting.

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

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