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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 24.03.2017 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

Encl: as above



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Minutes of the meeting held on 24th 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 11.00 AM on 24.03.2017 to monitor the physical and financial progress of Annual Action Plan 2016-17 of NBB, NSC and NHRDF, 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 NBB, NSC and NHRDF. Based on the discussion held and clarifications furnished by NBB, NSC and NHRDF, the following observations were made:

National Bee Board (NBB)

1. In context of nil achievement under skill development, it was clarified by NBB that it is in process of affiliation of five organizations (including SAUs/KVKs/Member Societies) identified by ASCI as Training partners. However, no achievement has been reported so far. NBB has not been able to conduct even a single batch for skilling. Therefore, for next year, NBB was asked to allocate 25% of the total budget for capacity building and skill development and to consider upgrading normal training to skill development training. NBB was asked to focus more on skill development and should identify more skill sets.
2. Achievement of NBB is zero in case of number of components such as Disease Diagnostic Labs, Development of Nucleus Stock, Dev of data base on bee keeping, Development of bee breeder, etc. However, NBB has reported that progress under these components is achieved under IBDCs. NBB was therefore asked to keep records of these activities separately.
3. NBB has reported some incorrect figures on online web portal. They were asked to rectify it and provide details in remark column.
4. Till date only eight seminars have been conducted by NBB. NBB was directed to enclose the outcome reports of the seminars immediately.
5. NBB has spent more on IBDCs, with major part spent on training and seminars. They were asked to submit request for inter component changes.
6. For next year, NBB was asked to submit AAP with total outlay of Rs.14 Cr. NBB was asked to submit AAP in given format within 2 days.

S. No.	Components	
A.	IBDC	NBB was asked to provide tentative location for IBDCs with details of components undertaken.
B.	Skill Development	NBB was asked to provide skill development for Bee Keeper/Keeping and some other related skill sets with total outlay Rs. 3 Cr. and for training not more than Rs. 50 Lakhs should be allocated.
C.	Pollination Support through Bee Keeping	Nucleus Stock, Bee Breeder, etc.
D.	Seminars	To be specified with outcome/deliverables
E.	Publication	
F.	MM	Not exceeding 5% of total outlay

National Seed Corporation (NSC)

1. NSC was asked to explore the possibility of same bank account for revenue generated from seed sale and funds received under MIDH.
2. NSC was asked to prepare Annual Action Plan for 2017-18 with total outlay of Rs. 8 Cr.
3. NSC was asked to give focus on skill development training. NSC agreed to allocate Rs. 60 lakhs for conducting gardeners training during 2017-18 as per the ASCI norms.

National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF)

1. Overall achievement made by NHRDF was satisfactory.
2. NHRDF was asked to submit Annual Action Plan for 2017-18 with total outlay of Rs.10 Cr. Under the AAP 2017-18, NHRDF was asked to allocate Rs. 30 lakhs for skill development on nursery management and Rs. 30 lakhs for gardeners training.
3. During 2017-18, NHRDF was asked to conduct 6 (six) value chain studies for Onion, Potato, Garlic and tomato with total outlay of Rs.150 lakh under project proposal component. For training of farmers allocation should not be more than Rs. 75 Lakh and for seminars Rs.25 lakh should be allocated.

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

Annexure 1

List of Participants

S. No.	Name of Participants	Designation	Contact No.
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