

## **Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog held at Chandigarh on 08 January,2016 at 11:30 AM**

The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog was held on 08 January,2016 at 11:30 AM, in the office of ACS Agriculture and Chairman, Haryana Kisan Ayog. The following were present:-

1. Shri. V. S. Kundu, IAS, ACS Agriculture and Chairman, Haryana Kisan Ayog.
2. Dr.K.S.Khokhar, Vice-Chancellor, CCS HAU.
3. Dr.R.S.Dalal, Member Secretary, Haryana Kisan Ayog.

At the outset, Shri. V. S. Kundu, Chairman welcomed the members and appreciated their support to the Ayog.

The agenda items for the meeting were taken up, as proposed, and the following decisions were taken:

**Item No 1: Confirmation of Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog held on 28.05.2014**

The minutes of the meeting were duly confirmed.

**Item No 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog.**

Action taken on previous decisions was noted with satisfaction.

**Item No. 3: Status of Working Groups**

The progress of working groups was noted with satisfaction. It was observed that the reports contain useful recommendations which are under implementation by different departments/agencies of the state. It was decided that an up to date Action Taken Report may be obtained from all concerned and needed follow-up may be taken up. Further, it was also decided to constitute working groups on the following two issues:

- a) "Animal nutrition pertaining to milk cattle and buffaloes in Haryana" and
- b) "Diversification of agriculture in peri-urban areas in NCR"

**Item No 4: Procedure for Publication Work.**

It was decided that in future Ayog may directly call quotations from the market and give work order for printing through open competition.  
Approved as proposed

**Item No. 5: Revision of emoluments of Research Fellows**

It was felt that the Research Fellows may be assigned duties and responsibilities which are commensurate to their qualifications and emoluments. In future we may not recruit Ph.Ds for working in the Ayog. They could be replaced by Technical Assistants/SRF who could be only

graduates. Full utilization of the existing RFs may be ensured. Accordingly, it was decided that they will be associated with the Working Groups. After detailed deliberations it was decided that the remuneration of Research Fellows be revised on the pattern of DST. It was further decided that since the date of effect of the revised emoluments as given by DST, GOI; ICAR and CCSHAU is 01.10.2014, the matter may be recommended to the government to seek its concurrence, as the revision involves retrospective effect.

**Item No.6: Programme of Skill Development of Extension Officers and Farmer Producer Companies**

It was decided that we may organise a week long skill development programme for representatives of the Farmer Producer Companies established in the state and a Skill development programme for middle level functionaries of the departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry. These trainings will be organised in collaboration with OD skill development Academy, Gurgaon. The focus of the training will be capacity building in marketing. This training may be organised at HTI, Karnal or ATI, Jind. The expenses for this programme will be met by the Haryana Kisan Ayog. A sum of Rs. Ten Lakhs was approved for this purpose. However, it was felt that the course fee may be decided in a transparent way. We should follow rates approved by a government agency or the rates be arrived at through an open competition.

**Item No.7: Appointment of Consultants**

After detailed deliberations, the proposed procedure and other conditions for engagement of Consultants/Sr. Consultants was approved. It was, however decided that at present only following three positions may be filled:

- a) General expert in Agriculture
- b) Expert in Social Sciences/Marketing
- c) Expert in Information Technology/Computer Science.

Detailed qualifications will be prepared by the Member Secretary with the approval of the Chairman.

**Item No. 8: Establishment of Haryana Agriculture Innovation Fund and a Research and Development Grant**

It was decided to pursue the matter with HSAMB for release of funds.

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

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Member Secretary