

THIRTEENTH MEETING OF HARYANA KISAN AYOG



AGENDA

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Time : 12 Noon
Venue : Office of Chairman, Haryana Kisan Ayog
Anaj Mandi, Sector - 20
Panchkula.

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13th Meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog

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Item No.1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 12th meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog held on 22.11.2013.

The proceedings of the 12th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog, were circulated vide letter No. HKA/NT-13/1259-61 dated 03.12.2013. A copy of same is placed at **Annexure-1** for confirmation.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 12th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog.

The action taken report is given below in tabular form:

No.	Agenda	Decision	Action Taken
1.	Confirmation of Minutes of 11 th Meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog	The minutes of the meeting were duly confirmed	Noted
2.	Report on the decisions taken in the 11 th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog.	Action taken on all previous decisions was noted with satisfaction.	Noted
3.	Shifting of Headquarter of Haryana Kisan Ayog	The development was noted with satisfaction. Ayog also noted the utilization of unspent amount received back from CCSHAU for renovation etc of the office at Panchkula. It was also decided to place on record, appreciation for the cooperation extended by CCSHAU and HSAMB in providing office space to the Ayog.	Noted
4.	Status of Working Groups	The progress of working groups was noted with satisfaction. It was felt that efforts be made on implementation of recommendations given these reports and the Ayog may monitor implementation of recommendations for each group. It was informed that the Ayog is constituting two more working groups on, 'Post Harvest Technology' and 'Honey bee keeping'. It was suggested by Dr. K.S.Khokhar that biological control and biofertilizers are also important areas that need to be considered.	Important recommendations have been conveyed to the respective departments for needed follow up.

5.	Establishment of Haryana Agriculture Innovation Fund	The Ayog expressed happiness on creation of the Agriculture Innovation Fund. It was felt that this fund will greatly help innovative farmers. It was decided that the Ayog may appoint an additional Consultant and a Research Fellow to exclusively look after the work related to the Innovation Fund.	One Consultant and one Research Fellow have been appointed to look after the work of the society.
6.	Establishment of Research and Development Grant by HSAMB	The Ayog placed on record its appreciation for the HSAMB in supporting research work. It was decided that one Research Fellow may be appointed by the Ayog to assist in the work related to this grant.	One Research Fellow has been appointed. In addition, a consultant at Gurgaon office has been assigned this task.
7.	Celebration of Kisan Diwas	It was decided to organise a seminar at Rohtak on the theme, 'Opportunities for Youth In Agriculture' on 22 December, 2013.. The state level exhibition and function may be organised at Jhajjar on 23 December, 2013. A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs was also sanctioned for these programmes.	The seminar was organised at MDU, Rohtak on 21 December, 2013. The proceedings will be published soon. The programme at Jhajjar was postponed and organised as Kisan Sammelan on 19 January, 2014

Item No. 3: Status of Working Groups.

Twelve Working Groups have been formed by the Haryana Kisan Ayog so far. The following eight working groups have submitted their reports and the same have been circulated to concerned departments and officials for their information and required necessary action. Also periodic reminders for implementation of important recommendations are being issued by the Ayog to all departments, concerned.

1. Working group Report on Conservation Agriculture for sustainable crop Production in Haryana.
2. Draft Haryana State Agriculture Policy.
3. Working Group Report on Natural Resource Management in Haryana
4. Working Group Report on Development of Horticulture in Haryana
5. Working Group Report on Development of Protected cultivation in Haryana.
6. Working Group Report on Fisheries Development in Haryana: Status, Prospects and options.
7. Working Group on Development of Animal Husbandry in Haryana
8. Working Group on Productivity Enhancement of Crops in Haryana

The reports of the following two groups have been received by the Ayog and the same are in press for publication:

1. Working Group on Rainfed Area Development in Haryana
2. Working Group on Linking Farmers to Market in Haryana.

The following two working groups have been constituted recently and two meetings of each have already been held. These groups may take some time to submit their reports.

1. Promotion of Honeybee Keeping in Haryana
2. Post Harvest Technology and Value Addition for Haryana

It is now proposed to form a working group on Agricultural Extension for Development so as to ensure role of all stakeholders in efficient transfer of technology to the farmers in Haryana.

Above status of working groups is placed before the Ayog for information.

Item No. 4: Establishment of Haryana Agriculture Innovation Fund.

The Haryana Kisan Ayog had initiated a proposal for establishment of Haryana Agriculture Innovation Fund. The proposal was agreed in principle by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and announced its establishment on December 23, 2011 at Hisar, while addressing the Kisan Diwas function at CCSHAU, Hisar. Detailed guidelines for operation of the fund were prepared by the Ayog. These were thoroughly examined by the Department of Agriculture and based on discussions it was decided to create a, "Haryana Society for Promotion of Agriculture Innovations". The Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board (HSAMB) has approved a sum of Rs. 3 crores for this purpose. The HSAMB will also provide an additional non lapsable sum of Rs. 1 crore annually for this purpose. Accordingly, the Government had approved last year the creation of, 'Haryana Society for Promotion of Agriculture Innovations'. A copy of Government approval is placed at **Annexure – 2**. Subsequently, the society has been registered with the District Registrar of Firms and Societies, Panchkula with the society's registered office in the Haryana Kisan Ayog, Anaj Mandi, Sector-20, Panchkula. A copy of the Registration certificate is placed at **Annexure - 3**. The HSAMB has already been requested to release the grant approved for the society. As per requirement, bank account of the society has also been opened with the State Bank of India branch in sector-20, Panchkula.

Above details are placed for kind information of the Ayog.

Item No. 5: Establishment of Research and Development Grant by HSAMB

The Haryana Kisan Ayog had also recommended establishment of a Research and Development Fund by HSAMB to meet research needs of local and regional problems on a competitive grant basis. The Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board (HSAMB) has approved a sum of Rs.6 crores for this purpose on annual basis. Detailed guidelines for operation of the fund have also been approved by the government., Accordingly, Ayog had invited proposals to fund some short term result-oriented ad-hoc research schemes addressing critical gaps for solving important problems relating to production, processing and marketing of agricultural produce including animal and fish products.

In response to an open advertisement, the Ayog has received over 65 proposals from nineteen institutions such as: NDRI, IARI, CIRB, CSSRI, DWR, CCSHAU, ICRISAT, MDU, LUVAS, DCRUST, KUK, GJUS&T, besides, some from private institutions and NGOs. The focus of the projects shall be on out-scaling of innovations, promotion of adaptive and applied research that can directly benefit the small holder farmers by increasing both production and quality of agricultural produce. Maximum number of projects have been received in the area of dairy and veterinary sciences, followed by resource conservation technology, economics and management studies, soil science water technology and crop improvement etc. The projects are now being screened and evaluated internally by the consultants of the Ayog and by external reviewers. These will be put up before various Technical Expert Committees for final clearance and recommendation to HSAMB to release the grant project wise.

The matter is placed before the Ayog for information.

Item No. 6: Emoluments of Consultants working in HKA

The Government of Haryana constituted Haryana Kisan Ayog on July, 15, 2010. The mandate of the Ayog is to study the problems of the farmers and suggest measures to their welfare by proposing specific steps/ actions to enhance profitability, sustainability and productivity of agriculture sector in the State. During the last over three & half years, the Ayog has been able to complete a number of studies and submitted ten exhaustive reports to Government. The Government considered recommendations made in these reports and many of them were accepted and implemented.

In preparation of these reports, the Consultants employed in HKA played crucial role. Some of the studies are also being done to prepare comprehensive reports on issues relevant to farmers. Besides, the Consultants have also been assigned to look after the work related to Research Grant and Innovation Fund.

The Consultants are appointed on contract basis for a period of one year. Their tenure is reviewed and renewed annually. They are paid fixed emoluments as decided by the Ayog. They are presently being paid Rs. 40,000 per month. These emoluments were reviewed and approved last in August, 2012. Also the maximum age was decided as 70 years. The Ayog head office has now shifted to Panchkula from Hisar. The Consultants are neither paid House rent nor any conveyance or any other type of allowance.

Keeping in view the work assigned to Consultants and the cost of living in Panchkula and Gurgaon, it is felt that the emoluments of Consultants be increased. The emoluments given for similar positions in other public sector organisations/departments such as National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) under DBT, NSC and Food Security Mission, Govt. of India are much higher to attract good experts (copies at **Annexure-4 and 5**). In this context, it is critical for Ayog's work to have high caliber experts as consultants. In this context, it is being felt that current emoluments do not attract capable persons. Further, maximum age of 70 years is also a constraints since many experienced persons having served as Vice-Chancellors, Deans/Directors, higher positions in ICAR and other organizations do attain this age and are available otherwise. In Food Security Mission, Ministry of Agriculture, GoI, the Consultants are paid Rs 70,000/. Accordingly, it is proposed that the honorarium paid to Consultants may appropriately be revised by the Ayog w.e.f. June, 2014 and also the age limit be extended to 75 years.

Item No. 7: Shifting of Ayog to Panchkula – Payment of Transfer TA

The headquarters of Haryana Kisan Ayog were shifted from Hisar to Panchkula. The new office has been established in the building provided by HSAMB at Anaj Mandi, sector – 20, Panchkula. Since, the staff engaged is on contractual basis and are paid fixed emoluments, some of them did not join at Panchkula. Only one Consultant, one Research Fellow, one Programmer and one Assistant joined at Panchkula and this office commenced functioning w.e.f. 16 September, 2013, with the available staff position.

All employees (both regular and on contractual basis) of the Ayog are allowed TA/DA while on tour for official work. A provision to this effect was made by the Ayog in its fourth meeting held on 18.04.2011 vide agenda Item No. 6 (copy of Agenda and proceedings are placed at **Annexure – 6.**)

Normally, the transfer TA is admissible to employees only, but the shifting of Ayog from Hisar to Panchkula was in the Government Interest and above four employees on contractual basis were asked to shift, it is proposed that Ayog may allow them transfer TA/DA as a special case..

Submitted for consideration please.

Item No.8: Procedure for Publication Work.

The Haryana Kisan Ayog has a major task of bringing out Technical reports and publish them as well proceedings of seminars, workshops etc. The Ayog also brings out its quarterly newsletter in English and Hindi, besides other useful publications for specific benefit to farmers.

This job was carried out through printers on competitive rates by calling quotations, when the office was at Hisar. At Panchkula, it is learnt that a "Samvad" society has been established by the Government that takes up publications work of different departments. The last Newsletter and a report were got printed through "Samvad".

The "Samvad" society is reluctant to take up Ayog printing work, as the number of copies required by us is usually less than one thousand, whereas they are printing copies in lakhs. Our two reports are currently pending for printing for the last more than two months.

At the same time, we have been told that "Samvad" society has empanelled about 10 printers on the basis of their quality of printing. On receipt of printing jobs, "Samvad" calls for quotations from these empanelled printers (copy attached).

It is proposed that Ayog in future may directly call quotations from these empanelled printers for getting our job done on priority and without delay. This will save time and bring about efficiency in our publication work. Also it will help in ensuring good quality of publications

The above proposal is placed before the Ayog for consideration and approval.

Item No.9: Renovation of office Building of Haryana Kisan Ayog.

A sum of Rs.15.00 lakhs was approved by the Ayog for taking up renovation work of the building of HSAMB having the office of Ayog at Panchkula. These works could not be taken up in the last financial year. The office of the Ayog was shifted from Hissar to Panchkula in September 2013 in the building of Market Committee, Sector-20, Panchkula. The Ayog shifted in the building by making make-shift arrangement by carrying out urgent need based changes on urgent basis. Now, there is specific need to carry out renovation in the office building, as per detail given below:

Sr. No.	Description of work	Tentative Estimate
1.	Providing & Layout floor tiles in porches in the office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	61561.00
2.	Providing & fixing stone cladding on pillars and scraping in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	36816.00
3.	Providing & laying kotah stone flooring on terrace floor office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	343169.00
4.	Providing & laying of CC kerbs in office Campus in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	161959.00
5.	Providing & laying plinth protection in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	187824.00
6.	Job work for dismantling of RCC shelve, cup Boards and making the are/wall in good condition in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	500000.00
7.	Providing stone on terrace floor in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	
8.	Providing MS frame car "H" shed in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	
9.	Providing & laying kerbsand P.B. in "I" font of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	229554.00
10.	Providing MS fame terrace shed in office of Haryana Kisan Ayog.	300000.00
	TOTAL :	1759322.00
	Round Figure of Rs.17.60 lacs.	

The above tentative estimate has been prepared by the office of Executive Engineer, HSAMB, Sector-20, Panchkula (Copy is available at Annexure "A") and the work will be carried out by them for which Ayog is now required to transfer the amount of Rs.17.60 lakh to HSAMB.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Ayog that proposed amount be transferred to HSAMB for getting the renovation work done from its Engineering Wing.

Item No. 10: Any other item