

## **FIRST MEETING OF HARYANA KISAN AYOG (10 September, 2010)**

### **PROCEEDINGS**

The First Meeting of *Haryana Kisan Ayog* was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 3 p.m. in the office of Vice-chancellor, CCSHAU, Hisar under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.S. Paroda. The following were present :-

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| 1. Dr. R.S. Paroda        | Chairman         |
| 2. Mr. Roshan Lal, I.A.S. | Member           |
| 3. Dr. K.S. Khokhar       | Member           |
| 4. Dr. R.S. Dalal         | Member-Secretary |

At the outset, the Member-Secretary welcomed the Chairman and members of the commission. He thanked the State Government specially for obtaining the services of Padma Bhushan Dr. Paroda, being a renowned scientist. He also thanked Dr. Paroda for accepting the responsibility. Mr. Roshan Lal proposed to place on record, the commission's appreciation for Dr. Paroda, who has accepted to serve the *Haryana Kisan Ayog*, without any salary. Same was endorsed by Dr. Khokhar and the Member-Secretary.

Dr. Paroda, in his opening remarks, thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana for constituting the *Kisan Ayog*. He expressed the hope that the commission would be able to address comprehensively the problems of the farmers. He informed that the commission was constituted on 15<sup>th</sup> July and in less than two month's time various formalities have been completed for its establishment. Guidelines for functioning of the commission and the Administrative approval for engagement of staff have been issued. Also two vehicles have temporarily been provided and thanks to the Vice-Chancellor, HAU that the commission has its office on the campus. Budgetary provision is being made for the commission. This was possible only because of the support and cooperation extended by the F.C. (Agri) and the Director of Agriculture, Haryana. He also thanked the PS to C.M., APS to CM and the Vice-Chancellor for their help towards establishment of the commission. He was also hopeful that the camp office at Gurgaon will be established soon.

The Chairman also informed the commission that on technical front work has already been initiated. A brain storming session was organised at NDRI, Karnal on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. It was attended by the Directors of NDRI, CIRB and NBAGR, besides the Director General and senior officers of the Animal Husbandry department, Haryana and scientists of NDRI. Many useful suggestions have emerged relating to the development of livestock sector in Haryana. A meeting with the dairy farmers has also been scheduled at Karnal in the first week of October.

Similarly, cooperation has been sought from the senior scientists at the national level. A concept note on 'Land use planning in Haryana' has been received from ICAR. The D.G. ICAR and Secretary DARE, Govt of India, has agreed to make a presentation on the role of ICAR in Haryana. This will be scheduled in the first week of November. Participation of senior officers and Ministers from Haryana will be ensured for this event.

The commission then discussed in details each of the listed agenda and took the following decisions:

### **Agenda Item No. 3: Discussion on Terms of Reference for the Commission.**

The terms of reference for the commission were discussed and it was felt that same are quite exhaustive. The chairman may like to prioritise them and initiate action as appropriate through formation of Working Groups as proposed under Agenda Item No. 4

### **Agenda Item No. 4: Formation of Working Groups**

The commission approved the proposal with the following suggestions:

1. Soils may be included in group no. 2 and this working group may be called as, 'Soil and Water Management (including micro-irrigation)'.  
2. The area of Post-harvest management may be included in group no. 7.  
3. Each working group may have up to 3 members including its chairman.  
Rest was agreed as proposed.

The commission also approved financial sanction for the expenses to be incurred on the working groups, as per norms laid down in the agenda, provided expenses do not exceed Rs. 2.0-2.5 lacs.

### **Agenda Item No. 5: Procedure/methods for having broad-based consultations.**

Approved as proposed, except that instead of three sub-regions proposed, districts be kept same as in the four administrative divisions of the State and proposed interactions with the farmers be organized inviting representatives of Department of Agriculture, Haryana and the Extension Directorate of HAU. All concerned District level agriculture officers and coordinators of KVKs be also invited.

### **Agenda Item No. 6: Draft Policy on Agriculture for Haryana**

Approved as proposed. Further, it was agreed that the group of experts proposed under Dr. Mruthyunjaya be also treated as a Working Group and paid honorarium, T.A. etc., as approved for each working group under Agenda Item 4. Mr. Roshan Lal assured that a formal request will be communicated by the Government in this regard to the Commission.

### **Agenda Item No. 7: Rules and Procedures**

Approved as proposed with the following suggestions:

1. The committee for the selection of Consultants and Research Fellows may include just one expert to be nominated by the Chairman (instead of two proposed in the agenda)
2. The commission may initially appoint five Consultants and five Research Fellows. To begin with, initially 2-3 Research Fellows and 2-3 Consultants may be appointed and the number be further increased as workload of the Commission increases.

### **Agenda Item No. 8: Recruitment of Staff**

The commission approved the appointment of Mr. V.K. Gupta as Administrative Officer in his own pay scale, on standard terms of deputation, as applicable in the Haryana Government. Other staff members may be appointed as per the procedure proposed by giving three weeks notice. Appointments may also be made on contract basis through a service provider, where applicable. Maintenance contract may be assigned through bidding and advertisement in a local newspaper.

### **Agenda Item No. 9: Financial Sanction for Incurring Expenditure**

Approved as proposed with the following suggestions:

1. The Chief Secretary may be requested through F.C. (Agri) for the purchase of one Skoda car for the Chairman, in lieu of the car provided which has already covered more than 2,35,000 kms and is 5 years old. Another car for Member-Secretary be also purchased as per norms and procedure of Haryana Government.
2. The committee proposed for the purchase of furniture may include University Architect or his representative (instead of Sr. Architect proposed in the agenda).
3. It was brought out that being the first year of establishment, additional budgetary provisions may be needed as initially expenses have to be incurred on establishment (renovation, acquisition of furniture, equipment, car, office infrastructure etc.) However, it was agreed that efforts be made to incur only the essential expenses, and request be made for additional funds, if needed, much prior to the end of current financial year.

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