

**Proceedings of the 7th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog
held at Chandigarh 30.03.2012 at 4 .00 p.m.**

The following were present:-

1. Dr.R.S.Paroda, Chairman, Haryana Kisan Ayog.
2. Mr. Roshan Lal, IAS, Finance Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Agriculture.
3. Dr.K.S.Khokhar, Vice-Chancellor, CCS HAU.
4. Dr.R.S.Dalal, Member Secretary, Haryana Kisan Ayog.

At the outset, Dr. Paroda welcomed the members. He also briefed them about the deliberations and recommendations of the Global Conference on Women in Agriculture held at Delhi, which had participation of 760 delegates, of which 150 were from 50 countries around the Globe. He felt that Women play an important role in agriculture and the Ayog should also have greater thrust on role of women in agriculture. The agenda items for the meeting were discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken:-

Item No 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 6th Meeting of Haryana Kisan Ayog

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

Item No 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 6th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Ayog.

Noted with satisfaction

Item No 3: Constitution of an Advisory Committee of Farmers

The matter was discussed at length and it was felt that Adhoc Advisory Committees for deliberations/interactions with farmers in each of the divisions be constituted prior to such meetings. This would ensure broader participation of the farmers. The Ayog held meetings with farmers in all the four divisions of the State last year. Similarly, the Ayog could have annual round of meetings each year, which could be held in different districts.

Item No 4: Establishment of State Agriculture Innovation Fund

The details for the establishment of State Agriculture Innovation Fund, as proposed were accepted for recommending the same to the Government. It was felt that SAIF be made functional at the earliest possible so that innovative farmers could be recognised with incentives and rewards.

Item No 5: Constitution of Haryana Kisan Ayog

The decision of the government to extend the tenure of the Ayog for another year i.e. up to 14 July, 2013 was noted. However, all members were of the view that the mandate of the Ayog would require its existence on a long term basis. Dr. K.S.Khokhar, however, expressed that office space for the Ayog on CCS HAU campus had been provided with an understanding that its tenure will be for a short term. In case the Government decides for its continuation on the long term basis, which it should, then Government may also decide to provide an alternate site/location for its own building.

Item No 6: Financial Sanction

The proposal was approved as proposed. Further, it was also informed that the said advance of Rs. 17 lacs is yet to be drawn because of a blanket ban on accepting any bill exceeding an amount of Rs. 5 lacs by the State Government. It was decided that this advance may be drawn by 31st March 2012, if permitted. In case this amount is not drawn during this financial year financial sanction of the Ayog is accorded for proposed renovation during the new financial year. For this purpose, the matter need not be brought to the Ayog again.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Member Secretary

Chairman