

PROCEEDINGS OF FARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (CHELAVOOR)

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Farm Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting of Chelavoor was held on 22 February 2014 at 11.00 am in ATIC Hall. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Director chaired the meeting. FAC members attended the meeting. Estate Officer, Chelavoor Farm, presented the Action Taken Report of the last FAC meeting and was approved by the house. New agenda was presented and discussed.

Following decisions were taken during the meeting.

	ITEM	DECISION	PERSON IDENTIFIED
1	JCB hiring for leveling work (500 hours) in Chelavoor campus	Approved.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge .
2	Solar lamps for C block and near High Tech Polyhouses in B Block. Number of lamps: 15	Approved. The explore the possibility of repairing the existing non functioning solar lamps either with the firm who supplied the same or with other similar agencies.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge.
3	Harvesting of coconut and cleaning of crowns of all coconut trees	Approved. Harvesting of coconut using people trained by KVK (in coconut climbing using machines) may be explored.	Estate Officer; Dr Manoj; Scientist in Charge.
4	Renovation work in library	Work committee may consider the work initially and then, the work can be taken up in the next financial year.	Dr Sushamma; Works Committee
5	Leak proofing of roof in Souganthikam Guest house	Approved. Quotations may be invited.	Dr S. Hamza; Estate Officer

6	Allotment of plots for experimentations		
A	GINGER AND TURMERIC a. 275 beds for ginger and turmeric bed (Dr K Johnson George). b. 25 beds for ginger and 25 beds for turmeric (Dr. C.M. Senthil Kumar). c. 50 for ginger and 50 for turmeric) (Dr. Prasath). d. 100 beds for ginger and turmeric seed production (Dr. K. Kandiannan). e. 50 beds for ginger (Dr. Suseela Bhai). f. 40 beds for ginger (Dr. K. Nirmal Babu) g. 50 beds for ginger (Dr. KS Krishnamoorthy) h. 10 beds for ginger (Dr N. K. Leela)	Approved. All the trials at Chelavoor must be of demonstration value. Testing of new molecules/organisms may be taken up at IISR Farm, Peruvannamuzhi.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge, Concerned Scientists.
B.	BLACK PEPPER a. 0.5 ha of land for black pepper IDM demonstration(Dr Suseela Bhai) b. Area for black pepper mother block = 0.5 ha (Dr. Kandiannan) c. Area for black pepper experiment – drought (150 standards) (Dr.	Approved. Drought studies may be taken up on priority, adjacent to existing black pepper plot in B Block.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge, Concerned Scientists.

	K. S. Krishnamoorthy)		
C.	TREE SPICES 0.5 ha for nutmeg (Dr. J. Rema)	Approved.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge, Concerned Scientists.
D.	ORGANIC BLOCK Space for Organic Block	Approved.	Estate Officer; Scientist in Charge, Concerned Scientists.

Training for Technical officers on computer operations and power point presentation (Mr. Jayarajan, Scientist in Charge).

The possibility of using two JCBs at a time instead of one, may be explored for speedy completion of existing work at Chelavoor Campus. (Estate Officer) .

The contract labourers may be pooled for any urgent and unforeseen work as and when required (Estate Officer; Heads of Division; Scientist in charge).

The existing water harvesting structures may also be used for growing fishes with the help of KVK staff. (Estate Officer; Dr Pradeep, KVK Scientist in Charge).

J. Rema