

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SPICES RESEARCH**Experimental Farm, Peruvannamuzhi****Proceedings of FAC meeting held at KVK on 21.07.2011**

The FAC meeting was held at the conference hall KVK at Peruvannamuzhi farm at 2 pm . The meeting was chaired by Dr.M.Anandaraj, Director and all scientists of institute including Administrative and Accounts officer and KVK personnel were present. In his introductory remarks, Director has emphasized the slogan “Farmer First” reiterated by the Director General ICAR for all to follow. He also told about a few outstanding innovations of farmers recognized by ICAR such as ginger processing equipment, improved cardamom variety, mechanization of fennel cultivation etc. The Director has asked all scientists and staff including K V K to cooperate to develop the farm to make it presentable as a research farm to international standards for which a Master Plan has to be prepared. During the remarks the following points emerged.

- I. K V K Farm Manager Mr. S. Kannan should look after Experimental farm also as the Farm Superintend is on leave.
- II. Efforts are being undertaken to get the lease of Experimental farm Peruvannamuzhi extended and land at Chettali is allotted for planting germplasm of pepper. We need to develop Peruvannamuzhi farm for our ongoing experiments and for KVK demonstrations.
- III. An amount of about Rs. 95 lakhs is available under Plan contingency and proposals may be given for farm development both at Chelavoor and Peruvannamuzhi, except works.
- IV. The entire farm has to be cleared including removal of fallen trees.
- V. Suitable measures have to be taken to contain the elephant menace.
- VI. All proposals for farm work should be defined with all details and must be included in the quotation notice and in work order in order to execute the work properly.
- VII. Alternate methods of maintaining mother garden of pepper may be explored instead of maintaining in juvenile stage.
- VIII. Rain Water harvesting has to be given priority.
- IX. Farm implements may be purchased.
- X. Sri. K. Kumaran (T.O)/ Sri. Aboobacker Koya (F.S) and Sri. S. Kannan (Farm Manager, KVK) should visit NRC Cashew, Puttur and IIHR to see maintenance of farm, fence etc. without delay and report future course of action.

After the introductory remarks the action taken report of previous decisions were presented. The details are as follows

NO	ITEM	DECISION	PERSONS IDENTIFIED
1.	Lease deed of farm.	Reminder has been sent. Action to be followed with CCF.	FS / SIC/Head. Div. of crop production.
2.	Elephant damage	The committee constituted for the purpose will consider the options and actions will be initiated. We may think of trenching as well as electric fence at the forest side. The wild life expert of KAU may also be consulted	Chairman, Elephant damage committee.
3.	Temperory fencing of Ginger&Turmeric	The contractor who quoted the lowest rate has been contacted to reduce rate, and work order may be issued accordingly.	SIC/AO/AAO
4.	Repair of Compound wall	With the available fund with CPWD the wall along the Chempanoda road side will be repaired without delay. Letters should be sent to CPWD for this effect.	SIC/AO/AAO/ W.C. Chairman
5.	Repairing damaged pipe lines 500 m.	Quotations may be finalised and work order issued. The matter of repair of entire irrigation system was discussed in view of the money available and it was agreed and hence proposal may be submitted.	FS / SIC/H.D Crop prodn./ AAO/W.C. Chairman
6.	Propagation of tree spices-	Quotations for grafting has to be invited, and W.O. to be issued without delay.	AO/AAO/PAM/ C.K. Thankamani
7.	Cleaning drainage channels	Quotations may be invited from JCB owners to take trenches along roads, plots etc.	SIC/AAO/AO
8.	Cleaning office building, harvesting coconut etc.	Work order may be issued	AAO/AO/SIC
9.	Replacing doors and frames of canteen	Quotations may be invited	AAO/AO/SIC
10.	Repair of nursery sheds damaged in heavy wind	The committee for farm development will suggest suitable measures and accordingly proposal will be given	SIC/FS/Head. Div. of crop production

The following new agenda items were also discussed:

NO	ITEM	DECISION	PERSONS IDENTIFIED
11	High density planting of nutmeg	Work is approved. The HD crop improvement may see the possibility of utilizing the area near the tree spices nursery and recommend accordingly	HD crop improvement/ J Rema/ SIC
12	Making ponds	Work is approved. Pitching of the pond will not be done. But pitching of drainage will be done. PC, KVK will see the estimate and suggest modifications if any.	PC KVK / SIC / FS/HD Crop production
13	Weeding, fertilizer application etc. to ginger and turmeric	Work approved W. O may be issued based on the quotations already received for AMAAS work for all the ginger and turmeric planting in the farm.	AO/AAO/SIC/FS
14	Maintenance of ginger and turmeric germplasm in tubs.	Labour may be pooled and complete work in two days	D Prasath / B Sasikumar / FS /SIC
15	Weeding undergrowth of trees shrubs etc.	The committee for farm development will suggest the plan of action.	HD Crop production / FS/ SIC

The following committee is constituted to suggest a master plan for development of the Peruvannamuzhi Farm and the meeting came to a close by 3.30 pm.

1. Dr. John Zachariah, HD Crop production	Chairman
2. P A Mathew, SIC Farm	Member
3. Dr. S J Eapen, Senior Scientist	Member
4. Dr. Johnson K George, Principal Scientist	Member
5. Dr. K V Saji, Senior Scientist	Member
6. Dr E Jayashree, Senior Scientist	Member
7. Dr. D Prasath, Senior Scientist -	Member
8. Dr T Arumuganathan, PC, KVK	Member
9. Mr. K G Jagadheesan, AFAO	Member
10. Mr. R. N Subrahmanian (AAO)	Member
11. Mr Aboobacker Koya, F.S.	Convener

This is issued with the approval of the Director.

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