

**CENTRAL SILK BOARD
BENGALURU – 560 068**

**Minutes of the Sixth meeting of Central Silkworm Seed Committee
(CSSC) held on 22.04.2019 in Udyog Bhavan, MOT, New Delhi**

The Sixth meeting of Central Silkworm Seed Committee (CSSC) was held on 22.04.2019 at Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi under the chairmanship Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary(Silk), MOT. List of the members participated in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, Shri R. R. Okhandiar, Member Secretary, CSB and Secretary, CSSC welcomed the members, invitees, participants and briefed the importance of the meeting. After brief introduction of the members and participants, Shri Sanjay Sharan, Joint Secretary (Silk), MOT and Chairperson, CSSC advised to initiate the discussion. Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, NSSO, Bangalore took up the agenda items through a power point presentation. Discussions were held and the important decisions taken in the meeting are as under:

1. As no comments on the minutes of the 5th meeting of CSSC held on 24.11.2017 were received, the minutes were confirmed.
2. The Chairperson agreed with the decision to withdraw amendment proposal to constitute Regional Registration Committees.
3. The Member Secretary, CSB informed that the proposed amendment viz. "Quarantine Guidelines for Export and Import of Silkworm Seed" was placed before 135th Board meeting of Central Silk Board held on 05.12.2018 and as per the recommendation of Board meeting, the proposal was submitted to Ministry of Textiles, GOI for Gazette notification. Chairperson, CSSC enquired whether comments/suggestions from the stakeholders have also been invited before finalization of the guidelines. If not, call a meeting immediately with the stakeholders, obtain their

suggestions/comments and submit a revised proposal to Ministry of Textiles incorporating those inputs.

4. With regard to proposal from Commissioner of Textiles and Sericulture, West Bengal to exempt qualification of minimum matriculate pass for registration of Commercial Chawki Rearing Centre (CRC), the Chairperson directed to follow the procedure as per Seed Act. Smt. Aruna Kumari, Addl. Director, Sericulture, Andhra Pradesh informed that though the owners don't possess requisite qualification but the workers employed in Chawki Rearing Centres (CRC) conduct all CRC operations and some of them are matriculate, hence the CRC owner should be exempted from the minimum qualification requirement. The Joint Secretary (Silk) suggested Member Secretary, CSB to examine such cases and Inputs from other States and also after assessing the performance of those non- matriculate CRC's who were registered before 2010 in West Bengal, matter may be resubmitted.

5. With regard to mandatory inspection/field visit by Seed Officers, the Joint Secretary, MOT enquired whether the existing numbers of 343 Seed Officers are adequate. In response, State Seri. Commissioners/Directors informed that they are facing shortage of man power due to retirement, which is affecting regular field visits and verification. The Joint Secretary, MOT replied that States have to be more proactive in monitoring the activities of registered stakeholders on regular basis. SOs should be made to undertake regular inspection visits as stipulated in the Seed Act. Also, the actual requirement of SOs and SAs to be ascertained and if there is shortage the vacancy should be filled by nominating more SOs/SAs. Use of mobile app developed by NSSO/CSB for real time reporting need to be implemented scrupulously.

6. The Director, NSSO, CSB informed that transaction of seed cocoon through Govt. Cocoon market can't be made compulsory, since it is against the Act and that seed crop rearing is being conducted/monitored by respective State Sericulture Departments. Further, the disease incidence regularly monitored by the Joint Disease Monitoring Committee comprising officials of CSB and States. Thus, there is no problem on disease monitoring. Hence, request of DOS, Karnataka for making seed cocoon transacted through registered market, The Joint Secretary, MOT suggested that the Commissioner for Sericulture Development & Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka to have a detailed study and come up with justification for indicating details of problems/difficulties being faced in transaction of seed cocoon, as per the present Act.
7. Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, NSSO informed that during 2018-19, Central Silk Board has produced 406 lakh Bivoltine hybrid dfls and distributed 437 lakh dfls to States and 10.38 lakh basic dfls to State DOSs. Similarly, 51.09 lakh basic/ nucleus seed of Tasar, 2.98 lakh basic muga seed was supplied to State DOSs. Dr. C. M. Bajpeyi, Scientist-D, CSB informed that more than 40% of the states' existing seed infrastructures are underutilized and suggested that states may draw action plan for optimum utilization of their available seed infrastructures to become self sufficient in seed requirement. The Chairperson agreed to the suggestion.
8. The Director, NSSO informed that CSB's existing seed infrastructures in mulberry sector may produce maximum of 400 lakh Dfls, however the estimated seed requirement for the year 2019-20 is approx. 1024 lakh F1 Dfls. Hence, remaining seed requirement have to be met by State departments and Registered Seed Producers (RSPs). The Joint Secretary, MOT suggested that the states may also take efforts to increase the seed production by optimum utilization of their seed infrastructure. He further suggested to discuss and finalize the seed action plan for 2019-20 in consultation with the state(s).

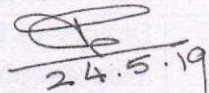
9. With regard to registration of stakeholders under Seed Act, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, NSSO informed that a total of 25842 Registration Certificates were issued to the stakeholders viz. Seed Producers(3906), Chawki Rearers(1133) and Seed Cocoon Rearers(20803). In addition, 2053 renewal registration certificates were issued. While reviewing the progress of registrations and renewal, Chairman, CSSC suggested CSB to find out the registrations that have lapsed/discontinued over the years and how many are renewing their registrations for further period. Dr.R.K Mishra also informed that the on-line facility is ready for registration purpose, which was under validation. Chairman suggested to maintain online data base for all manually registered stakeholders in the past.
10. With regard to proposal for notification of silkworm races / hybrids, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, NSSO informed that the Hybrid Authorization Committee (HAC) in its meeting held on 19.02.2018 has recommended Bivoltine Silkworm hybrid - B.Con.1 x B.Con.4, Bivoltine Silkworm Double hybrid – G11 x G19 and Multivoltine x Bivoltine silkworm hybrid – M6DPC x (SK6 x SK7), the Committee approved the recommendation of HAC to get it notified by GOI and authorized Member Secretary, CSB & Secretary, CSSC to take action in this regard.
11. While reviewing the activities of Seed Officers and Seed Analysts, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, NSSO informed that the Mobile App. “e-cocoon” was launched in Surging Silk Mega Event held on 09.02.2019 at New Delhi and the same is under validation. This will help in real-time reporting by the SO & SA and in view of shortage of manpower; this will be an effective tool to cater the mandatory requirement under Seed Act. The chairperson suggested that all SOs/SAs may be trained on using the mobile app for reporting field visits/activities.
12. With regard to clearance of proposals by Member Secretary, CSB for submission of application with the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), GOI to obtain export permit / license for exporting silkworm hybrid

seed to other countries, the Joint Secretary, MOT enquired as to how by-passing of Ministry of Textiles for issuing No Objection Certificate(NOC) will be helpful for CSB. A suitable proposal giving full justification may be submitted by CSB for consideration of the Ministry. It was also suggested to request MOT for ratification of the present action by the Member Secretary, CSB.

13. With regard to involving third party agencies in seed production, crop monitoring, disease control and monitoring activities particularly in Tropical Tasar Sector, the Chairperson did not agree with the proposal and opined that the concerned State Sericulture Departments are responsible for these activities.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

//Approved by Joint Secretary (Silk) & Chairperson, CSSC vide MOT's letter no.25022 / 2 / 2016-Silk dated 17-05-2019 //



24.5.19

(Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar)
Member Secretary &
Secretary, CSSC

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List of Members participated in the Sixth meeting of Central Silkworm Seed Committee (CSSC) held on 22-04-2019 at MOT, New Delhi.

#	Name of the Member(s)/Invitee(s)
1	Shri Sanjay Sharan., IAS., Joint Secretary (Silk) & Chairperson, CSSC, Ministry of Textiles, GOI, New Delhi
2	Shri Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar IFS., Member Secretary & Secretary, CSSC, Central Silk Board, Bengaluru
3	Smt. Neela Manjunath, IAS, Commissioner for Sericulture Development & Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka
4	Shri. Bibhash Kumar Thakur, IFS., Commissioner of Sericulture, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal
5	Commissioner of Sericulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur Represented by: Smt. C. Aruna Kumari, Addl. Director of Sericulture
6	Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Salem Represented by : Shri. Rajasekar. M., Joint Director of Sericulture
7	Director of Sericulture Development Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir Represented by: Shri Md. Iqbal Mirchal, Manager (Seed)
8	Dr. R. K. Mishra Director, NSSO, CSB, Bengaluru
9	Sri. A. C. Chandru, Proprietor, Shri Vijaya Grainage, Chennapatna, Karnataka
10	Md. Shamshad Alam Rep. Executive Director, M/s PRADAN, Noida
	Invitees Present
11	Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh Deputy Secretary, MOT, GOI, New Delhi
12	Shri, Kulbir Singh, Technical Officer DOS, Jammu & Kashmir
13	Dr. C. M. Bajpeyi Scientist-D, CSB, Bengaluru
14	Shri. R. K. Sinha Deputy Secretary (Tech.), RO, CSB, New Delhi