

F. No. 13-2/2018-NBB  
National Bee Board  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Government of India

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 01.09.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Managing Committee (MC) of National Bee Board (NBB) held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at 04.00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – reg.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed the minutes of the meeting of Managing Committee (MC) of National Bee Board (NBB) held under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.N.S. Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) and Member Secretary, MC, NBB and the Board. in Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, at 4.00 P.M on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

2. Minutes are issued with the approval of Additional Secretary (JS), DAC&FW & Chairman, MC, NBB.

**Encls: As above.**

  
(Dr. B.L. Sarawat)  
Director (C/C) &  
Executive Director, NBB

To

1. Addl. Secretary & FA, DAC & FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Joint Secretary & Mission Director (MIDH), DAC & FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Managing Director, SFAC, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, NCUI Auditorium Building, 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi 110016.
4. Chairman, APEDA, NCUI Building, 3 Siri, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, N.Delhi-16.
5. Chief Executive Officer, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Gramodaya, 3, Irla Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai – 400013.
6. Assistant Director General (Plant Protection), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
7. Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Forest Policy), M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indra- Paryavaran Bhawan, Vayu Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jor Bagh Roag, Aliganj, N.Delhi-110003.
8. Dr. R.P. Phadke, Ex-Director, Central Bee Research Institute & Bee Keeping Industry, S.No.680/20, 'Yashoda' Eknathnagar (Part II), Bibvewadi, Pune – 411037, Maharashtra.
9. Dr. R.Gopinath AIG(FP), M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indra- Paryavaran Bhawan, Vayu Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jor Bagh Roag, Aliganj, N.Delhi-110003.Email:vetgopi77@gmail.com
10. Shri Deep V.Varma, Director, CBRTI (KVIC), Pune, Maharashtra, Email: deepvarma.kvic@gov.in

**Elected Members:**

1. Shri N M Kejriwal, Chairman, M/s. Kejriwal Enterprises, W-42, Greater Kailash-II, N. Delhi – 48.
2. Shri Jagjit Singh Kapoor, Managing Director, M/s. Kashmir Apiaries Export, Kashmir House, G.T.Road, Doraha-141421, Dist. Ludhiana, Punjab.  
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3. Shri Vimal Anand, Partner, Natural Honey Bee Products, 18/32, East Patel Nagar, N Delhi-08.
4. Shri Devvrat Sharma, M/s. Akhil Bharatiya Vikas Sansthan, 144-A, Pocket A, Dilshad Garden, New Delhi – 110095.
5. Shri Jaidev Singh, UG-5/34, Vikram Enclave, Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Dist. Ghaziabad, UP.
6. Shri Om Prakash Gupta, S/o. Shri Ram Swaroop Gupta, B-10, Subhash Nagar, Near Raghu Atta Chakki, Bharatpur, Rajasthan.
7. Shri Kavuri Subba Rao, Flat No.404, Vijay Durga Apartment, Nagarjuna Homes, Nijampeth Road, Kukatapalli, Hyderabad-72, Andhra Pradesh.
8. Shri T. Ashuhrii Romeo (In charge North Eastern States) Punanamei (Robvedzu) Opp. to Don Bosco Higher Secondary School. P.O/P.S-Mao Gate -795150. Senapati District. Manipur. Mobile Number- 7005728804

**Special Invitee:**

1. MD, National Horticulture Board (NHB), DAC & FW, Gurgaon, Haryana.
2. The Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), National Institute of Animal Welfare Campus, P.O.42 KM Stone, Delhi-Agra Highway, NH-2, Village - Seekri, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004.
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MANAGING COMMITTEE (MC) OF NATIONAL BEE BOARD (NBB) HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019 AT 4.00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Managing Committee (MC) of National Bee Board (NBB) was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.N.S.Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) and Member Secretary, MC, NBB and the Board at 4.00 P.M. on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, as Shri Jalaj Shrivastava, Additional Secretary, DAC&FW and Chairman, MC, NBB and Vice Chairman, NBB was pre-occupied in an urgent meeting of PRAGATI (video conferencing by Hon'ble Prime Minister) at 3.30 P.M. A list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. The Chairman welcomed the participants and asked Executive Director (ED), NBB to present agenda items of the meeting for discussion. Accordingly, Dr. B.L.Sarswat, ED, NBB made agenda item-wise detailed presentation for discussion as per the following details and proceedings of the meeting:-

**Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of MC held on 12.04.2017:**

MC confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 12.04.2017.

**Agenda Item No. 2 : ATR on decisions of MC meeting held on 12.04.2017:**

Detailed agenda items/decision-wise ATR on the decisions taken by MC in its meeting held on 12.04.2018 were presented. MC approved the ATR, as mentioned in agenda notes and presented by ED, NBB.

Regarding Agenda Item No. 6, i.e. Promotion and Development of Bumble Bees, ADG(PP), ICAR informed that the findings of Dr. Y.S.Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, HP, on research of Bumble Bees have been received in ICAR which will be submitted to NBB.

The Annual Report/Audit Report of NBB for the year 2015-16, which was presented in the meeting (Agenda Item No. 12(i)) held on 12.04.2017 and circulated to the members of NBB, was also approved by MC.

**Agenda Item No. 3 : Presentation of Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2018-19 of NBB:**

The activity-wise details of Annual Action Plan of NBB for the year 2018-19 for Rs. Rs.1500.00 lakhs (including Rs.100.00 lakhs last year's spill over amount), including Rs.972.25

lakhs for payment of last years' liabilities & Rs.527.75 lakhs for conducting new activities during 2018-19, approved under MIDH by Horticulture Division, DAC&FW, were presented. MC approved the AAP 2018-19 of NBB.

**Agenda Item No. 4 : Progress of implementation of activities by NBB in 2017-18:**

The component/activity-wise details of detailed progress/annual report of implementation of activities by NBB for the year 20-17-18 by utilizing an amount of Rs.1111.01 lakhs, against released amount of Rs.1100.00 lakhs under MIDH + Rs. 21,249/- unspent balance of previous year + Rs.88,000/- refund received during the year + Rs.9,95,034/- interest received on grant-in-aid, were presented. MC noted the same and approved.

**Agenda Item No. 5 : Induction of new Members with NBB :**

The details of total number of ten applicants applied for induction of member with NBB were presented. Out of 10 applications, MC approved the four eligible applicants, viz;. Shri Arvind Kumar, S/o Shri Deen Dayal, Bijnaur, UP under individual category, NDDDB under corporate category, Honey Bee Care Cluster, Jalgaon, Maharashtra under SHG/Society category and M/s Kisan Udyog Vikas Sansthan under Society category. These members may be inducted with the approval of Chairman, MC, NBB after completing all the requisite formalities.

**Agenda Item No. 6 : Presentation of Audit Reports/Balance sheets, etc. of 2016-17 & 2017-18 and Appointment of CA for auditing the accounts of NBB for the years 2017-18 & 2018-19:**

The detailed Audit Reports/Annual Reports/Balance-sheets, etc. of NBB for the years 2016-17 & 2017-18 were presented. MC, NBB approved the Annual Reports/Audit Reports of 2016-17 and 2017-18. During the presentation, the Audit Report/Annual Report 2017-18, the issue of unutilized amount of Rs.3,56,882.00 received from NHB for making payments against participation in Agri.Expo/Exhibition, was also presented and discussed with the representative of NHB and it was decided to refund this unutilized amount to NHB.

**Agenda Item No. 7 : National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM), a new Scheme proposed to the Govt. of India :**

MC was informed that draft proposal for NBHM for overall development of beekeeping in the country, has been prepared by NBB and submitted to DAC&FW for approval. The scheme is under active consideration of DAC&FW for its implementation during the period of two years, i.e. 2018-19 & 2019-20. MC noted the same and appreciated the efforts of NBB in this regard.

**Agenda Item No. 8 : Organizing AGM of NBB :**

The fixing of time for organizing AGM of NBB was placed before MC, NBB. It was brought to the notice of MC, NBB that the last AGM of NBB was held in 2011 and issue of organizing of AGM was discussed in past also but could not be materialized. After detailed discussion on this issue, it was decided to organize AGM of NBB in April-May, 2019.

**Agenda Item No. 9 : Other issues:**

- I. **About Status of NBB:** Details about NBB were presented. After detailed discussions, MC decided that in present form, NBB may not be categorized under the category of Autonomous Bodies. Therefore, it may only be treated as National Level Agency(NLA) for promotion and development of beekeeping under DAC&FW, as NLA under MIDH.
- II. **Grievance :** Details of the grievance received from Scouts & Guides for Animals and Birds were presented. After detailed discussion, MC decided to refer the issues raised in the Grievance to the **Beekeeping Development Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)** for consideration. Further, if required, a Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Horticulture Commissioner, DAC&FW with 4-5 members/experts from concerned Ministries, may also be constituted to look into the matter.

Regarding the issue of Protection covers to Honeybees under Wildlife Protection Act, 1970, the representative of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (M/oEF&CC) informed that honeybees/beekeeping are also being adopted as source of livelihood by forest dwellers/rural poor/small & marginal farmers, unemployed youth, etc., Therefore, if it is considered under the Act, it may create hindrance for them. Therefore, the issue need to be examined and details in this regard will be communicated by the MoEF&CC, in response to NBB's letter and grievance received from Scouts and Guides for Animals & Birds.

Regarding Induction of representative of Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) as permanent member and representative of Scouts & Guides for Animals and Birds (SGAB) in MC, NBB, after detailed discussion, it was decided that since the official of M/o EF&CC is already member of MC, NBB, the AWBI and SGAB may be kept as special invitees in MC, NBB as and when required.

- III. **Registration :** Details about registration process and proposal submitted by NBB and sharing of the detailed common list of registration with members/beekeepers/organisations/departments, were presented. After detailed discussion, MC decided

that as decided by MC previously, the complete list of registration may not be shared with any of the individual/member/beekeeper/organisation/department. Only list of those beekeepers which were registered by members of NBB/organisation/beekeepers, etc. may be shared with the concerned organisation/beekeeper/member, etc. which have got them registered with NBB.

- IV. ED, NBB has presented and requested MC, NBB to declare beekeeping as an agricultural activity and honey & other beehive products as agriculture produce. It will support in promotion & development of beekeeping. After detailed discussions, MC, NBB passed a Resolution to consider/treat **beekeeping as an agricultural activity and honey & other beehive products as agriculture produce**".
- V. **ITR of NBB** : The issue of selection of ITR of NBB for the year 2016-17 for scrutiny by the Income Tax Department and the date for producing the details fixed at 12.47 PM on 30.08.2018, was also presented. The details of requirement of authorization of CA firm by NBB by issuing Power of Attorney/Authorization letter on Rs.100/- non judicial stamp paper and charges of Rs.35,000/- quoted by the CA firm (M/s Beri Seth & Associates ) for representing the case before the assessing officer and get the whole case assessed /disposed off at the level of assessing officer, were presented for approval of MC, NBB. MC, NBB approved and authorise ED, NBB / MS, NBB for **authorizing the CA firm (M/s Beri Seth & Associates) and making payment of Rs.35,000/- for the case which seems to be appropriate.**

**10. Any other issues with the permission of the Chair:**

- I. The participants/members of MC, NBB, while appreciating the new standards of honey, bees wax and royal jelly notified by FSSAI, raised the following concerns:-
- a) 80 HMF limit – HMF is directly linked with duration and conditions of storage of honey. In warm conditions & long duration of storage, HMF increases. Further, sometimes, because of crystallization of honey, if it is got processed for liquidation, the HMF increases. Therefore, FSSAI may be requested to look into it.
- b) Regarding diastase activity limit, it was mentioned that only minimum limit 3 is fixed and no upper limit is there. The upper limit may also be considered. It was suggested to have diastase activity between 3-40 schade units.
- c) A clarification from FSSAI may also be sought whether these standards are applicable for raw honey being produced by beekeepers/farmers level or for processed and packed honey. Guidelines may be issued by FSSAI in this regard.

- d) CBRTI may provide data on pollen count and HMF, etc. in different types of honey to NBB and FSSAI.
- II. Standards for bee pollen and propolis may also be prepared and notified by FSSAI.
- III. Honey & other beehive products and beekeeping equipments may be included in the list of GEM Portal.
- IV. The Ministries of Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Road Transport, etc. may be asked to plant bee friendly flora in their lands.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**Meeting of the Managing Committee of National Bee Board (NBB) held on 29.08.2018 at 04.00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

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1.	Shri Jalaj Shrivastava, Additional Secretary & Chairman, MC, NBB,	DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.	Due to busy in PRAGATI meeting by Hon'ble PM, could not chair the meeting.
2.	Dr. B.N.S.Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner & MS, MC, NBB, DAC&FW	DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.	
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