

F. No. 12- 127/2018-MIDH (NHB)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
(Horticulture - MIDH-CDB/NHB)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 11th January, 2019

Office Memorandum


Subject: - Meeting on 16.1.2019 at 10:00 AM to discuss strategy to increase the transport of Horticulture products by Railways in the backdrop of study done by RITES-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even No. dated 24.12.2018 vide which minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW) was held on 10.12.2018 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi were forwarded on the above noted subject (copy enclosed).

2. Accordingly, Team-II is required to assess the present assets available with CONCOR and Railways and suggest best way to utilize the available infrastructure to give immediate relief to farming community for safe and speedy transport of all Horticulture produce including perishables to avoid losses so as to secure better returns.

3. In this context it has been decided to hold a meeting by Joint Secretary (MIDH) on 16.1.2019 at 10:00 AM in Committee Room No. 138, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss the above. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

4. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (MIDH).


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Copy to:-

1. Sr. PPS to AS (Horticulture)
2. Sr. PPS to JS (MIDH)

F. No. 12-127/2018-MIDH (NHB)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare


Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, Dated the 24th December, 2018.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of meeting held on 10.12.2018 at 4 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW) to discuss strategy to increase the transport of Horticulture products by railways in the backdrop of study done by RITES.

The undersigned is directed to send herewith a copy of Minutes as noted above for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



(S.N. Jasra)

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To

(1) Executive Director, (Freight Marketing), Ministry of Railways, 4th Floor, Room No. 421, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi (Email: edfm@rb.railnet.gov.in).

(2) Managing Director, National Horticulture Board, Gurugram.

(3) Chairman, Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport, 3, Palam Marg, 3rd Floor, West End Colony, Block-C, Vasant Bihar, New Delhi-110057 (Email: shantinaraian8@gmail.com).

(4) Group General Manager, Transpotation and Economics RITES, RITES Bhawan no. 1, Sector-29, Gurugram (Email: info@rites.com). [Kind attention: Shri Yash Sachdeva]

(5) Group General Manager (Cargo & Logistics, Container Corporation of India Ltd., CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076 (Email: co.pro@concorindia.com, cmd@concorindia.com).

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(i) PSO to Secretary (AC&FW).

(ii) PPS to AS (Horticulture).

(iii) PPS to JS (MIDH).

(iv) PS to DS (MIDH).

Minutes of meeting held on 10.12.2018 at 4 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (AC&FW) to discuss strategy to increase the transport of Horticulture products by railways in the backdrop of study done by RITES.

A meeting on the above noted subject was held on 10.12.2018 in which following issues were discussed:-

- (i) Strategy to increase the transport of Horticulture Products by Railways;
- (ii) To develop cluster based programme for 3 fruit crops and 3 vegetable crops;
- (iii) To explore the possibility of Horti-Train based on study done by RITES for way forward to provide transport for Horticulture Products;

2. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

3. Secretary (AC&FW) welcomed all the participants and gave brief background/purpose attached to the said meeting. Thereafter, Deputy MD of NHB explained the background of the introduction of Pilot project on Containerized Horticulture Train which was jointly undertaken by NHB and CONCOR. The initiative for providing long distance transport solution for safe and speedy transportation of Horticulture produce was appreciated by all. Secretary (AC&FW) suggested to move forward by learning from past experience & by addressing the critical gaps.

4. It was suggested for adoption of approach of requirement basis instead of running of entire rake of Container train and accordingly to hire Containers of CONCOR as per requirement in scheduled trains on routes of demand after giving publicity to attract and assess the users/ stake holders. This approach shall take care of problem of aggregation of huge volume of Horticulture Products so that Price fall does not happen.

5. ED (FM) of Railway Board suggested that for low volume transport of horticulture produce, VPU wagons can be attached to regular running trains on various routes as per demand provided details of Origin-Destination Points are informed to Railways in advance. It was also suggested by ED (FM) that (i) Railways is also willing to provide refrigerated parcel wagons on demand basis and that (ii) Railway's own terminals and private terminals can also be used for movement of horticulture perishables at applicable subsidized freight.

6. Chairman of Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport, New Delhi suggested that there is need to have three pronged strategy i.e Short term, Medium term and Long term as may be suitable for transportation of particular horticulture produce.

7. Secretary (AC&FW) desired that transport of Horticulture Products by Railways and specially designed and ventilated containers may be started by 26th January 2019. For this purpose, action plan may be prepared within next 10 days under the Chairmanship of a team lead by AS (H). Accordingly, Secretary (AC&FW) formed following two teams to give complete roadmap for starting transportation of Horticulture produce by Rail and Containerized Train:

Team I comprising of Managing Director of NHB, Horticulture Commissioner of DAC&FW and Representative of RITES to study and identify the demands and suggest viable origin and destination routes for movement of Horticulture Perishables to help utilize the existing Railways and CONCOR infrastructure

Team II comprising of JS (MIDH) , ED (FM), Railways, Representative of CONCOR and Representative of Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport, New Delhi to assess the present assets available with CONCOR and Railways and suggest best way to utilize the available infrastructure to give immediate relief to farming community for safe and speedy transport of all horticulture produce including perishables to avoid transit losses so as to secure better returns.

8. The above said two teams shall submit the draft plan at the earliest to AS (Horticulture) and accordingly meeting to be held under the Chairmanship of AS (Horticulture) on 20.12.2018 to firm up the plan for consideration of Secretary (AC&FW).

9. As regards the issue relating to Cluster Development proposal, Secretary (AC&FW) directed MD of NHB to identify 5-7 clusters of fruits and vegetables during next 7 days and make a detailed Presentation including execution strategy in the meeting to be held on 19.12.2018 at 6:00 pm.

10. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.