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Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(Horticulture Division)

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Office Memorandum

Subject:- Inter-session meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare held on 15.02.2016 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umroi Road, Umiam-793103 (Meghalaya) on the subject "Horticulture Development in India" – Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Parliament Section's OM No. H-11013/1/2015-Parl. dated 27/04/2016 on the subject mentioned above.

2. **Action Taken Report** on the record of discussions in the inter-session meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare held on 15.02.2016 is enclosed for taking further necessary action.

Encl: as above


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1. Section Officer (Parliament Section), DAC&FW with a request to circulate it among all the participants/ Hon'ble members of the Committee

Copy for information to:

1. PPS to Secretary (AC &FW)
2. PPS to AS(RS)/ Agri. Comm.
3. PS to JS(MIDH)/ JS (Parl.)
4. Dir(Hort.)
5. Tech. Director(NIC) with a request to upload the same in the portal of MIDH.

ATR on the record of discussions in the inter-session meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare held on 15.02.2016

Sl. No.	Action Point	Action Taken
1.	Hon'ble Chairman directed that Centre of Excellence should be opened in all the States.	Regarding Opening of Centre of Excellence (CoE) in each State, the matter has been discussed with Secretary (AC&FW). Review of all existing COEs is underway, after which a considered view on opening of more COEs under bilateral cooperation shall be taken.
2.	Hon'ble Chairman directed to provide Details of quantities of horticultural commodities exported in last 10 years along with their values in rupee term.	All State Mission Directors have been directed to provide details of quantities of horticultural commodities exported in last 10 years along with their values in rupee term. However, information has also been sought from DGCIS, APEDA and Trade division under DAC&FW.
3.	Hon'ble Chairman suggested stopping further intervention in organic cultivation under MIDH in the light of new scheme of PKVY.	All State Mission Directors have been directed that further intervention in Organic Cultivation under MIDH may be rationalized accordingly.
4.	Hon'ble Chairman stressed upon Formation of Farmer Producer Organizations for which direct equity support from centre is provided.	Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) has been directed to take suitable steps in this regard.
5.	Hon'ble Chairman suggested that there is a need for 100% utilization of central fund by the state govt. so that no unspent balance is carried over to the next year.	All State Mission Directors have been directed to ensure that the funds released during the year are utilized fully (100%) and there is no occasion to carry over the unspent balance to the next financial year.
6.	Hon'ble Chairman directed that senior officers of Horticulture Division to visit the state and review the utilization of the funds allotted to the states.	Team leaders of Joint Inspection Teams (JIT) have been advised to review the utilization of the funds by the SHM.
7.	Hon'ble Chairman suggested that a letter should be issued from Secretary to all the Chief Secretaries of the states regarding delay in release of allotted funds from the State Treasury to the State Horticulture Mission.	DO letter from Addl. Secretary (MIDH) to all Chief Secretaries has been issued with the request to issue suitable direction to all the concerned to ensure that the funds are released in time to SHMs and do not remain unnecessarily parked in the State Treasury.
8.	Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel, MP (LS) Establishment of a Central University in Bundelkhand region.	DDG (Horticulture), ICAR has been requested that necessary information in this regard may kindly be shared with DAC&FW.
9.	Hon'ble Chairman suggested that a letter should be issued to Transport Ministry requesting them to make a policy wherein refrigerated vehicles transporting perishable item are treated like ambulance or VIP vehicles for quick passage on toll taxes and other check points.	DO letter from JS (MIDH) to Joint Secretary (Transport) has been issued with the request to look into the matter and intimate the action for laying down the policy as suggested.
10.	Hon'ble Chairman suggested that State Governments should identify the patches of highways prone to law and order problems in movement of horticultural commodities and issue of direction (by State Govt.) the police and law & order authority to ensure safety of the commodities in movement by those patches.	DO letter from Addl. Secretary (MIDH) to all Chief Secretaries has been issued with the request to issue suitable direction to all the concerned in this regard.