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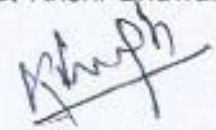
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Dated: the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

**Sub: Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee on the Model Contract Farming Act held on 19.04.2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Please find attached herewith a copy of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee on the Model Contract Farming Act held on 19.04.2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Encl: As above.



(Dr. S.K. Singh)  
Dy. Agril. Marketing Adviser &  
Member Secretary

To

- i. PPS to Addl. Secretary (Mktg.), DAC&FW & Chairman of the Committee, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ii. PS to Jt. Secretary (Mktg.), DAC&FW & Member of the Committee, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iii. PS to Jt. Secretary (MIDH.), DAC&FW & Member of the Committee, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iv. MD, SFAC & Member of the Committee, Siri Fort Auditorium, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi.
- v. Shri Sunil Porwal, ACS, Deptt. of Planning & Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra & Member of the Committee.
- vi. Shri Suresh Pal, Director & Member of the Committee, NIAEP, New Delhi.
- vii. Shri G.N. Shiva Murthy, Director, Agricultural Marketing, Govt. of Karnataka.
- viii. Shri Chandra Shekhar Vashistha, Jt. Director, Agricultural Marketing, MPSAMB, Bhopal (MP).
- ix. Shri Shivkumar, Principal Scientist, NIAEP, New Delhi.
- x. Shri Mandeep Singh, GM, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd, Chandigarh.
- xi. Shri Jasbir Singh Bains, JDA (HYOP), Punjab.
- xii. Shri Mohit Tewari, US, Dept. of Revenue, Govt. of India.
- xiii. Shri Sanyam, US, CBDDT, Dept. of Revenue, Govt. of India.

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee on the Model Contract Farming Act held on 19.04.2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee on the Model Contract Farming was held on 19.04.2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Due to unavoidable reason, Chairman of the Committee and Additional Secretary (Mktg.) could not participate in the meeting. List of participants is at Annexure.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (Marketing), DAC&FW welcoming the Members of Committee briefly narrated about the importance of contract farming in the changing agricultural marketing dynamics in the country and constitution of the Committee to draft Model Contract Farming Act.

3. The Member Secretary of the Committee made detailed presentation highlighting the envisaged benefits of contract farming, existing contract farming provisions in the States' APMC Acts and constraints therein, physical progress of contract farming in the country, salient features of Punjab Contract Farming Act, 2013 and composition of the Committee as per Terms of Reference. He also placed a blue print for preliminary draft Model Contract Farming Act, 2017 before the Committee for deliberation.

4. The committee after in-depth deliberation took the following decisions-

- i. The title of the draft model Contract Farming Act was finalized as "The—State/UT Contract Farming ( Promotion and Facilitation ) Act, 2017.
- ii. The blue prints presented before the Committee relating to constitution of Contract Farming Authority and formulae to determine the pre-agreed price and payment price be discussed further. Committee desired that Member Secretary, in the meantime, may bring out a preliminary draft Model Contract Farming Act, 2017 and circulate to all the members within 15 days for perusal before the next meeting of the Committee.
- iii. Before convening the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee, Chairman of the Committee and Additional Secretary may request the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) to convene an interactive session with the processors and other stakeholders to understand their requirements in terms of legal provisions for a producer-buyer compliant model Act.

iv. On the proposal of holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee, it was decided that it could be at Pune (Maharashtra) wherein all the ten contracting companies and few progressive farmers be invited to participate in the discussion so as to facilitate Committee to understand all aspects of contract farming . The Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra welcomed the decision and agreed to arrange such meeting in Pune (Maharashtra).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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**List of participants:**

1. Shri S. Porwal, ACS, Dept. of Planning & Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra.
2. Dr. Alka Bhargava, Joint Secretary (Mktg), DAC & FW.
3. Shri Shakil Ahammed, Joint Secretary(MIDH), DAC & FW.
4. Shri G. N. Shivamurthy, Director, Agriculture Marketing, Govt. of Karnataka.
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10. Shri Mohit Tewari, US, Dept. of Revenue, Govt. of India.
11. Shri Sanyam Joshi, US, CBDT, Dept. of Revenue, Govt. of India.
12. Shri M J Ahmed, Marketing Officer, DMI, HO, Faridabad.
13. Shri Amit Sharma, Section Officer, DAC & FW.
14. Dr. S K Singh, Dy. Agricultural Marketing Adviser & Member Secretary.