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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 1st MEETING OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Date & Venue: 24.08.2016

In Chair: Chief Minister, Punjab

In attendance: list attached

Meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Chief Minister welcomed the house and opined that Agriculture Sector remains one of the top priorities of the Punjab Government and Kissan Package remains one of the key initiatives of the Government in addressing the problems of the Agriculture Sector in Punjab. The Chair highlighted the importance of establishing a functional Agriculture Commission and the need for making it a meaningful forum to address and highlight the problems and solutions for the Agriculture Sector. Secretary Agriculture gave a detailed presentation and following items were briefed to the Chair regarding Agriculture Commission

- Introduction of Agriculture Commission
- Orientation of Khadim-e-Punjab Kissan Package

Sr. No.	ISSUES	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	ACTION BY
1	Mandate and scope of Agriculture Commission	Secretary Agriculture briefed the house about the details of the Terms of Reference of the Agriculture Commission and appraised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture Commission shall be high level body to ensure sustainable growth in agriculture sector • Develop draft Agriculture Policy for Punjab for cabinet approval including all subsectors: crops, horticulture, livestock, forest, food, irrigation and cooperatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair directed that Sub-committees on multiple issues including Sub-Committee on Irrigation and L&DD shall be made on immediate basis amongst the members of the Commission • The Chair directed that action should be taken against the spurious pesticides on immediate basis and should be done within 4 months and prosecution of such elements should be completed on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Agriculture • Minister Irrigation • Chief Secretary • Secretary Agriculture • L&DD and Irrigation

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	<p>2</p> <p>Orientation of Punjab Khadim-e-Kissan Package</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake broad-based stakeholder consultations and take stock of the existing situation in the sector, farmers' demands, government's priorities and global imperatives and identify areas for future support • Minister Law suggested that a detailed document in vernacular format may be issued for the general consumption of the members and the masses regarding the constitution, mandate and TORs of the Agriculture Commission • Secretary Agriculture apprised the Chair about following composition of the Agriculture Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total strength of the Agriculture Commission shall be 34 members with CM as its Chairperson ▪ A mix of Government and Private members with 18 members from Private Sector having 4 policy experts, 4 members from agro industry and 2 VCs from Agriculture Universities • Secretary Agriculture briefed the Commission on the update of the Kissan Package and highlighted that currently there are 6 short to medium term interventions and 8 medium to long term interventions which are going on including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Registration of Farmers (Rs. 0.5 billion) ▪ GIS Farm mapping ▪ E-Credit scheme of Kissan Pak ▪ Subsidy on fertilizers ▪ Subsidy on Electric Tubwells (Rs. 4.70 billion) 	<p>war footings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair desired that an Agriculture Policy Committee may be notified on immediate basis and should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > VC Agriculture University Faisalabad-Convenor > Dr. Akmal Hussain, > Mr. Hamid Malhi, Agriculture AS (Planning) Department > Ms. Rabia Sultan Progressive Growers > Mian Shaukat Progressive Growers • The Chair directed that core group meetings should be tasked and dedicated action plan should be prepared in connection with the problems highlighted by the house • The Chair desired that the Commission should have a functional secretariat working and Chief Secretary shall coordinate the establishment of the secretariat as it is going to be the future policy making institution on Agriculture sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Agriculture • Minister Irrigation • Chief Secretary • Secretary Agriculture • Secretary Irrigation • Secretary L&DD
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of E-Choupal / Zari Baithak (Rs. 1 billion) High-Tech Mechanization Service Package Centers (Rs. 1.7 billion) Climate Smart Technology (Rs. 9.5 billion) Digital Receipt Agriculture Commodities Warehouse Exchanges through Warehouse Receipt system Cotton SEED Reforms project chain Improvement of supply Improvement of Agriculture Mechanization Promotion of Agriculture Mechanization (Rs. 1.2 billion) The Chair opened the house for discussion and invited comments from the private members of the Commission Dr. Akmal Hussain suggested that an integrated approach should be adopted for PPP model should be Corporate farming on PPP model should be encouraged President Kissan Board Mr. Sadiq Khaqwani apprised the house that support prices should be ensured and subsidy should also be given on DAP as well Mr. Hamid Malhi Chairman Punjab Biomass Company suggested the forum that in the policy should be implemented in the Agriculture Sector It was also suggested that on the lines of Cattle Mandi Markets Grain and vegetable market and fruit markets should also be run on company mode Mr. Anwar President Kissan highlighted various problems which farmers are facing including the electricity bills and GST on farm inputs remaining pivotal ones 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair directed that there should be a single policy on Agriculture sector including LFD and Irrigation Department The Chair desired that this forum should be made functional on urgent basis and the sub-committees should immediately be tasked the responsibilities on war footings The chair directed that Secretary Cooperatives, to work on forming a Small Farmers Development Corporation.

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	<p>The Chair suggested that through this forum the voice of the farmers shall be raised and they will themselves solve issues relating to the Agriculture sector</p>		
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2. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks and shall be reconvened in one weeks time.


 (MUBEEN ULLAH)
 DEPUTY SECRETARY (FS)

DATED 29/08.2016

CIRCULATION:

- > All participants of the meeting
- > All members of Cabinet Sub-Committee on Law & Order
- > Any other officer / official to whom Chief Minister's direction is addressed

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

1. Minister Agriculture
2. Minister Law
3. Minister Irrigation
4. Minister Finance
5. Special Assistant to CM on L&DD
6. Mr. Hussain Jahanian Gardezi – MPA Khanewal
7. Mr. Azmul Haq
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9. Secretary L&DD
10. Secretary Irrigation
11. Secretary Finance
12. Secretary Agriculture
13. Secretary Information
14. Rep. of Chairman P&D
15. Mr. Mohammad Malick
16. Mr. Khalid Khokar – President Kissan Ittehad (Khalid Khokhar Group)
17. Ch. Muhammad Anwar – President Kissan Ittehad (Ch. Anwar Group)
18. Mr. Sadiq Khan Khakwani – President Kissan Board, Pakistan
19. Mian Shaukat Ali – Mian Shadi Agriculture Farm, Memon Kanjan Faisalabad
20. Mr. Hamid Malhi – Chairman Punjab Biomas Energy Company
21. Ch. Maqsood Ahmad Jutt – Maize Grower, Okara
22. Vice Chancellor – University of Agriculture Faisalabad
23. Vice Chancellor – University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Lahore
24. Chairman Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association (PCGA) Punjab Chapter
25. Chairman All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) Punjab Chapter
26. Chairman Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) Punjab Chapter
27. Chairman Pakistan Agriculture Machinery & Implements Manufacturing Association (PAMIMA) Punjab Chapter
28. Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik – Dean Post Graduate Studies, FC College / University Lahore
29. Dr. Khurram Zafar – Executive Director, Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation LUMS
30. Dr. Ali Cheema – Associate Professor LUMS
31. Dr. Akmal Hussain – Dean School of Social Sciences, I.T University, Arfa Kareem Tower Lahore
32. Ms. Rabia Sultan – Progressive Farmer Muzaffargarh
33. Ms. Saira Iftikhar – Progressive Farmer Sargodha
34. Mr. Zia-ul-Haq – Qasba Marral, Tehsil Shujabad, Multan
35. Mr. Afzaal Hussain / Mr. Muhammad Ahsan – Hussain Cattle & Dairy Farm, Kasur
36. Haji Muhammad Aslam – Gawala Colony, Rakh Chandral, Lahore (Dairy Farmer)
37. Mr. Abu Bakkar