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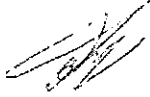
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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT  
PLANNING & EVALUATION CELL  
266-REWAZ GARDEN, LAHORE  
Dated Lahore, the 31.10.2016

To

All Members of Agriculture Commission & Sub-Committees

Subject: MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of approved minutes of the subject meeting held on 20-10-2016 under the chairmanship of Minister for Agriculture, Punjab in Darbar Hall, Civil Secretariat, Lahore for information and necessary action.

  
Chief P&ECELL

CC:

1. P.S.O to Minister for Agriculture, Punjab
2. P.O to Secretary Agriculture, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.

Subject: **MINUTES OF 2nd MEETING OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION HELD ON 20-10-2016 AT 03:00 P.M AT DARBAR HALL, S&GAD, CIVIL SECRETARIAT, LAHORE**

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Agriculture Commission was held on 20.10.2016 at 03:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of Minister for Agriculture (Co-Convener of Agriculture Commission) in Darbar Hall, Civil Secretariat, Lahore. List of participants is attach as **Annex-A**.

2. The meeting was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. The chair welcomed the participants and asked Secretary Agriculture to start the proceedings of the meeting. Secretary Agriculture gave presentation containing the constitution, functions and updated progress of the Agriculture Commission and sub-committees constituted therein. He briefed the house on the overall progress of the Agriculture Commission as under:

- i. The mandate/objective of Agriculture Commission was changed as “To ensure sustainable and equitable growth in Agriculture Sector”.
- ii. Membership of PCPA and Mr. Mumtaz Khan Manhais has been added.
- iii. A summary for the establishment of Secretariat of Agriculture Commission was approved by Chief Minister on 20-09-2016 and establishment of the Secretariat of Agriculture Commission is under process.
- iv. Following four sectoral sub-committees under Agriculture Commission have been notified on 16-09-2016:
  - a. Formulation of Agriculture Policy
  - b. De-capping of Meat and Milk Prices
  - c. Levy of Agriculture Income Tax (AIT)
  - d. Establishment of Small Farmers’ Development Corporation for Integrated Farming

3. Secretary Agriculture then invited the Conveners of the four sub-committees to present the progress made so far. All the conveners presented the progress of their respective sub-committee in detail. The house deliberated the progress of Agriculture Commission & Sub-Committees at length. A brief account of deliberation and decisions taken are as under:

- i. **Sub Committee on “Formulation of Agriculture Policy”**

Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture Faisalabad (Convener of the sub committee) presented detailed progress of the sub committee and informed the house that:

- a. Two meetings of the sub-committee have been convened, 1<sup>st</sup> on 4<sup>th</sup> October at Lahore and 2<sup>nd</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> October at Okara with farmers.
- b. Formulation of Agriculture Policy is underway and various activities have already been carried out to materialize it within the timelines.
- c. Following meetings are planned to be organized in immediate future for the formulation of Agriculture Policy.
  - a) 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. with farmers.
  - b) 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. at Agriculture Farms, TT Singh.
  - c) Meeting with World Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2016.
  - d) Meeting at Kissan Mela on 6th Nov, 2016

**Decision: It was agreed that the committee will submit its report within due date.**

**ii. Sub committee on "De-capping of Meat and Milk Prices"**

It was informed that no meeting of the sub-committee has so far been held due to issues in its composition especially w.r.t. convener of the sub-committee. However, Mr. Mumtaz Khan Manhais has consented to convene the sub-committee. Secretary L&DD informed that

- a. However, L&DD Deptt. have informed that many committees/sub-committees have already deliberated upon this issue.
- b. A committee, headed by Finance Minister has recently given recommendations on the instant issue.

**Decision: It was decided that the recommendations of all previous committees may be placed before the instant sub-committee for consideration/approval.**

**iii. Sub Committee on "Levy of agriculture Income Tax"**

It was informed that no meeting of the sub-committee has so far been held due to issues in its composition especially w.r.t. convener of the sub-committee. While

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reviewing the progress of sub-committee for Levy of Agriculture Income Tax, it was decided to amend the composition and TORs of the sub-committee.

- a. The name of Dr. Ali Cheema, LUMS may be renounced.
- b. Mr. Hamid Malhi, member of Agriculture Commission will serve as Convener of the sub-committee on "Levy of Agriculture Income Tax".
- c. Dr. Nasim Anjum, Senior Research Fellow, LUMS and Mr. Zia-ul-Haq, Farmer may be co-opted as member.
- d. Deliberation on "Temporary cultivation leases" was added as one of its TORs.

**Decision: The sub committee shall immediately start its deliberation and should complete its task within given time frame.**

**iv. Establishment of Small Farmers' Development Corporation for Integrated Farming**

Prof. Dr. Akmal Hussain (Convener of the sub committee) presented detailed progress of the sub committee and informed the house that:

- a. Three meetings have been convened so far.
- b. A draft document/report of the Committee on SFDC prepared with the following components:
  - a) Strategic role of the SFDC
  - b) The Aims and Objectives of the SFDC
  - c) Operationalizing the SFDC : Foundational rules for Memorandum of Association.
  - d) Organizational divisions of the SFDC.
  - e) Once the document is finalized and approved by competent authority, it can be handed over to lawyer and legal firm for further legal process.

**Decision: It was agreed that the committee will submit its report within due date.**

4. It was further agreed that a sub-committee on agriculture marketing will be constituted under the Convenership of Prof. Dr. Ali Cheema, LUMS to deliberate on the issues of agriculture markets and marketing.

5. The representatives of Kissan Ittehad, Kissan Board, Anjuman-e-Kashtkaran, and small farmers pointed out different issues viz-a-viz functions of department, agriculture marketing system and different government policies like termination of temporary cultivation leases. **Secretary Agriculture apprised that BOR has suspended** the termination of lease land and

levy of income tax on farmers income instead of fixed land holding. Members of Parliament also emphasized on different weak areas of agriculture and especially agriculture marketing system and government policies The chair reiterated that it is a policy making forum and not a political forum and that this forum should restrict itself to its given mandate.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks from the chair.

List of participants

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	
<b>Agriculture Commission Members and / or their Representatives</b>		
1	Dr. Furrukh Javed, Minister for Agriculture	In Chair
2	Mr. Hussain Jahanian Gardazi, MPA	
3	Mr. Muhammad Sheharyar Sultan, Secretary Cooperatives	
4	Mr. Nasim Sadiq, Secretary L&DD Department	
5	Mr. Muhammad Mahmood, Secretary Agriculture Department	
6	Mr. Asif Bilal Lodhi, Secretary Food Department	
7	Mr. Malik Mukhtar Ahmad Naul, Member P&D Board	
8	Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, VC, UAF	
9	Dr. Nasim Ahmad, Dean, UVAS	
10	Ch. Hamid Malhi, Chairman, Punjab Bio Energy	
11	Mr. Mumtaz Khan Manais, Livestock Farmer	
12	Mr. Khalid Khokhar, (Khokhar Group), PKI	
13	Ch. Muhammad Anwar (Anwar Group), PKI	
14	Mr. Sarfraz Ahamd Khan, Sr. Vice President, Kissan Board	
15	Dr. Kasur Abdullah Malik, FC College	
16	Dr. Ali Cheema, LUMS, Lahore	
17	Dr. Akmal Hussain, PITB	

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	
18	Mr. Zia-ul-Haq, Farmer	
19	Ch. Maqsood Ahmad Jatt, Maiz Grower	
20.	Haji Muhammad Aslam, Livestock Farmer	
21	Mr. Hasseb Aslam Khan, SO(Agri.), FD	
22	M. Hammad Atique, SO(Programming), Irrigation department	
<b>Sub Committee members (Other than Agriculture Commission members)</b>		
23	Dr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, AS (P), Agriculture	
24	Rana Iftikhar Muhammad, President Anjuman-e-Kashtkaran	
25	Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Nestle	
26	Dawood Ahmad Maimon, Anglo	
<b>INVITATION ON SPECIAL REQUEST</b>		
27	Ch. Iftikhar Nazir, MNA	
28	Ch. Muhammad Ashraf, MNA	
29	Mian Naveed Ali, MPA	
30	Mr. Qaiser Abbas Magsi, MPA	
31	Mian Muhammad Rafiq, MPA	
<b>NON MEMBERS</b>		
32	Mr. Tariq Ashfaq Rao, PKI	
33	Ch. Ahmad Bilal, PKI	

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	
34	M. Arshad Lalika, PKI	
35	Malik Zulfiqar Awan, PKI	
37	Dr. Babar Shahbaz, UAF	
38	Mr. Mahmood Akhtar Rana, Chief, P&E Cell	