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Agriculture Commission  
Department of  
Agriculture  
Government of Punjab

Subject: MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION HELD ON 18.04.2017 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, PUNJAB AT DARBAR HALL, CIVIL SECRETARIAT, LAHORE

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Agriculture Commission was held on 18-04-2017 at 2:00 p.m under the chairmanship of Minister for Agriculture / Vice Chairman of Agriculture Commission at secretariat of Punjab Agriculture Commission, Lahore. List of Participants attached (Annex-A).

The meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Secretary Agriculture Commission and welcome note by the Chair. Secretary Agriculture Commission briefed the House about the agenda of the meeting. A number of decisions were taken on detailed discussion on agenda items as follows:

<p>2</p>	<p>To review the progress of sub committees:</p>	
<p>a. AIT</p>	<p>Sub committees progress in these two areas was presented during meeting.</p> <p>The house discussed the sub-committees's proposed assessment of AIT. Questions were raised by Mr Khurram Zafar from LUMS about basis for the proposed rates under discussion. The question was answered in detail by Ch. Ansar from Kissan Ittehad and Mr. Sarfraz Ahmad Khan as well as Mr Hamid Mathi the convenor the concerned sub-committee.</p>	<p>After lengthy deliberation, the house recommended pending of Agriculture income tax for the next two years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agriculture Department</p>
<p>b. Agriculture Marketing System</p>	<p>Punjab Agriculture Marketing Regulatory act was reviewed by sub committee on the subject. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, VC UA, shared critical analysis of the reviewed proposed statutory text with the House. The creation of parallel entity of proposed Authority and the existing hierarchy of the department was discussed minutely. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan and Mr Khurram Zafar from LUMS agreed that the existing 150 years old system cannot be shelved immediately without taking the new system along and</p>	<p>The Commission recommended the new system in principle with the condition to oust diarchy. The Authority is recommended to take over as successor of exiting system in time gradually. The House also recommended that initially a provincial set up is suitable and later the governance of the Authority be devolved to divisional level offices for proper functioning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agriculture Department</p>

3	<p>Honoring Best Competition in Rice, Potato, Citrus and Guava</p>	<p>Farmers Yield Cotton, Mango, Citrus and Guava</p>	<p>Agriculture discussion on its proposal of best farmers competition in cotton, Rice, Mango, Citrus and Guava House.</p>	<p>Department initiated Honoring yield through Potato, Guava within the</p>	<p>The house unanimously agreed to the proposal with the addition of Maize in the list of proposed competition crops and fruits.</p>	<p>Agriculture Department</p>
<p>Such Competition has been held for Wheat crop and now its scope is being widened to add fruit and cash crops as well.</p>						

<p>4</p>	<p>It was proposed by Pakistan Agricultural Coalition that the Government of Punjab also incentivize farmers in a similar manner so as to facilitate rapid uptake and scale up of these transformative models in Punjab.</p>	<p>The proposed e-Trading and Agri-Collateral Management was appreciated by the participants and the Punjab Agriculture Commission unanimously endorsed the proposed model that allows formal credit through crop collateralization to farmers.</p>	<p>Agriculture Department</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Agriculture Department Investment Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2017-18.</p>	<p>The Chair pended this agenda item to the next meeting of the Commission due to paucity of time.</p>	<p>Agriculture Department</p>

Annex-ALIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSION HELD ON 18-04-2017 AT PUNJAB AGRICULTURE COMMISSION OFFICE, THOKAR NIAZ BAIG, LAHORE

1. Mian M. Naeem Khan Bhaba, Minister for Agriculture (In chair)
2. Ch. Muhammad Maqsood Ahmad Jutt, potato growers coop society
3. Ms. Rabia Sultan Progressive Farmer
4. Ms. Saira Iftakhar MPA
5. Ms. Ayesha Gulzar, Country Director JE Associate
6. Mr. Iqbal Ahmad Khan, UAF-VC, UAF
7. Mr. Talat N. Pasha, VC, UVAS
8. Mr. Khalid Mahmood Khokhar, Pakistan Kissan Ittehad
9. Ch. Muhammad Anwar, Pakistan Kissan Ittehad
10. Ch. Hamid Malhi, Chairman, PBEC
11. Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmad Khan, Sr. Vice President, Kissan Board Pakistan
12. Mr. Amjad Ali Amjad, Chairman, PAMIMA
13. Mr. Khurram Zafar LUMS
14. Mr. Rana Zia-Ul Haq Progressive farmer Multan
15. Bahadur Khan Maikan MPA
16. Dr. Iqbal Shahid, Additional Secretary (Tech), L&DD Department
17. Dr. Atimad Bilal, Assistant Chief Agriculture, P&DD
18. Mr. Anif Nadeem CEO PAC
19. Ch. Muhammad Ashraf PAC
20. Ali Kamran syed
21. Muhammad Nasir DA (DGA)
22. Chief, P&E Cell, Agriculture Department
23. Secretary, Agriculture Commission