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Department of Agriculture & FW
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Dated: the 12th June,, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of 1st meeting of Steering Committee held on 07.05.2024 under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Marketing), DA&FW in Krishi BHawan, New Delhi – reg.

Enclosing a copy of the captioned minutes of the meeting is forwarded herewith for kind information and necessary action.

This issues with the kind approval of Chairman of the Committee.

Encl: As above.

(Dr.S.K.Singh)

Dy. Agricultural Marketing Adviser &
Member Secretary

Distribution:

1. Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, IAS, AS (Marketing) , DA&FW , Gol. -----**Chairman**
2. Shri Anoop Kumar, IAS, ACS, Cooperation & Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra-----
-----**Member .**
3. Shri. Anjani Kumar Singh, IAS, Director, UP State Agricultural Produce Markets Board,
Lucknow. -----**Member.**
4. Shri Sriman Shukla, IAS, MD, M.P. State Agricultural Marketing Board, Bhopal-----
-----**Member**
5. Shri Gangadharaswamy.G.M. IAS, Director, APMC & MD, KSAMB, Bengaluru-----
-----**Member.**
7. Shri Tej Prasad Bhusal, Secretary Agriculture, Govt. of Assam and CEO, ASAMB-----
-----**Member.**

8. Sh. H.P.Patel, MD, Gujarat State Agricultural Marketing Board, Gandhinagar-- -----
-----**Member.**
9. Sh. Dheeraj Sahu, IAS , Joint Secretary, WDRA-----**Member**
- 10 Smt. G. Laxmi Bai, Director, Agriculture Marketing, Telangana.(Virtual)----**Member**
- 11.Shri. Jai Singh, Director, Agriculture Marketing, Govt of Rajasthan-----**Member.**
- 12.Shri . Mateshwari P. Mishra, Director, DFPD, Gol.
13. Shri Sunil Sharma, Chief Marketing Enforcement Officer, Haryana SAMB,
Panchkula.
14. Shri. Dharamveer Singh, Assistant Director, BAVAS, Bihar
15. Sh. P.N. Dogra, Sr. Consultant.
16. Shri. Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, e-NAM-SP Team.
17. Dr. S. K. Singh, Dy. AMA . -----**Member Secretary**

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 07.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Marketing), DA&FW in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The 1st meeting of Steering Committee constituted on 12th March, 2024 to holistically steer the adoption of reforms for seamless agritrade and its movement across the country, use of digitisation in agricultural trade and warehouse -based trade via eNWR through e-trading platforms was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Marketing), DA&FW on 07.05.2024 in C.R.No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The List of participants is **annexed**.

2. The proceeding of the meeting started with self introduction of the attendees and welcome address by the Additional Secretary (Marketing), DA&FW -cum- Chairman of the Steering Committee. The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, IAS, extending warm welcome to the Members, briefed the objective of setting up of this Committee. He stated that making enabling provisions in the APMC Acts are undoubtedly important but it remains meaningless until rules there under are notified to implement the provisions on the ground. He also quoted examples of making provisions for declaring warehouses as deemed markets/sub-market yards and private e-trading platforms in APMC Acts. Therefore, there is a need to let us review state-wise depth of reforms. This Steering Committee may prove instrumental in achieving the envisaged objectives.

3. With the permission of Chairman, Member Secretary of the Steering Committee, Dr. S. K. Singh made a brief presentation highlighting the background of the constitution of an Expert Committee on **"Warehouse Based Sale (WBS) with focus on eNWR trade through eNAM and other registered e-trading platforms"** by DA&FW, GOI under the chairmanship Shri Siraj Hussain, former Secretary (DA&FW), its major recommendations and ToRs of the Committee. In his presentation, he stated that role of this Committee is much wider than undertaking reforms in the APMC Acts and notification of rules. In crux, this Committee is constituted for implementation of the recommendations made in the Expert Committee report, which are referenced.

4. Addl. Chief Secretary, Co-operation & Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra participating in the discussion narrated the significance of reforms in agricultural marketing sector and its status in Maharashtra. He stated that Maharashtra had once been reform - pioneer State in the country. He opined that mostly due to fear of loss of revenue, States do not push the reforms. He shared his experience that financing banks do not come forward to give the pledge loan against Warehouse Receipts (WRs) and eNWR.

5. Joint Secretary, WDRA participating in the discussion opined that SFAC may pursue with States to ensure adoption and implementation of eNWR and other modules on eNAM platform. He explained that WDRA registered warehouses practice scientific storage and maintain the quality and quantity of the goods/produce stored. He also

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