

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE X MEETING OF THE MULBERRY VARIETY  
AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 14.10.2020 THROUGH WEBEX  
PLATFORM**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mulberry Variety Authorization Committee (MVAC) was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 through webex platform. The list of participants joined through Webex link is appended at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, Dr. K. Sathyanarayana, Scientist-D & Member Convener of the MVAC welcomed the Chairperson, external experts and all the members. After briefing the purpose of the Committee, he requested the Chairperson for his opening remarks.

Shri Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar, IFS, Chairperson MVAC and Member Secretary, CSB in his opening remarks greeted all the Members connected through webex platform and requested to present the progress/data briefly. He then requested Director (Tech) to initiate the session as per the agenda.

**ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE IX MVAC MEETING  
HELD ON 09.12.2019 AT CSB, BENGALURU**

As no comments were received, the minutes of the IX meeting of the MVAC held on 09.12.2019 were confirmed.

**ITEM NO.2: REVIEW OF THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN ON THE  
RECOMMENDATION/ SUGGESTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS  
MVAC MEETING HELD ON 09.12.2019**

The follow-up action taken to the decisions of the previous meeting was presented by Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director (Tech) through power point presentation and the following decisions were taken.

It was decided to furnish the initial soil nutrient status of macro and micro-nutrients at all the test sites under AICEM, in a uniform format following the standard procedure. Shortfall in soil organic carbon and other parameters to be corrected by application of fertilizers/ green manures /FYM, in the required dosages.

**Action: CSRTI, Mysuru/ Berhampore/ Pampore**

With regard to monitoring of the plantation at different test sites, all the Zonal Co-ordinators & their team were advised to furnish the plan of visits/action for the next six months to the Chief Coordinator latest by 05.11.2020, besides furnish a brief note on the status of the scheduled visits.

**Action: All the Zonal Coordinators**

In light of non-submission of survival data in prescribed formats, all the Zonal Coordinators were advised to collect and submit the AICEM data pertaining to all the parameters including meteorological data strictly as per the prescribed formats, circulated vide Agenda & Explanatory notes of the IX meeting of MVAC meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 (page no.16 to 35).

**Action: All the Zonal Coordinators**

### **ITEM NO.3: REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF THE AICEM-PHASE-IV**

While reviewing the progress of the current AICEM trials, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director (Tech) informed the members that so far 18 mulberry varieties have been authorized through three AICEM trials and the fourth AICEM trial is under progress since 2019 in 20 test centres across South, North & North West and East & North East Zones.

CSRTI, Mysuru, CSRTI, Berhampore & CSRTI, Mysuru presented the data and current status of plantation at various test sites under the AICEM Phase IV. Lack of action with respect to submission of statistically analyzed experimental data in the prescribed format was viewed seriously by the Chairperson. It was decided to furnish the said data/ details with reasons for non-submission along with proper justification to CO, CSB, latest by 05.11.2020

**Action: CSRTI, Mysuru/ Berhampore/ Pampore**

### **ITEM NO.4: CONSIDERATION OF THE SHORTLISTED REGION SPECIFIC MULBERRY VARIETIES FOR *SUO MOTU* AUTHORIZATION**

As desired, the details of seed gardens maintained, number farmers and extent covered under the mulberry varieties considered for *suo moto* authorization were not furnished by the Zonal Coordinators. It was opined that the horizontal expansion of mulberry and also the precious research efforts by scientists in evolving these mulberry varieties for many specific conditions viz., salt affected soils, resource constraint, rained/ watershed areas, water logging, shady areas etc., would be possible only with serious efforts by the Zonal Coordinators in establishing seed gardens and taking up plantations of the respective varieties in the relevant hotspots to test its potential followed by *suo moto* authorization. This would also meet the long pending demands of the states seeking for mulberry varieties for such conditions.

In view of the above, it was decided that the Institutes concerned will develop seed gardens of the said varieties at institutes, RSRSs and land based RECs in limited area to make available seed material for regular supply. Also, RECs be given target for bringing in plantation in the selected hot spots for specified conditions. It was decided that the current status and plan of action on the above to be submitted by the Institutes concerned to the Chief Coordinator latest by 05.11.2020 besides periodical progress, every quarter.

**Action: CSRTI, Mysuru / Berhampore**

### **ITEM NO.5: ANY OTHER POINTS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

Member Secretary and Chairperson requested all the Zonal Coordinators to carry out all the works as per the schedule of activities and furnish the analyzed data in the prescribed formats. He once again reiterated that the developed varieties should be taken to the field on priority basis.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Date: 20.10.2020

Place: Bengaluru



Shri Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar, I.F.S  
Chairperson- MVAC &  
Member Secretary, CSB

**List of participants attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mulberry Variety Authorization Committee (MVAC) held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 through webex platform**

1. Sri.Rajit Ranjan Okhandiar, IFS, Chairperson MVAC & Member Secretary, CSB.
2. Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director (Tech), CSB, Bengaluru
3. Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Chief Scientist, AICRP for Dry land Agriculture, UAS, Bengaluru
4. Dr. Niranjan Murthy, Professor of Genetics & Plant Breeding, UAS, Bengaluru
5. Dr. T. Narendrappa, Professor & Head, Dept. of Plant Pathology, UAS, Bengaluru
6. Dr. V. Sivaprasad, Director, CSRTI, Berhampore
7. Dr. Sukhen Roy Choudhury, CSRTI, Pampore.
8. Dr. Pankaj Tewary, Director, CSRTI, Mysuru
9. Dr. B. T. Sreenivas, Director, CSGRC, Hosur.
10. Dr. Raju PJ, Director, APSSRDI, Hindupur.
11. Sri. Rais Manzoori Kuttay, Representative, DoS, Tamil Nadu
12. Smt. Sukumari J, Representative, DoS, Karnataka
13. Dr. K. Sathyanarayana, Scientist-D & Member Convener, CSB, Bengaluru
14. Dr. K. Vijayan, Scientist-D, RCS, CSB, Bengaluru
15. Sri. S. Nazeer Ahmed Saheb, Scientist-D, RCS, CSB, Bengaluru
16. Dr. Prashanth Sangannavar, Scientist-C, RCS, CSB, Bengaluru
17. Dr. Halgunde Gowda, Scientist-C, CSB, Bengaluru

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