

**MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING OF DASD PROGRAMMES  
UNDER MIDH IMPLEMENTED BY THE DIRECTORATE HELD AT MAHATMA  
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**The tenth Annual Review meeting of the MIDH programmes implemented through the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, was held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra. There were 65 participants representing 40 agencies implementing DASD programmes.**

The inaugural session began at 10.30 AM after registration of the Delegates. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. K D Kokate, Director of Research, MPKV Rahuri. This was followed by the introductory remarks by Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director DASD. He briefed the audience about the importance of the programmes being undertaken by the Directorate in the background of the development in spices. He explained the regular activities of DASD and the new initiatives by DASD on nursery accreditation programme of spices nurseries & uploading of status of planting material production in DASD web portal. The Guest of Honour, Dr. K Nirmal Babu, Project Coordinator, AICRP on Spices addressed the delegates. Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Additional Commissioner (Hort), Govt. of India was the Chief Guest in the inaugural function. He stressed on importance of quality planting material production in improving spice production during his address. Dr. K P Vishwanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV Rahuri delivered the presidential address. Dr. S R Gadakh of MPKV Rahuri proposed the vote of thanks. The inaugural session concluded at 11.15 AM.

After a break for tea, the technical sessions began at 11.30 AM. The Review Team consisted of Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Addl Commisioner, (Hort), Govt of India, Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director DASD, Dr. Femina, Deputy Director, DASD. Dr. K Nirmal Babu, Project Coordinator, AICRP on Spices acted as an external expert in reviewing the programmes. Center/institute wise presentation and review took place in the following order.

**1. University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore**

Dr. M Vasundhara represented the university and delivered a presentation on the programmes undertaken by them during the year. She informed the review team that the pending District Level Seminar was conducted during August 2015 and displayed the details of the seminar along with photographs. The PI also stated that tribal people participated in sizable number for the training programmes conducted during the year. She also stated that the pending AUCs will be submitted to DASD within a month. The PI requested for an increase of target in planting material production of pepper. The issue of the pending FT programs came up for discussion and the PI was asked to sort the issue with DASD officials. The PI agreed for a reduction in the allotted FT programmes during 2016-17.

**2. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore**

Dr. P Jansirani represented the university at the review meeting. She delivered a component wise presentation on the programmes undertaken by them during the year. The physical achievements were not shown in some components, to which the PI stated that the targets were already achieved and will be informed later. Director DASD expressed concern about the balance funds under the Pepper Development Programme in Kolli Hills and asked the PI to submit a report on the programme along with a report on the special programme “Hi Tech production system for Turmeric. The PI requested for increasing the rate of assistance for On Farm Water Management (drip irrigation) in black pepper. Director replied that the matter would be considered, but requested the PI to submit a report on the component implemented during the year along with photographs. At

the end of the presentation, the PI requested to increase targets under the head planting material production of spices, FLD, Seed infrastructure and FT programmes.

### **3. University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot**

The university was represented by Dr. T B Allolli. He delivered a presentation showing the achievements made under the scheme separately for the revalidation unspent balance and for the funds allotted during 2015-16. Though the unspent balance was on the higher side, the PI assured the review team that the balance funds would be utilized this year. Director, DASD asked the PI to submit a separate report on the On farm water management-Micro irrigation component implemented by them during the year along with photographs. The PI was informed that there is a slight discrepancy in the component wise unspent balance details. Further, the agency does not have any funds under the head Mission Management as on date, the report may be revised accordingly.

### **4. Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli**

Dr. Y R Parulekar delivered a presentation on the programmes undertaken by the university during the year. He displayed variety wise details on the planting material produced in the spice crops. On the variety of the Kokum produced, Dr. Nirmal Babu, PC (Spices) suggested that the quality of the variety of the crop may be ensured before going in for multiplication. The PI requested for an increase in the cost norms in planting material production of Cinnamon and to add Bush Pepper as a component. The review team advised the PI to go for protray method for production of turmeric and production of Nutmeg grafts using orthotropic shoots. Director DASD asked the PI to submit a report on the Micro irrigation component once it is completed. He was also asked to complete the establishment of nursery centre in 2016-17 itself and refund the unspent balance of the TOT programmes conducted.

### **5. Orissa Agricultural University, Bhubaneswar**

Dr. S C Swain represented the university and gave a presentation on the programmes conducted during the year. He gave a detailed report on the work done in planting material production of spices and TOT programmes. He informed that a large number of farmers from the SC/ST community took part in the training programmes and a book on Turmeric in Odiya language was released. Director DASD asked the PI to send a few copies of the book to DASD. Though, the review team appreciated the good work done, the team was very critical and concerned about the lack of achievements/excess expenditure under the head planting material production of Ginger and Turmeric. The justifications given by the PI was not found satisfactory by the review team. The review team stated that this was not acceptable and asked the PI to submit a detailed justification duly approved by the Director of Research, OUAT immediately. There was a request from the PI for additional FT programmes and FLDs in Turmeric and revision of assistance for cinnamon seedling production. Director asked the PI to submit a proposal showing cost involved in the seedling production separately.

### **6. Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horti University, Hyderabad**

Dr. B Mahender briefed the audience about the MIDH programmes undertaken by the University during the year. The physical achievements made during the year were not shown in the presentation. The PI cited the state bifurcation issue as a major hurdle for the achievements not being up to the mark. He also informed that the issue is likely to be settled in a couple of months time. Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Addl. Commissioner informed that the issue of Turmeric farmers in the region was discussed during a meeting at New Delhi in which it was decided that DASD would support the university in developing the required infrastructure for Turmeric in the region. The University was

asked to submit a separate proposal for the same. The PI agreed and also requested for additional funds in planting material production of Turmeric and some other components.

#### **7. Uttar Banga Agricultural University, Pundibari**

Dr Suchand Datta represented the university at the meeting. He gave a presentation on the MIDH programmes taken up by them. He informed that the unspent balance in some components is due to late receipt of funds from DASD. To an enquiry from the review team, he replied that out of the achievements shown in the planting material component of Black Pepper/Betelvine, 30,000 cuttings are of betelvine and the rest is of Black Pepper. The University is one of the few agencies producing Betelvine. The PI was asked to submit detailed reports on the TOT programmes conducted during the year. He requested for additional targets for Nursery, Seminar, FT and FLDs.

#### **8. S K N Agricultural University, Jobner**

Dr. Dharendra Singh representing SKN Agricultural University, Jobner delivered a presentation on the components implemented under MIDH scheme during the year. He displayed variety wise details on the seed spices being produced by them. He informed the review team that the pending D L Seminar would be conducted during the year. He requested for one Seed infrastructure component, additional FT programmes and FLDs in Seed spices.

#### **9. Dr. Y S R Horticultural University, Tadepalligudem, AP**

The university was represented by Dr. L Naram Naidu, and he gave a presentation on the ongoing programmes under MIDH in the University. The huge unspent balance was viewed very seriously by the review team, and Director DASD sought an explanation from the PI in this regard. The PI informed that this backlog was mainly due to the state bifurcation issue and stated that now the issues have been settled and a major portion of the unspent balance would be transferred to SKLTSHU within a month's time. Dr. Femina, Deputy Director DASD told the PI that the Physical achievements for the funds utilized out of the unspent balance of the previous have not been given. She also requested the PI to give the component wise breakup of the unspent balance available with them as on date, both of YSRHU and SKLTSHU on priority basis.

#### **10. University of Agri & Horti Sciences, Shimoga**

Dr. C Sunil representing the university delivered a detailed component wise presentation on the ongoing programmes. He informed the review team that all components of the unspent balance have been completed. He also informed that planting material production of Ginger could not be undertaken during the year, but it would be done next year. A major portion of the unspent balance is under the Bio Control Lab component, which is under implementation. Dr. Femina, Deputy Director DASD asked the PI to ensure installation of sign boards showing the name of DASD/MIDH at all FLD plots. The PI requested for one Nursery Centre component.

#### **11. Anand Agricultural University, Gujarat**

Dr. A S Thanoujam, represented AAU, Anand, Gujarat for the review meeting instead of the regular PI. The issue of the pending nursery centre came up for discussion and he suggested to refund the funds as it may not be able to implement the component. The review team was deeply concerned about this stand taken by the PI. Director DASD told that the nursery component was sanctioned in 2014-15 based on specific and strong request from the University. The non implementation of the same is in itself a matter of deep concern and proposed refund is all the more disappointing. After serious discussions, it was decided that the matter be taken up with the VC/DR of the University and further allotment of funds will be done after sorting the issues. Additional FT

programmes and more funds under the head planting material production of turmeric and Seed Spices were requested for 2016-17.

**12. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel University of Agri & Tech. Meerut, UP**

Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, gave a small presentation on the MIDH programmes implemented by them during the year. He informed that audience that as the area is not known for spice production, he is unable to take up bigger programmes. However, he requested to increase the target allotted to Garlic slightly.

**13. Sardar Kushi Nagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Gujarat**

Dr. N R Patel represented the university. He gave a presentation of the activities and informed that all reports have been submitted and the unspent balance available under the TOT head would be refunded to the Directorate. The review team suggested to him to take up programmes for spice crops other than seed spices. He requested for a D L Seminar and additional FT programmes.

**14. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kerala**

Dr. D Jaganathan and Dr. Rajkumar represented the Institute. Dr. D Jaganathan gave a presentation on the project "Multispecies cropping system in Arecanut gardens". He explained the framework of the project with the methods adopted and its benefits. Dr. Rajumar presented the details of the project "Demonstration of EPN in Arecanut". The review team asked the PI to submit a detailed report along with photographs on the project. The PI requested for more training programmes.

**15. Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar**

Dr S P Singh representing the university gave a crop wise presentation showing implementation details of the programmes of the previous year and the current year separately. He informed the review team that the D L Seminar allotted during the year could not be conducted due to late sanction from the concerned authority in the University. The review team decided to take up the matter with the DR to ensure conduct of the Seminar this year without fail.

**16. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab**

Dr. Amandeep Singh Brar gave a presentation on the MIDH programmes implemented in the university during the year. He gave the details of the planting material produced, FLDs and TOT programmes conducted during the year. The review team noted that there is a significant improvement in the implementation of MIDH programmes in the university during the past few years. The PI requested to increase the target of planting material production of Turmeric and FLDs of Turmeric. Director DASD appreciated the PI for the good work and complimented him for taking up bigger programmes.

**17. Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala**

Dr. N Miniraj represented the university. She delivered a component wise report on the MIDH programmes implemented by KAU during the year. She informed the review team that barring the production of planting material of nutmeg, which was slightly low the implementation of the scheme was good with 84% utilization of funds allotted. She gave a detailed presentation on the new programme "Hi tech prod system for quality disease free seed rhizomes of Ginger" and told the review team that the project is to be concluded this year and a completion report will be submitted. The PI suggested to the review team to increase the unit cost of planting material production of Black

Pepper and OFWM-drip irrigation of Black Pepper as the present funds allotted was not considered sufficient for implementation of the component. The review team placed on record their appreciation for the excellent implementation of the MIDH scheme by the PI and KAU. The PI requested for an increase in the target for many components.

**18. National Research Centre for Seed Spices, Ajmer**

Dr. Y K Sharma delivered a presentation on the work done under the scheme in the centre. He informed the review team that almost all the components have been completed and only small unspent balance is lying with them. He also gave the details of the varieties of seed spices produced. The PI requested for additional FLD plots in Seed spices. The review team well appreciated the implementation of programmes in NRCSS and complimented the PI.

**19. Navsari Agriculture University, Navsari, Gujarat**

The PI of the scheme in the university Dr. C G Intwala delivered a centre wise target and achievement presentation on the programmes undertaken by them under the scheme. The review team appreciated the work done, but was critical on the excess expenditure incurred in the planting material production components. The PI was asked to submit an explanation in this regard from the DR of University. Director DASD told the PI to ensure that no excess expenditure is incurred in future. The PI requested for funds under the planting material production of Black Pepper.

**20. Indira Gandhi Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh**

Dr. A K Geda delivered a detailed crop wise/centre wise presentation showing component wise unspent balance for each component. He informed the review team that the slight delay in submission of the report was because the reports from the individual centres came late. He also informed that the pending D L Seminar will be conducted this year. The PI requested DASD to write a letter to the university for refund of the unspent balance of the TOT programmes. Director DASD congratulated the PI for the good implementation of all pending components. He told the PI that as there were funds lying under the head planting material production of Seed Spices, the target allotted during the year would be reduced.

**21. Nagaland University, Lumami, Nagaland**

Dr. Kundan Kumar represented the University. The reports were submitted during the review meeting. The PI informed the review team that the shortfall in the physical achievements in the planting material components was due to the high labour cost and adverse climatic conditions. The review team was not satisfied with the justification. Director DASD expressed deep concern over this and the overall performance. The targets were not achieved and funds remaining un-utilized. Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Addl. Commissioner (Hort.) opined that the situation was not good and directed that the targets allotted for the next year be reduced accordingly. The PI was told to take necessary actions to improve the implementation of the programmes immediately.

**22. Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, MH**

Dr. Suresh S Dodake representing the university gave a detailed presentation on the projects undertaken by them. He told that almost all the targets have been met and the only backlog is in the Seed infrastructure component. He also explained in detail the reasons for the delay in executing the work, however he assured the review team that all necessary clearances have been taken and the component would be completed this year. The PI requested to raise the targets in planting material production and FLDs of Aromatic plants. The review team appreciated the good performance of the university.

**23. Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Jabalpur, MP**

Dr. A K Naidu represented the university. During his presentation, the issue of excess expenditure in the planting material production of Ginger and Chilli came up for serious discussion. Dr. Nirmal Babu, PC, AICRP on Spices remarked that the reasons cited for this was not enough and suggested the PI to take adequate measures to ensure that such issue do not recur. He also opined that the area being known for Ginger, the University should take up the component more seriously. Director DASD was very critical on the issue and told the PI to submit a detailed justification in this regard. The PI informed the review team that due to lack of manpower and enough supporting staff the implementation of the scheme is suffering. Director DASD asked the PI to submit a detailed report on the S L Seminar conducted by the University, and also directed all the PIs to ensure that the dates of TOT programmes be intimated to DASD well in advance.

**24. Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbani, MH**

The university was represented by Dr. R M Kokate. The huge unspent balance and non implementation of the programmes were the topic of serious discussion. Director DASD was very critical on the poor performance of the university, which was continuing for the last few years. He told the PI that drought was a serious issue, but the non implementation of components like Seed infrastructure and TOT programmes cannot be ignored. The PI was not clear about the component wise details of the unspent balance. The review team decided that a visit of officials of DASD to the university and meetings with the VC/DR is most required to sort out the pending issues.

**25. Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, MH**

Dr V S Kale delivered a detailed presentation on the programmes undertaken during the year. He informed the audience that over 90 % of the allotted funds have been utilized for the components for which it has been allotted. The component wise unspent balance details were also given. One State Level Seminar was the major one pending and the PI assured the review team that it would be conducted this year. Director DASD complimented the PI for the excellent work done by the University. Dr. Nirmal Babu suggested to the PI to concentrate more on the Waigaon variety Turmeric. He opined that the variety being very good, the area could be transformed into a Turmeric hub in future by producing more of this. Dr. Femina, Deputy Director DASD requested the PI to submit a detailed report on the drip irrigation component with photographs and its outputs.

**26. Narendra Dev University of Agri & Technology, Faizabad, UP**

Dr. D Ram representing the university gave a brief presentation on the programmes implemented by them during the year. Regarding the pending National Workshop, the PI informed the review team that the proposal for the same was submitted and the approval was not yet granted in the university level. The PI was not in a position to explain as to why the approval was not granted. In any case, the review team was not convinced as to why such a critical approval is required for conduct of the seminar once it has been sanctioned by the funding agency. The matter needs clarification from the higher authorities in the university and the amount allotted may be immediately refunded. Dr. D Ram requested not to allot the Ginger – seed production component in the year.

**27. Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut, Kerala**

The Institute was represented by Dr. K Kandiannan, who delivered a component wise presentation on the components implemented during the year. As regards the unspent balance as on date, the PI informed the review team that the balance funds are in the planting material production of Black Pepper only. He assured the review team that this component will be implemented during this

year. Dr. Kandiannan requested for additional funds under the seed infrastructure component. Dr. K Nirmal Babu, PC Spices suggested the PI to go for establishment of FLD plots of Pepper/Ginger in the district of Wayanad, which has much potential.

**28. Dr. YS Parmar University of Horti & Forestry, Solan, HP**

Dr. B S Thakur gave a comprehensive component wise presentation on the MIDH programmes implemented by the university during the year. Regarding the issue of excess expenditure under mission management, the PI replied that on pending release of funds, it was utilized for other components. The PI was asked to revise the progress report with component wise actual expenditures. Dr. Thakur informed that chilli was not in demand in the area and the targets allotted to chilli can be replaced by Seed spices. Dr. K Nirmal Babu, PC Spices suggested to the PI to increase the targets of Ginger. The PI obliged and also requested for Seed Spices (coriander). Overall, the review team appreciated the good work done by the PI.

**29. Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair**

Dr. K Abhirami represented the island institute. Her presentation covered all the components implemented during the year. She informed the review team that almost all of the pending programmes have been completed and also showed the component wise details of the unspent balance available as on date. The PI was also willing to take up more programmes. Director DASD noted the good work done and remarked that there is significant improvement in the institute in the implementation of the MIDH programmes. He asked the PI to send copies of leaflets/pamphlets printed by them, both soft and hard copies. The PI requested for additional TOT programmes.

**30. Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Anand, Gujarat**

Dr. PL Saran delivered a brief presentation on the programmes undertaken by them in the Aromatic crops. He assured the review team that all pending programmes will be implemented this year. Director DASD told the PI to refund balance funds under the FLD component, if the plots have been established and the component implemented. It was also told to refund or utilize the unspent amount of RAL (Rs. 8000/-) and to submit the component wise unspent details.

**31. University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad**

Dr. R K Hegde represented the university. He delivered a component wise presentation showing the unspent balance details. He informed the review team that a major portion of the unspent balance is under the head seed infrastructure and FLDs, and both the components have been implemented and payment could not be done during the FY. He also stated that the S L seminar, which is pending would be conducted during this year. Director DASD appreciated the performance of the university.

**32. Central Agricultural University, Arunachal Pradesh.**

Dr. Bhanu Prakash Mishra represented the university. The review team noted that the physical achievements made under the scheme since 2014-15 are not been given. The PI was told that the excess expenditure under the components planting material production of Ginger and Turmeric are not acceptable. He was asked to send revised reports on the format duly completed in all respects. On a query regarding results in FLDs, the PI informed that the component is under progress and a completion report will be sent in due course of time. He requested for additional FT programmes and FLDs in Chilli

**33. C S Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur, UP**

The university was represented by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar Singh. He informed that the FT programmes could not be conducted during the year because the university did not release the full amount for training and limited to Rs 40,000/-. The review team suggested that DASD take up the matter with higher authorities in the university for clarification.

**34. Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar**

Dr. Makhan Majoka Lal delivered a component wise presentation on the programmes conducted during the year. Almost all the components have been implemented and targets achieved. He also informed that the pending SL Seminar and the DL Seminar allotted during 15-16 have been conducted. Dr. Femina, Deputy Director asked the PI to submit detailed reports on the Seminars along with photographs.

**35. Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, West Bengal**

Dr. Dipak Kumar Ghosh represented the university. He gave a presentation on the programmes undertaken during the year. The report covered the programmes allotted during 15-16 only. There was no mention about the unspent balance or pending programmes. Even on specific queries, the PI was not in a position to give the progress on the implementation of the same. The review team expressed serious discontent in the matter. Director DASD told the PI that the report is not acceptable in the present format as the MIDH scheme is a continuing Central Sector programme, the reports should be agency based and not as per the term of the PIs appointment. As the PI appeared helpless in the matter, the review team suggested that if needed, a team from DASD may visit the university and hold a meeting with the VC/DR to sort out the issue before allotment of further programmes.

**36. Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agri. Sciences and Technology, J & K**

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Singh made a detailed presentation on component wise achievement made under the scheme. Almost all the components have been implemented and the unspent balance was mainly in establishment of demo plots of chilli. The PI said that this component would be implemented this year. Dr. Femina, Deputy Director asked the PI to take action to refund the unspent balance of the S L Seminar conducted during the year.

**37. Assam Agricultural University**

Dr. Apurba Das represented the University and made a presentation on progress of scheme during 2014-15 and 2015-16. The reports for the year were submitted to DASD at the time of the review meeting. Director DASD asked the PI to implement the planting material production in Black Pepper component more efficiently. He also reminded the PI that the area was known for Black Pepper cultivation, wherein private companies have invested. He requested for addition to the tentative allotment given by DASD in planting material production of Black Pepper, Ginger and Turmeric.

**38. Amar Singh College, Bulandshahr, UP**

The PI, Dr. O V S Thenua briefed the scheme implementation status at the Centre. On enquiring about the low achievement made in Turmeric & seed spices seed production he explained that was due to attack by wild animals and late sowing.

### **39. Agricultural University, Mandoor, Jodhpur**

Dr. M. L. Mehriya gave presentation on the activities done at the university under MIDH on Spices. During his presentation, he informed the review team that the Seed spices crop was damaged due to hailstorm resulting in the low production. He gave an assurance that the back log would be taken care of during this year. He was directed to utilize the unspent balance especially under Seed infrastructure during 2016-17 completely. The PI requested for additional funds in FLD of Seed Spices and TOT programmes.

### **40. Agricultural University, Kota.**

Dr. Abhay Dashora, represented the university during the review meeting and delivered a brief presentation on progress of implementation of the scheme. The review team was surprised with the low financial expense made for conducting the FLDs on seed spices and the PI explained that it was because field days were not conducted. Director instructed him to utilize the balance funds in this component for conducting field days so that the technology demonstrated will be familiarized for the farmers. Considering the unspent balance under this head, it was decided not to allot fresh funds for this component during the year. The PI has requested for sanctioning one SI component in addition to the programmes allotted to them.

### **List of Implementing agencies not represented in the Review Meeting**

1. Junagadh Agricultural University, Gujarat
2. Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi.

Director DASD in his closing address mentioned the following points:

- (a) In order to ensure quality planting material, all the spice nurseries under Govt./private agencies have to get accredited under the Accreditation programme of DASD. Therefore, the applications for recognizing nurseries may be sent to the Directorate immediately.
- (b) The balance funds under the Transfer of Technology programmes may be utilized for purposes connected to the event such as making publications. If any funds are left over it has to be refunded to the Dte in the name of Director DASD, Calicut.
- (c) The conduct of Transfer of Technology programmes such as Seminar and FT programmes should be intimated to DASD well in advance. MIDH logo and Name of the Directorate to be placed at all places where NHM funds are utilized, such as infrastructure, fields, nursery and in banners for seminar and trainings etc. The photos should show the MIDH logo.
- (d) As regards, the new component, On Farm Water Management (drip irrigation), he asked all the PIs to submit detailed reports on the benefits/outputs of the component along with photographs.
- (e) It was noticed that the implementing agencies are not submitting the AUCs. AUCs are mandatory and should be submitted in time.
- (f) The revalidated funds of the previous year are to be utilized first and on the approved components only. Only then the current years funds are to be utilized.

(g) For all project based programmes such as Seed infrastructure and Nursery Centre, a completion report is to be sent to DASD

(h) Implementing agencies should be giving top priority to planting material production. And the agencies may use the improved high yielding varieties for multiplication. He also requested the agencies to give the details of the quantity and varieties of the planting material of various spices produced under the scheme /available at university which is to be uploaded in DASD portal.

(i) It will be the responsibility of the PI to collect the reports from different implementing centres and submit the consolidated report to DASD. The PI should ensure prompt correspondence with the Directorate. Piecemeal reports will not be accepted.

Director DASD then thanked the VC, DR of MPKV for hosting the event. He also thanked Dr. Suresh S Dodake and his team for the excellent arrangements for conduct of the event.

Dr. Femina, Deputy Director, DASD delivered the formal Vote of Thanks. She thanked Additional Commissioner (Hort), the VC and the DR of MPKV, Rahuri, University officials, all participants of the Review Meeting and each and every one who contributed to make the function a grand success.

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