



Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor PIB Building Opposite Partap Park Kashmir

**Subject: Minutes of Review Meeting held at Sheikh-ul-Alam Meeting Hall Deputy Commissioner's Office Budgam on 27-09-2017, under Sh. Daljit Singh Chib, Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans regarding Agriculture Schemes and other welfare schemes available under allied sectors.**

**Present:**

1. Sh. Mohammad Haroon Malik(KAS), District Development Commissioner Budgam.
2. Dr. I. A Qadri, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Budgam.
3. Sh. Nissar Ahmad, chief Agriculture Officer, Budgam.
4. Sh. M.M. Shah, Executive Engineer, PDD, Budgam.
5. Sh. Shayiq Rasool, District Floriculture Officer, Budgam.
6. Sh. Syed Gul Ajaz, Subject Matter Specialist, Beerwa, Budgam.
7. Dr. Inayat S. Fazili, District Sericulture Officer, Budgam.
8. Sh. G.A. Beigh, Executive Engineer, PHE, Budgam.
9. Sh. Ghulam-ud-din Mir, District Agriculture Officer (Extn.), Budgam.
10. Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Assistant Executive Engineer, PHE, Budgam.
11. Dr. Gurjeet Singh, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Sheep Husbandry Deptt. Budgam.
12. Smt. Adina Altaf, SDAO, Chadoora .
13. Sh. Mohammad Shafi, SDAO, Khan Sahib.
14. Sh. N. A. Laway, SDAO, Budgam.
15. Sh. Zulfaqar Ahmad, Nodal officer KCCI, Budgam.
16. Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, AEE, PHE, Beerwa.
17. Sh. Shabir Ahmad, Inspector Fisheries Deptt. Budgam.
18. Sh. Abdul Rouf Shah, Agriculture Extn. Officer, Budgam
19. Smt. Kaunsar Irfan, Agriculture Extn. Officer.
20. Sh. Manzoor Ahmad Dar, Jr. Agriculture Extn. Officer
21. Sh. Atta Mohammad, Assistant Information Officer.

The Village Agriculture Extension Assistants of district Budgam were also present.

**The following Members of the Kisan Advisory Board were also present in the meeting:-**

1. Sh. Mohammad Shafi, State Member.
2. Sh. Aga Syed Mohsin, State Member.

Besides the meeting was attended by following prominent citizens and progressive farmers of District Budgam.

01. Sh. Arshid Ahmad Bhat.
02. Sh. Manzoor Ahmad.
03. Sh. Abdul Gani Malik.
04. Sh. Ghulam Hasaan Khan.
05. Sh. Fayaz Rahat.
06. Sh. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din.
07. Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Shah.
08. Sh. Ghulam Mohammad Chopan.
09. Sh. Manzoor Ahmad.
10. Sh. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Dar.
11. Sh. Raja Rayees (student).
12. Sh. Gulzar Ahamd.
13. Sh. Mohd Abdulla Dar.
14. Sh. John Mohammad.
15. Sh. Abdul Rashid.
16. Sh. Mohammad Rastum
17. Sh. Mohammad Yousuf
18. Sh. Ghulam Nabi
19. Sh. Mohd. Altaf Shah
20. Sh. Adil Imran
21. Sh. Ashiq Ahmad
22. Sh. Abdul Hamid Bhat

At the outset of the meeting, Sh. Mohammad Haroon Malik (KAS), District Development Commissioner Budgam welcomed Sh. Daljit Singh Chib, Hon'ble Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans, District Officers and other participants. He then presented the Agriculture Profile of District Budgam and intimated that although the district is economically and educationally poor but district has a huge potential for Agriculture and other allied sectors, which needs attention of Government for its effective exploitation to achieve sustainable and equitable Agriculture growth of District Budgam. He emphasised that the soils of District Budgam are highly fertile , and Chadoora belt is a biggest vegetable producer in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. However in absence of proper






marketing policy, the farmers do not get desired and good returns. He expressed hope that J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans shall suggest remedial measures to the Government to restore the confidence of farming community.

Sh. Abdul Hamid Wani, Secretary, J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans while initiating the deliberations of the meeting stated that establishment of J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans in the year 2010 was a sincere demonstration of Government's resolve to look into the problems of Farmers of State and hence the Board acts as an arm of the State Government closer to the Farmers. He then read out the agenda of the meeting, which was already circulated to the concerned officers. There was a formal introduction of officers and other participants.

The progressive farmers highlighted their problems and they stated that Farmers are losing interest and their siblings are now reluctant to adopt Agriculture as their livelihood, because the input costs are very high and there is no proper marketing policy for their produce in the State. Besides there always remains fear of crop loss in the event of draught, hailstorm or floods. Some of the Farmers expressed that Brick kilns adjacent to their Agriculture lands are posing big threat to their produce as the smoke in the form of carbon dioxide and dust gets accumulated over their crops, deteriorating it qualitatively and quantitatively. It was brought to the notice of Hon'ble Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans, that under Poultry scheme, chicks are given on selective basis and all farmers does not get benefit from this scheme. Further the quality Potato seed is not being provided to the farmers. besides there are irrigation problems in the District. The exemption of KCC Lone from 0.50 Lac should be raised upto 1 Lac. Sh. Mohammad Shafi Sheikh, State Board member expressed that such type of meeting in the District Budgam has been arranged in first time and he highlighted that due to high cost of high density plant and less subsidy available on it, the poor farmers does not effort to adopt high density plant scheme available under Horticulture. He further expressed that there should be awareness about Mushroom Cultivation as District Budgam has a high potential in this crop. Sh. Syed Aga Mohsin, Board Member highlighted that awareness of welfare schemes available under various sectors for the formers should be made at grass root level and the crops of the district should be covered under insurance policy. He further highlighted that Sheep Husbandry is a big Industry in the district where maximum youth can be absorbed. However the Sheep Husbandry Department needs to be activated for making wide publicity of Kisan related schemes available under Sheep Husbandry to attract unemployed youth of the district.



Sh. Daljit Singh Chib, Hon'ble Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans outlined the agenda points and asked the officers of Agriculture Department and other allied sectors to apprise about the current status of welfare schemes and subsidies available under various sectors for farmers, their progress and strength . The Hon'ble Vice Chairman pointed out that the Board is committed to actively raise the quality of every Farmer and the Government wants that all our Farmers regardless of race, creed or circumstances to achieve their full potential and double their income by 2022. He expressed that in today's meeting the Board wants to know from each Department the progress of these welfare schemes and subsidies availed by the Farmers, the weakness, factors and bottlenecks responsible in implementing these schemes which hinder the progress, so that a comprehensive strategy is jointly worked out to make recommendations to the Government for achieving sustainable and equitable Agriculture Growth in the State. The department wise status of welfare schemes were discussed and deliberated upon.

Since Chief Agriculture Officer District Budgam attended late and complete review of schemes under Agriculture sector of District Budgam could not be made. However, other officers of Agriculture Department present in the meeting intimated that Rs. 90.73 Crores have been waived off as KCC Loans in the District. The officers have assured that quality seed shall be made available to the farmers and the District Agriculture Department will look after the problems highlighted by farmers in the meeting. The District Officers and Division Level Officers of other departments present in the meeting also apprised the progress of schemes and expressed confidence that the problems highlighted by farmers shall be given due care and shall be addressed well in time. For ensuring efficient and timely irrigation facilities for the Farmers of District, the concerned officers of Engineering Departments and Rural Development Department have assured that the de-slitting of Canals and Khulas of the District Budgam shall be immediately done.

Sh. Mohammad Haroon Malik (KAS), District Development Commissioner Budgam suggested that Village Agriculture Extension Assistants deployed in villages of District Budgam should be properly utilized for making awareness of these schemes among the farmers, besides they should identify the problems and bottlenecks in implementing of these schemes among farmers. He proposed that Agriculture Department should make Village Plans by involving this big force of Village Agriculture Extension Assistants available with the department, for efficient use of these welfare schemes.





Sh. Daljit Singh Chib, Hon'ble Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans has taken serious note of the problems highlighted by the progressive Farmers in the meeting. He expressed that being a Kisan himself, he feels the pain of Farmers and he always is committed to reach every Farmer in the State of Jammu & Kashmir with the mission of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for doubling the income of farmers by 2022. He expressed hope that officers shall work in coordination and advised them for conducting awareness programmes about the schemes of Government among the Farmers. Sh. Chib, Hon'ble Vice Chairman (MoS) J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans advised Farmers to avail the Kisan Credit Loans and other welfare schemes available with the Government for their overall development and Agriculture growth in District Budgam. He expressed confidence that problems of farmers shall be presented before Hon'ble Chief Minister (Chairperson of the Board) of J&K State and he directed the District Officer Budgam to gear up the scope and potential of agriculture and other sectors in the District while properly utilizing the Village Agriculture Extension Assistants, and arrange youth programmes highlighting therein these schemes so that youth of District Budgam can be lured towards Agriculture and allied sectors. Sh. Chib reiterated that every one of us should reach out the youth of State to build bridges of reconciliation and peace, and give them right to dream a dignified and prosperous future.

  
Abdul Hamid Wani

**Secretary**

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