

Agenda Item No.1

Minutes of the last advisory body meeting held on 09-01-2002

Meeting of the Advisory Body of Agro-Economic Research Centre, Jabalpur was held at 11.00 a.m. on 9-1-2002 in the meeting hall adjacent to the Hon. Vice Chancellor's chamber. List of Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed.

02.1 At the outset, Dr. G.B. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, J.N.K.V.V., Jabalpur and chairman of the Advisory Body welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. The chair expressed appreciation and special thanks to Dr. A.K. Ray, Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India for coming over to Jabalpur. Dr. A.K. Ray was doing a good job with regard to the decisions to be taken in the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, observed the Chair.

02.2 About the frequency of the meeting of the Advisory Body, Chairman stressed that the meeting should be held once in a year. Somehow the Advisory Body passed resolutions and put forth the promises and tried to find out why it was not held between the Parliament sessions. Let it not be just another resolution this time, he said.

02.3 About the thrust on research studies, the Chair observed that the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was interested to know how the small and marginal farmers could be made viable. It opined that there were certain options and these be explored to know which option would help most of these classes of farmers to make their farming business viable.

02.4 Taking up the agenda item No. 1 it was resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the last Advisory Body held on 9.9.1999.

02.5 While discussing the agenda item No. 2 the follow up actions taken on the decisions of last meeting of the Advisory Body were discussed. About the scheduled date of the next meeting of the Advisory Body, it was decided that the meeting be held in September, 2002. As regards coordinated report on the study on "Economics of Pulses Production and Identification of Constraints in Raising Their Production" it was informed that the coordinated report based on the reports of of ten AER Centres for thirteen states has already been published. Dr. A.K. Ray suggested that this study be printed.

02.6 As regards study report titled "Identification of factors responsible for declining status of soybean in Madhya Pradesh" Dr. R.K. Gupta commented that in future the draft report be discussed in the interdisciplinary scientific committee of 2 or 3 disciplines and the opinion of the committee be incorporated in the final report. At this point, Dr. A.K. Ray said that the projects initiated for the use of Ministry have definite purposes and must be seen that the objectives of the study are met. The study has to be of use to the

policy makers.

02.7 The Chairman remarked that interpretation of facts observed in the field would not vary much. If disease is observed, the occurrence of the disease has to be controlled. This may necessitate discussion in multidisciplinary group. Such suggestions be invited at the drafting stage. After the presentation before the group of experts, the report be finalized. About the soybean study, Dr. A.K. Ray added with the introduction of new economic policy the prices of oils are declining. Oils and oilseeds were available in International market at cheaper rates. This created problems in soybean marketing. Such aspects have been dealt in the soybean study.

02.8 About taking up the studies jointly by AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed that the list of research studies undertaken by AERC was already sent to the Department of Agricultural Economics. The Head of Agricultural Economics was requested to let AERC know the programme of research work of his department. However, no response was available from the Department so far. The Head of the Department agreed to look into the matter in future.

02.9 The Chairman remarked that the details of how could the studies be taken jointly be AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics in future be worked out. As regards shifting of the AERC, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed that the AERC has already been shifted to the second floor of the College of Agriculture building. Only computer and photocopier were yet to be shifted and that, these would be shifted after the air conditioning of the space allotted for the purpose.

02.10 The Dean of Agriculture College, Dr. C.B. Singh commented that previously there was no coordination or cooperation between the two departments but these departments have now come closer.

02.11 The Director of Research, Dr. R.K. Gupta pointed out that the objectives of coordination between the two departments should aim at,

making the best use of available talent so that the quality of research work improves, and, avoiding duplication of research programmes/studies.

02.12 Dr. A.K. Ray remarked that on the submission or finalization of study project no part of the study can be published till the report on the study is published. No data can be used or reproduced.

02.13 The Chairman said that research programmes of the AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics could be discussed jointly. Dr. P.K. Mishra suggested that topics of M.Sc. theses projects of the Department and research projects of the AERC should be discussed before finalization. The DRS suggested that Mr. M.C. Athavale should take initiative in these cases.

02.14 As regards purchase of jeep for the AERC, Dr. A.K. Ray said that permission to purchase the jeep was needed from the Ministry.

02.15 Dr. A.K. Ray suggested that training of AERC staff in economic and statistical analysis was essential so that the statistical tools could be used for data contained in the report.

02.16 About the demand of JRIs/Statistical Assistant to provide them the scale of pay of Field Investigator (lower post in cadre to JRIs/Statistical Assistant) on the suggestion of Comptroller, a draft addressed to Mr. D.K. Trehan, ESA was sent to Comptroller. However, no action has been taken so far by the Comptroller, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed. The chairman directed the Comptroller to issue the letter to the ESA.

02.17 The lists of reports completed and submitted to the Ministry were submitted in the meeting.

02.18 About Mr. P.N. Singh's case of promotion, Mr. Athavale informed that the Honourable High Court at Jabalpur has given its decision in favour of Mr. P.N. Singh. The Chairman asked the Registrar and Comptroller about the action taken in this regard. It was reported that the decision of the High Court was being examined. The Chairman remarked that either the decision of the court has to be implemented or an appeal has to be made in the higher court.

02.19 The Officers-in-charge of various studies in operation, read out the progress of each. Accordingly, following proposed dates of submission of the studies were reported to Dr. A.K. Ray.

Impact of Minimum Support Prices on the Agricultural Economy of Madhya Pradesh- March 2002.

Agricultural Input Subsidies in India-Quantum of Subsidies to Small and Marginal and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Farmers in Madhya Pradesh- June, 2002.

Building up of Efficient Marketing System to Obviate the Need for a Large Scale Intervention in Madhya Pradesh- October, 2002.

Flow of Credit to Small and Marginal Farmers in Madhya Pradesh- March, 2002.

Evaluation and Management of Seed Supply in Oilseeds and Pulses (Consolidated report)- June, 2002.

02.20 As regards allowing pension and gratuity to 3 retired employees of AERC, a proposal was sent by the Professor & Head to the Ministry of Agriculture. While the Ministry has allowed the gratuity, it has not allowed the pension. The three employees have gone to the High Court, Jabalpur. At this, Dr. R.K. Gupta pointed out that the Ministry had agreed to meet financial liability of the Centre, and, therefore, it should pay

for the pension of the retired employees.

02.21 About the present 9 employees of the AERC, it was informed that they were brought under General Provident Fund Scheme and order for adoption of M.P. Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1976 applicable to the employees of J.N.K.V.V. absorbed under section 55 (2) of the J.N.K.V.V., Act 1963 had been issued by the Vishwa Vidyalaya and their options for pension have been accepted.

02.22 Dr. A.K. Ray mentioned that from the next financial year the Ministry proposed to allow block grant to the A.E.R. Centres. The Chairman remarked that it could be around Rs. 4-5 crores. Dr. Ray revealed that a new M.O.U. was being drafted for AERCs. At this the Chairman remarked that the AER Centre was integrated with the J.N.K.V.V. with certain understanding and that the understanding should be respected.

02.23 It was noted that as per the M.O.U. signed, for the selection of posts of Research Officer and above, a Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor should be constituted and ESA or his nominee be one of the members of the Committee. If the University wanted to fill the posts by transferring officers from J.N.K.V.V., prior approval of the Ministry be sought by sending proposal regarding qualifications, research experience, etc., of the proposed incumbent. It was informed that no post of these categories had fallen vacant since the last meeting of the Advisory Body. The point regarding constitution of Selection Committee needed to be noted by Registrar, J.N.K.V.V.

02.24 Dr. Ray pointed out that all out efforts be made to complete the reports in time and that the quality of reports as regards statistical analysis be improved. The DRS suggested that the reports be discussed at the draft stage in the interdisciplinary committee meeting. He also added that,

The title and other details should be given as per the standard accepted norms.

Publications in the news papers should not be included in the list.

02.25 The Chairman directed that an annual report of the AERC should be brought out and be submitted in the next meeting of the Advisory Body.

02.26 Dr. A.K. Ray remarked that the main objective of the AERCs is to evaluate the policies of the Govt. of India and that of the State Govt. quite a good work had been done by the AERCs on these lines. However, he mentioned that the studies were delayed and thus lost the importance. He further stated that the training of staff of the AER Centre in statistics and econometrics is essential. He also stated that the designations of the officials of the AERC should be as per the set pattern of- (i) Director (ii) Deputy Director, and (iii) Research Officer. The University may use the designation of its own in bracket or vice versa.

02.27 The DRS again emphasized the need of discussing the proposed studies to be

taken up during the year before the interdisciplinary committee. He added that the entire technical programme of the Centre be discussed among J.N.K.V.V. officials.

02.28 The Chairman suggested that the next meeting of the Advisory Body be held in September, 2002. He thanked Dr. A.K. Ray and all the members of the Advisory Body.

02.29 The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Agenda Item No.2

Follow up actions taken on the decisions taken in the advisory body held on 09-01-2002

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02.1	At the outset, Dr. G.B. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, J.N.K.V.V., Jabalpur and chairman of the Advisory Body welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. The chair expressed appreciation and special thanks to Dr. A.K. Ray, Economist, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India for coming over to Jabalpur. Dr. A.K. Ray was doing a good job with regard to the decisions to be taken in the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, observed the Chair.	--
02.2	About the frequency of the meeting of the Advisory Body, Chairman stressed that the meeting should be held once in a year. Somehow the Advisory Body passed resolutions and put forth the promises and tried to find out why it was not held between the Parliament sessions. Let it not be just another resolution this time, he said.	--

02.3	About the thrust on research studies, the Chair observed that the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was interested to know how the small and marginal farmers could be made viable. It opined that there were certain options and these be explored to know which option would help most of these classes of farmers to make their viable.	The study on Flow of Credit to Small and Marginal Farmers in Madhya Pradesh was completed in the year 2002 in this regard. And finding of the study reveals that low rate of interest, integrated farming, formation of self help groups, Producers' company are some of best options available for making farming business of marginal and small farmers more viable.
02.4	Taking up the agenda item No. 1 it was resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the last Advisory Body held on 09.01.2002.	--
02.5 a)	While discussing the agenda item No. 2 the follow up actions taken on the decisions of last meeting of the Advisory Body were discussed. About the scheduled date of the next meeting of the Advisory Body, it was decided that the meeting be held in September, 2002.	Meeting could not be convened. Possibilities will be explored to arrange the meeting twice in a year in future.

b)	As regards coordinated report on the study on “Economics of Pulses Production and Identification of Constraints in Raising Their Production” it was informed that the coordinated report based on the reports of of ten AER Centres for thirteen states has already been published. Dr. A.K. Ray suggested that this study be printed.	The study entitled “Pulse production in India : Constraints and Opportunity” published by Academic Foundation, New Delhi (2008) in “Glimpses of Indian Agriculture : Macro and Micro Aspects.” Vol.1 pp : 207-249.
02.6	As regards study report titled “Identification of factors responsible for declining status of soybean in Madhya Pradesh” Dr. R.K. Gupta commented that in future the draft report be discussed in the interdisciplinary scientific committee of 2 or 3 disciplines and the opinion of the committee be incorporated in the final report. At this point, Dr. A.K. Ray said that the projects initiated for the use of Ministry have definite purposes and must be seen that the objectives of the study are met. The study has to be of use to the policy makers.	All the studies taken up by the centre will be presented in Technical advisory committee before sending it to the ministry/ coordinator.

02.7	<p>The Chairman remarked that interpretation of facts observed in the field would not vary much, if disease is observed, the occurrence of the disease has to be controlled. This may necessitate discussion in multidisciplinary group. Such suggestions be invited at the drafting stage. After the presentation before the group of experts, the report be finalized. About the soybean study, Dr. A.K. Ray added with the introduction of new economic policy the prices of oils are declining. Oils and oilseeds were available in International market at cheaper rates. This created problems in soybean marketing. Such aspects have been dealt in the soybean study.</p>	<p>The suggestions has already been incorporated in the study under reference.</p>
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02.8	<p>About taking up the studies jointly by AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed that the list of research studies undertaken by AERC was already sent to the Department of Agricultural Economics. The Head of Agricultural Economics was requested to let AERC know the programme of research work of his department. However, no response was available from the Department so far. The Head of the Department agreed to look into the matter in future.</p>	<p>Now the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agro Economic Research Centre are working with full cooperation in respect research, teaching and other activities.</p>
02.9	<p>The Chairman remarked that the details of how could the studies be taken jointly be AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics in future be worked out. As regards shifting of the AERC, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed that the AERC has already been shifted to the second floor of the College of Agriculture building. Only computer and photocopier were yet to be shifted and that, these would be shifted after the air conditioning of the space allotted for the purpose.</p>	<p>Now the studies of AERC and P.G. research of the studies of the Department of Agricultural Economics are being taken up jointly.</p>

02.10	The Dean of Agriculture College, Dr. C.B. Singh commented that previously there was no coordination or cooperation between the two departments but these departments have now come closer.	--do--
02.11	The Director of Research, Dr. R.K. Gupta pointed out that the objectives of coordination between the two departments should aim at, making the best use of available talent so that the quality of research work improves, and, avoiding duplication of research programmes/ studies.	--do--
02.12	Dr. A.K. Ray remarked that on the submission or finalization of study project no part of the study can be published till the report on the study is published. No data can be used or reproduced.	Suggestion given by Dr. A. K. Ray will be taken care off.

02.13	The Chairman said that research programmes of the AERC and the Department of Agricultural Economics could be discussed jointly. Dr. P.K. Mishra suggested that topics of M.Sc. thesis projects of the Department and research projects of the AERC should be discussed before finalization. The DRS suggested that Mr. M.C. Athavale should take initiative in these cases.	As reported in 2.9
02.14	As regards purchase of jeep for the AERC, Dr. A.K. Ray said that permission to purchase the jeep was needed from the Ministry.	Ministry was not agreed to purchase new vehicle and suggested to hire the vehicle as and when it is needed.
02.15	Dr. A.K. Ray suggested that training of AERC staff in economic and statistical analysis was essential so that the statistical tools could be used for data contained in the report.	Statistical tools were used for analysis of data. However, the software related to data analysis and data bank needed to be purchased/ subscribed at the earliest for efficient working.

02.16	<p>About the demand of JRIs/ Statistical Assistant to provide them the scale of pay of Field Investigator (lower post in cadre to JRIs/Statistical Assistant) on the suggestion of Comptroller, a draft addressed to Mr. D.K. Trehan, ESA was sent to Comptroller. However, no action has been taken so far by the Comptroller, Mr. M.C. Athavale informed. The chairman directed the Comptroller to issue the letter to the ESA.</p>	<p>Ministry has not agreed to it vide F. No.4-5/2008-RSC-ES dated 07.3.13 (Encl.1) after that the advocate of petitioners issued a legal notice to file contempt. (Encl. 2) Accordingly legal advisor JNKVV replied on dated 07.04.13 (Encl.3)</p>
02.17	<p>The lists of reports completed and submitted to the Ministry were submitted in the meeting.</p>	--
02.18	<p>About Mr. P.N. Singh's case of promotion, Mr. Athavale informed that the Honourable High Court at Jabalpur has given its decision in favour of Mr. P.N. Singh. The Chairman asked the Registrar and Comptroller about the action taken in this regard. It was reported that the decision of the High Court was being examined. The Chairman remarked that either the decision of the court has to be implemented or an appeal has to be made in the higher court.</p>	<p>Mr. P. N. Singh promoted as AAO and posted in the college of Agricultural Engineering, Jabalpur. Now he is retired.</p>

02.19	<p>The Officers-in-charge of various studies in operation, read out the progress of each. Accordingly, following proposed dates of submission of the studies were reported to Dr. A.K. Ray.</p> <p>Impact of Minimum Support Prices on the Agricultural Economy of Madhya Pradesh- March 2002.</p> <p>Agricultural Input Subsidies in India- Quantum of Subsidies to Small and Marginal and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Farmers in Madhya Pradesh- June, 2002.</p> <p>Building up of Efficient Marketing System to Obviate the Need for a Large Scale Intervention in Madhya Pradesh- October, 2002.</p> <p>Flow of Credit to Small and Marginal Farmers in Madhya Pradesh- March, 2002.</p> <p>Evaluation and Management of Seed Supply in Oilseeds and Pulses (Consolidated report)- June, 2002.</p>	The study reports have already been published and circulated.
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2.20	<p>As regards allowing pension and gratuity to 3 retired employees of AERC, a proposal was sent by the Professor & Head to the Ministry of Agriculture. While the Ministry has allowed the gratuity, it has not allowed the pension. The three employees have gone to the High Court, Jabalpur. At this, Dr. R.K. Gupta pointed out that the Ministry had agreed to meet financial liability of the Centre, and, therefore, it should pay for the pension of the retired employees.</p>	<p>All the retired employees were received gratuity from Ministry of Agriculture, GOI and getting regular pension from the University.</p>
2.21	<p>About the present 9 employees of the AERC, it was informed that they were brought under General Provident Fund Scheme and order for adoption of M.P. Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1976 applicable to the employees of J.N.K.V.V. absorbed under section 55 (2) of the J.N.K.V.V., Act 1963 had been issued by the Vishwa Vidyalaya and their options for pension have been accepted.</p>	<p>--</p>

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2.24	<p>Dr. Ray pointed out that all out efforts be made to complete the repots in time and that the quality of reports as regards statistical analysis be improved. The DRS suggested that the reports be discussed at the draft stage in the interdisciplinary committee meeting. He also added that,</p> <p>The title and and other details should be given as per the standard accepted norms.</p> <p>Publications in the news papers should not be included in the list.</p>	The suggestion of DRS noted for the future.
2.25	The Chairman directed that an annual report of the AERC should be brought out and be submitted in the next meeting of the Advisory Body.	The annual report of the AERC for the current year March 2012 to April 2013 is enclosed.

2.26	Dr. A.K. Ray remarked that the main objective of the AERCs is to evaluate the policies of the Govt. of India and that of the State Govt. quite a good work had been done by the AERCs on these lines. However, he mentioned that the studies were delayed and thus lost the importance. He further stated that the training of staff of the AER Centre in statistics and econometrics is essential. He also stated that the designations of the officials of the AERC should be as per the set pattern of- (i) Director (ii) Deputy Director, and (iii) Research Officer. The University may use the designation of its own in bracket or vice versa.	The remark given by the Dr. A.K. Ray is noted for the future.
2.27	The DRS again emphasized the need of discussing the proposed studies to be taken up during the year before the interdisciplinary committee. He added that the entire technical programme of the Centre be discussed among J.N.K.V.V. officials.	The remark given by the DRS is noted for the future.
2.28	The Chairman suggested that the next meeting of the Advisory Body be held in September, 2002. He thanked Dr. A.K. Ray and all the members of the Advisory Body.	--

2.29	The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.	--
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