

4th Review Meeting of Coconut Producer Companies of Tamil Nadu

The 4th Review Meeting of Coconut Producer Companies in Tamil Nadu was held in Sun Hotel Auditorium, Udumalpet on 19/11/15. Twenty six members representing 12 Coconut Producer Companies attended the meeting. The meeting started at 10.30 am with the welcome address of Sri.S.Selvakumar, DO, CDB.



The companies who attended the meeting are,

1. East Coast Producer Company Ltd - Thanjavur
 2. Udumalpet Coconut Farmers Producers Company Ltd.- Udumalpet, Tiruppur
 3. Madathukulam Coconut Producer Company Ltd.- Udumalpet, Tiruppur
 4. Tiruppur Coconut Producer Company Ltd.- Tiruppur
 5. Karpakavrikasham Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Coimbatore Dist.
 6. Theni Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Theni
 7. Pudukottai Coconut Farmers Producers Company Ltd- Pudukottai
 8. Pollachi Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Coimbatore District
 9. Dindigul Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Dindigul
 10. Velur Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Namakkal District
 11. Coimbatore Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Coimbatore District
 12. Vinayaga Coconut Producers Company Ltd- Coimbatore District.
- M/s.Kottur Malayandipattinam CPC did not attend the meeting.

To start with, Smt.T. Bala Sudhahari made a small presentation on the **RATIONALE & OBJECTIVE OF FPOs and on Capital mobilization by CPSs, CPFs and CPCs.**

Following are the points reviewed & discussed in the meeting.

a) **Authorised Share Capital:**

The Authorized share capital of **Pollachi CPC has been increased from Rs.20 lakhs to Rs.2 Crores.** East Coast CPC has raised its authorized share capital from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.10 lakhs. It remains the same (Rs.10 lakhs) with all other CPCs. At this time when foreign companies are showing interest in Joint Venture in coconut sector in India, **all CPCs have been instructed to raise the authorized share capital to Rs.5 Crores immediately** following the CDB norms of CPC formation .

b) **Share Capital mobilization** is also status quo & so all CPCs should speed up capital mobilization. **For this inclusion of more member Federations is very important.**

c) **Registration of CPFs:** It was also informed to all the Coconut Producer Companies that all Coconut Federation under their ambit could be registered as Federations if sufficient number of palms (80,000 numbers to 1 lakh) and sufficient farmers (members) are available. If such federations are not registered under District Registrars of Society there would be no legal validity. So **Registration of all Federations with the Registrar of Societies is a must before sending to CDB.**

d) **Appointment of CEOs/Accountants:** The following CPC have taken steps for appointing the CEO

- 1) Pudukottai CPC
- 2) East Coast CPC
- 3) Dindigul CPC
- 4) Coimbatore CPC
- 5) Vinayaga CPC
- 6) Tiruppur CPC.

Other CPCs have been instructed to appoint CEOs immediately & wherever accountants are not appointed yet, to appoint accountants immediately.

e) **Neera Technicians Training** – It was pointed out to all the CPCs to provide Neera technicians training immediately facilities so that sufficient technicians are available. It was also informed that assistance for this could be given by CDB. In this regard the Norms for Neera technicians training is to be emailed to all companies (Action- Sri.T.N.Subramanian, SI)

CPCs have been instructed to identify the trainees and apply to CDB immediately for funding. We should train at least 100 Neera technicians immediately.

f) **Formation of consortium of CPCs** is pending. All members were asked to take up necessary action.

g) It was informed to all CPCs to furnish the list of the Directors for **Leadership & Management Training** in PSG Institute in Management where the **next batch of training is planned from 02/12/15 to 04/12/15.**

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| 1) East Coast CPC | - 5 Members |
| 2) Pudukottai CPC- | - 3 Members |
| 3) Udumalpet CPC | - 3 Mmembers |
| 4) Coimbatore CPC | - 4 Members |
| 5) KarpagaVrikasham CPC | - 14 Members |
| 6) Vinayaga CPC | - 3 Members |

Total - 32 Members

Balance members will be taken from the other CPCs.

h) CPC Members were instructed to communicate only through their own Official email Id and only such email would be responded.

i) **Formation of sub Committees-** Only the following 3 CPCs have done this viz.

- 1) Pudukottai CPC
- 2) Dindigul CPC
- 3) Pollachi CPC.

Others have been instructed to form the same immediately and inform CDB, ROC.

j) **Nursery:** Deputy Director informed that training on hybridization could be arranged at CDB DSP Farms, provided good no (say 100 nos) of pure and good dwarf and tall mother palms are available.

1. Pudukottai CPC- Informed that they have already produced 5000 seedlings.
2. East Coast CPC- They intend to start Nursery in One Acre of Plot
3. Velur CPC, Namakkal also are to start Nursery .
4. Pollachi CPC is identifying fields for hybridization
5. Udumalpet CPC has identified one garden for hybridization.

All CPCs have been advised to speed with this project since there is lot of demand for seedlings. They can also apply to CDB for subsidy.

k) Pudukottai CPC have started production of **Copra**

l) **Weekly progress should be submitted by all CPCs (Every Friday evening) to CDB,ROC.**

m) **The following are the business plans of the CPCs**

- 1) Pudukottai CPC- Production of unadulterated pure branded Coconut oil using the conventional Chekku- Rotary mill by January 2016.
- 2) Pollachi Coconut Producers Company – to Inaugurate Coconut Oil Plant and a retail outlet on 23-11-15.
- 3) Tiruppur CPC informed they would commence the production of coconut oil by January 2016.
- 4) Production of flavoured Jaggery being done by Udumalpet CPC. They have prepared a **project for a Soil Testing Lab using “Alternative Analytical Technology for Soil Nutrient Analysis through Image Processing Chromotograms”.**
- 5) Production of Coconut sugar and jiggery being done by Coimbatore CPC.
- 6) Production of Virgin Coconut Oil by East Coast CPC, Thanjavur.
- n) Dindigul CPC – To set up Bio tech lab. Work has been initiated. Their directors attended one day training in Parasite breeding under Integrated Pest Control in Melur

It was informed to all the CPCs to avail the 25% subsidy under TMOC scheme of CDB, wherever possible.

Sri.C.V.Raju of velur CPC, Namakkal requested for intervention on the part of CDB to get assistance from NABARD. He further informed that since there is not much awareness about CDB in Namakkal district, more publicity on CDB is necessary. In this regard the Charge Officer of the District Sri.Subramanian was directed to visit the district and organize meetings in coordination with the Velur CPC, State Deptt. Officials etc.

Sri.Rajarathinam an Mechanical Engineer by profession now turned as entrepreneur offered to help the interested CPCs in getting proper technology. **He also made a presentation on coconut value added products.**

Pudukottai CPC also wanted the charge officer to visit their place and help them out. Mr.Selvaraj has been advised to do it immediately.

The 5th CPC review meeting is fixed on 10th December in Theni.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm with the Vote of Thanks by DD.
