

Proceedings of the meeting with Regional Director, RCFC-Northern Region-1 National Medicinal Plants Board Ministry AYUSH at RIISM, Joginder Nagar held on 7th July, 2021 regarding planting material through nurseries network of RIISM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Nagesh Kumar Guleria, Addl. Pr. CCF & Chief Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L)

The following were present in the meeting representing JICA Project (PIHPFEM&L), Shimla-05:

1. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L).
2. Sh. Ramesh Chand Kang, Director, Jadi Buti Cell
3. Sh. Mohit Sharma, Manager (Marketing), Jadi Buti Cell.
4. Sh. Praveen Kumar, MIS Associate, Jadi Buti Cell.

The member present from RCFC-Northern Region-1 NMPB (at RIISM, Joginder Nagar)

1. Dr. Arun Chandan, Regional Director.
2. Dr. Nag, Consultant

The discussion centered on following agenda points:

- In response to a request by PIHPFEM&L for prioritizing few species out of 106 with RCFC NR-1, they agreed to provide the agro-techniques of 10-20 medicinal plant species for higher altitude and 10-20 species for lower altitude in Phase-I.
- RCFC NR-1 was requested regarding species wise availability and rates of planting material. They have shortlisted 4 nurseries for the same and the information will be shared in due course of time.
- In case user groups are interested in propagation of medicinal plant species, the RCFC NR-1 and PIHPFEM&L have jointly agreed to impart training on certification and registration of such groups.
- Subsidy may be provided by RCFC NR-1 NMPB to the farmer groups (minimum 3 members) involved in the cultivation of medicinal plants on private land equivalent to 5 Acres (or 2 Ha) within the radius of 15kms as a convergence as per the new guidelines of Medicinal Plants component under Centre Sector Scheme of NMPB through PIHPFEM&L. It was

decided that JICA staff including Jadi Buti cell staff will apprise the beneficiaries in the field about this.

- It was decided by the PIHPFEM&L to raise *Ginkgo biloba* during current winter season and 10 Ha forest land is being selected in the project area. RCFC NR-1 has agreed to supply the norms/agro techniques as well as planting material at reasonable rates.
- Planting of *Moringa oleifera* during the next financial year was also discussed and suggested by RCFC NR-1 in the project area. The process for selection of area is in progress and in the meantime requirement of planting material will be intimated to RCFC NR-1.
- RCFC NR-1 again emphasised for infrastructural support to the project. PIHPFEM&L agreed for the same as and when required.
- Need based use of virtual online marketing channel created by RCFC NR-1 will be shared with the PIHPFEM&L.
- On policies issues of medicinal plants, deliberations between PIHPFEM&L and RCFC NR-1 at later stage was also agreed.
- Dr. Nag has suggested the following points:
 - As compared to other parts of country for propagation of temperate species there is monopoly of Himalayas as compared to other parts of country.
 - The propagation of medicinal plant species should be under taken by following cluster approach.
 - Geo-tagging and branding of species already collected by the user groups need to be undertaken on priority basis.
 - Keeping in view the commercial aspect of particular medicinal plant species, the screening of such species should be done.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and Hon'ble members present.