

Minutes of the 133rd EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held on 28th January, 2009 at 11.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Shri G.C.Pati, Additional Secretary, Government of India.

The 133rd EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held on 28th January, 2009 at 11.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Shri G.C.Pati, Additional Secretary, Government of India and the meeting was attended by officers from Seeds Divisions, Horticulture Division, PP Division of DAC, ICAR and other organizations. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

Item No.1: Action Taken Report of 132nd EXIM Committee meeting held on 10th December, 2008.

The Committee noted that the recommendation letters and proceedings of the 132nd EXIM Committee meeting were issued to all the concerned on 23rd December, 2008 and the same have also been uploaded on the website of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for the use of public.

II. Follow up Action:

Item No.1(a):Request for reconsideration of export of 6 MT onion seeds c.v. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Orleans Seeds, 258, Bhagchandnagar, Near Shastri Chowk, Dhamangaon - 444709, Amrawati, Maharashtra.

ADG(Seeds), ICAR once again raised the issue about the comments to be obtained from the National Biodiversity Authority(NBA) for export of Onion seed for which Quality Control Wing of Seeds Division had already made a request for the purpose. The Committee further noted that the export of Onion seeds has been considered by the EXIM Committee in the last many years and recommended for export without reference or approval of the NBA. The Chairman, however, suggested that clarification on the types of crops/seeds that are to be referred to the NBA may be requested from NBA and a reminder may also be sent to the NBA. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

III REGULAR ITEMS:

IIIA Export Proposals:

Export of Onion Seed

Item No.2: Proposal for export of 20 MT onion seeds c.v. N-53 to Italy by M/s. Taneja Seeds Corporation, 3, First Floor (Maznine), Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

Item No.34: Proposal for export of 18000 Kgs. Onion Seeds c.v. Bombay Red to Italy by M/s. Malav Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 5, Sahu Bavdi, Manek Chowk, Ratlam(MP)-457001.

- Item No.35: Proposal for export of total 10 MT Onion Seeds c.v. Bombay Red – 4 MT and Rampur Red – 6 MT to Srilanka by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, P.O. Box -39, A-2, Old M.I.D.C., Jalna-431 203 (MS).**
- Item No.36: Proposal for export of 24 MT Onion Seeds c.v. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, P.O. Box - 39, A-2, Old M.I.D.C., Jalna-431 203 (MS).**
- Item No.37: Proposal for export of total 14 MT Onion Seeds c.v. Orient – 9.5 MT and Red Passion – 4.5 MT to Netherlands by M/s. Bejo Sheetal Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bejo Sheetal Corner, Mantha Road, Jalna-431 203 (MS).**
- Item No.38: Proposal for export of 2 MT onion seeds C.V. Prema to Nepal by M/s. East West Seeds India Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.66. Village Narayanpur (B.K.), Taluka Gangapur, Aurangabad-431 133.**
- Item No.39: Proposal for export of 4750 Kgs onion seeds C.V. Prema to Srilanka by M/s. East West Seeds India Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.66. Village Narayanpur (B.K.), Taluka Gangapur, Aurangabad-431 133.**
- Item No.40: Proposal for export of total 1500 Kgs onion seeds C.V. Prema (500 kgs each of three buyers) to Myanmar by M/s. East West Seeds India Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.66. Village Narayanpur (B.K.), Taluka Gangapur, Aurangabad-431 133.**
- Item No.41: Proposal for export of total 5000 Kgs onion seeds C.V. Prema to Philippines by M/s. East West Seeds India Pvt. Ltd., Gut No.66. Village Narayanpur (B.K.), Taluka Gangapur, Aurangabad-431 133.**

Same decision as in Item No. 1(a) was taken for above items, which are accordingly deferred.

IIIB Import Proposals – Regular Agenda Items:

Import of Oil Palm:

- Item No.3: Proposal for import of 572 Kgs. (100000 Nos.) Germinated Oil Palm C.V. DXP from Thailand by M/s. Lakshmi Balaji Oils (P) Ltd., Plot No.78, Sangeeth Nagar, 6-3-661/B/1, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500 082.**

The Committee deferred the proposal for import of 572 Kgs. (100000 Nos.) Germinated Oil Palm C.V. DXP from Thailand by M/s. Lakshmi Balaji Oils (P) Ltd., Plot No.78, Sangeeth Nagar, 6-3-661/B/1, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, as the Post Entry Quarantine Certificate issued by the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad has not in accordance with the prescribed guidelines of the Plant Quarantine Order. The Committee further directed that the Plant Quarantine Division of the DAC to issue necessary guidelines, which is also available in the Official Website to all Designated Inspection Authority(DIA).

Item No.7: Extension of time between January and April 2009 with regard of balance quantity of 2,30,000 Nos. Oil Palm to be imported out of 3,00,000 Nos. recommended by the 128th EXIM Committee vide letter No.1-5/2008-SD.IV (EXIM 128th -2-f) by M/s. Cauvery Palm Oil Limited, Plot No.1, Nanda Nagar, No.1 Tollgate, Pitchandar Kovil (Post), Tiruchirapalli-621 216, Tamil Nadu.

The Committee noted that the company in question was recommended by the 128th EXIM Committee to import 3,00,000 Nos. of Oil Palm germinated sprouts from M/s. Unipalm Oil Palm Seeds – Democratic Republic of Congo by M/s. Cauvery Palm Oil Limited, Plot No.1, Nanda Nagar, No.1 Tollgate, Pitchandar Kovil (Post), Tiruchirapalli-621 216, Tamil Nadu, out of which the company imported 70,000 Nos.

Taking into consideration of the request made by the Company for import of balance quantity, the Committee recommended to import 2,30,000 Nos. from M/s. Unipalm Oil Palm Seeds – Democratic Republic of Congo between January to April, 2009, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein as the company is also having adequate space to accommodate the material as per the PEQ Certificate issued by the DIA.

Import of Corn Hybrid:

Item No.4: Proposal for import of 2000 Kgs. Corn hybrid seed C.V. BIO 22069 from Philippines by M/s. Shriram Bioseed Genetics India Limited, Plot No.206, Road No.14, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500 033.

The Committee studied the data of the cultivar in question provided by the company about the so-called testing results of ICAR and found that the cultivar has not been tested under the New Policy on Seeds Development(NPSD) 1988, which is pre-requisite to import large quantity. Therefore, the Committee recommended to import **20 kgs only** of Corn hybrid seed C.V. BIO 22069 from Philippines by M/s. Shriram Bioseed Genetics India Limited, Plot No.206, Road No.14, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500 033, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein for testing under the NPSD.

Import of Sunflower:

Item No.5: Proposal for import of 10 Kgs. Sunflower seeds C.V. PAC 3793 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003.

The Committee recommended for import of 10 Kgs. Sunflower seeds C.V. PAC 3793 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003 for trial under New Policy on Seed Development (NPSD), subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

Item No.6: Proposal for import of 10 Kgs. Sunflower seeds C.V. PAC 3794 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003.

The Committee recommended for import of 10 Kgs. Sunflower seeds C.V. PAC 3794 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003 for trial under NPSD, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

Item No.42: Proposal for import of total 540 Kgs. Sunflower seeds C.V. A-53 (470 kgs) and R-159 (70 kgs) from Argentina by M/s. Devgen Seeds and Crop Technology Pvt. Ltd., 7C, Surya Towers, 105, S.P. Road, Secunderabad-500 003 (AP).

The Committee recommended for import of only **10 kgs each variety** of Sunflower seeds A-53 and R-159 from Argentina by M/s. Devgen Seeds and Crop Technology Pvt. Ltd., 7C, Surya Towers, 105, S.P. Road, Secunderabad-500003 (AP) for trial under NPSD, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

Import of Litchi Plants:

Item No.8: Proposal for import of 500 Nos. Planting material of Litchi Plant C.V. Hong Huai, Chakraphat, Khom by Director of Horticulture and Food Processing, Udyan Bhawan, Chaubattia, Ranikhet, Uttarakhand, Almora.

The Committee noted that Director of Horticulture and Food Processing, Udyan Bhawan, Chaubattia, Ranikhet, Uttarakhand, Almora was recommended by the 123rd EXIM Committee meeting to import 1,30,000 Nos. of planting material from different sources. Director of Horticulture informed that 500 Nos. Litchi are yet to be imported.

Taking into consideration of the request of Director of Horticulture the Committee recommended to import the balance quantity of 500 Nos. Litchi Plant C.V. Hong Huai, Chakraphat, Khom, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and amendments made therein as Director of Horticulture has adequate space to accommodate the material for which DIA issued PEQ certificate.

Import of Berseem Seed:

Item No.9: Proposal for import of 500 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Overseas Incorporation, C-28, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

Item No.10: Proposal for import of 500 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Pahuja Garden Shoppe Pvt. Ltd., A-3, Panchwati, Opp. New Subzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi-110033.

Item No.11: Proposal for import of 500 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Pahuja Seeds Pvt. Ltd., A-3, Panchwati, Opp. New Subzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi-110033.

- Item No.12: Proposal for import of 1980 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Capital Agro Impex, G-17, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.13: Proposal for import of 1980 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Rajdhani Seeds Corporation, 118, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.14: Proposal for import of 1980 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Garnier Seeds (India) Pvt. Ltd.129, L.S.C. Vardhaman Royal Plaza, Gurbanwala Town, Part I, Delhi-110009.**
- Item No.15: Proposal for import of 1540 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. B.K. Agrotech Private Limited, DU-45, Vishakha Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-11008.**
- Item No.16: Proposal for import of 1694 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. MSN Agro Seeds Pvt. Ltd., UG-7, Lusa Tower Comm. Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110033.**
- Item No.17: Proposal for import of 2200 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ganga Seeds Corporation, 136, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.18: Proposal for import of 1400 MT Clover Seed (Berseem) seed C.V. Mescavi from Farghal International Trade, Elmahalla, EL-Kobra, Egypt by M/s. Premier Crops Private Limited, 40, Sharda Niketan, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.**
- Item No.19: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Clover Seed (Berseem) seed C.V. Mescavi from Farghal International Trade, Elmahalla, EL-Kobra, Egypt by M/s. Monsoon Seeds Private Limited, Shop No.133, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.20: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Clover Seed (Berseem) seed C.V. Mescavi from Farghal Brothers Trading, Elmahalla, EL-Kobra, Egypt by M/s. Enem Agencies Private Limited, 40, Sharda Niketan, Pittam Pura, Delhi-110034.**
- Item No.21: Proposal for import of 1300 MT Clover Seed (Berseem) seed C.V. Mescavi from Farghal Brothers Trading, Elmahalla, EL-Kobra, Egypt by M/s. Premier Seeds Corporation, 133, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi 110007.**
- Item No.22: Proposal for import of 1012 MT Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Star For Trading of Seeds & Crops, Tanan-Kaluab-Egypt by M/s. Bharat Seed Corporation, 85, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi 110007.**

- Item No.23: Proposal for import of 2024 MT Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Egintex International Export, 6 Talat Harb Street – Alexandira, Egypt by M/s. Bharat Agro Overseas (India), A-64 Industrial Area, G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi-110033.**
- Item No.24: Proposal for import of 1012 MT Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Egintex International Export, 6 Talat Harb Street – Alexandira, Egypt by M/s. Bharat Seed Corporation, 85, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.25: Proposal for import of 2024 MT Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from EL Wabha Egypt Food Stuf, Tanan-Kaluab-Egypt by M/s. Bharat Agro Overseas (India), A-64, Industrial Areas G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi-110033.**
- Item No.26: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Egyptian Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Shipra Overseas India, A-61, G.T. Karnal Road, Indl. Area, Delhi-110033.**
- Item No.27: Proposal for import of 1200 MT Egyptian Berseem Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. New Ronak Seeds Corp (Regd.), 58, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.28: Proposal for import of 2200 MT Egyptian Clover Seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Sainath Trading Corporation, C-19, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.**
- Item No.29: Proposal for import of 1300 MT Clover Seeds (Berseem) C.V. Mescavi from M/s. Farghal International Trade, Elmahalla, EL-KOBRA, Egypt by M/s. Premier Crops(P) Ltd., 40 Sharda Niketan, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110 034.**
- Item No.30: Proposal for import of 1200 MT Clover Seeds (Berseem) C.V. Mescavi from M/s. Farghal Brothers Trading, Elmahalla, EL-KOBRA, Egypt by M/s. Premier Seeds Corporation, Shop No. 133, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.**
- Item No.31: Proposal for import of 1400 MT Clover Seeds (Berseem) C.V. Mescavi from M/s. Farghal Brothers Trading, Elmahalla, EL-KOBRA, Egypt by M/s. Enem Agencies Pvt. Ltd., 40, Sharda Niketan, Pitampura, Delhi-110 034.**
- Item No.32: Proposal for import of 1200 MT Clover Seeds (Berseem) C.V. Mescavi from M/s. Farghal Brothers Trading, Elmahalla, EL-KOBRA, Egypt by M/s. Monsoon Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Shop No. 133, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**

The above 24 proposals for import of berseem seeds were deferred for want of information with regards to requirement and availability data of berseem seeds and its status as well as comments from Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Project Coordinator, Fodder Research Institute(ICAR), Jhansi.

Taking into consideration to the above, it was decided to convene a special meeting for taking a view about the import of berseem seeds. The Committee directed the Quality Control Wing of Seeds Division to place the above proposals alongwith all the pending proposals of berseem for consideration in the special meeting to be convened in February, 2009.

Import of Raspberry plants:

Item No.33: Proposal for import of 1,00,000 Nos. Raspberry plants c.v. Paramount from California by M/s. Parth Farms, P.O. Box No.31, Panchgani, District Satara, Maharashtra-412 805,.

The Committee deferred the proposal for import of 1,00,000 Nos. Raspberry plants c.v. Paramount from California by M/s. Parth Farms, P.O. Box No.31, Panchgani, District Satara, Maharashtra-412 805, as the Post Entry Quarantine Certificate issued by the MPKV, Rahuri was not in accordance with the prescribed guidelines of the Plant Quarantine Order. The Committee further directed that the Plant Quarantine Division of the DAC to issue necessary guidelines which is also available in the Official Website to all Designated Inspection Authority(DIA).

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.