

**MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF KENDU LEAF COORDINATION COMMITTEE (KLCC)  
MEETING FOR 2023 CROP YEAR HELD ON 29.04.2023.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Kendu Leaf Co-ordination Committee (KLCC) for the Crop Year, 2023 was held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary through video conferencing on dated 29.04.2023.

The list of Participants is at **Annexure-A**.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Kendu Leaves welcomed all members of the Committee and permission of the Chair, made detail presentation agenda wise (Agenda Notes circulated earlier vide Letter No.1574 dated 28.04.2023)

**I. Compliance of major decisions taken in the last KLCC meeting dated 30.01.2023 for the Crop Year 2022**

**(i) Status of KL Working for 2022 crop.**

SL No.	Decision of KLCC	Action taken	
		Target	Achievement
1.	<b>a. <u>Production:</u></b> Processed Leaves- Grower's Leaves - Phal Leaves - <b>Total Production -</b>	2.3245 lakh qtls 0.00100 lakh qtls 0.4483 lakh qtls <b>2.7828 lakh qtls</b>	2.29715 lakh qtls. 0.03042 lakh qtls. 0.44831 lakh qtls. <b>2.77588 lakh qtls</b>
	<b>b. <u>Marketing</u></b> <b><u>Up to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023</u></b> Production (in qtl.) - Quantity Sold - Sale value till 31.03.2023	2.77588 lakh qtls. 2.54688 lakh qtls. Rs. 563.30 Crore	
	<b>c. <u>Expenditure (WFA)</u></b> <b><u>2022 Crop</u></b>  Budget-	<b><u>Approved</u></b> <b><u>Budget</u></b>  422.1116 Crore	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> <b><u>(up to March' 2023)</u></b>  Rs. 412.8454 Crore (details at <b>Annexure-I</b> )
	<b>d. <u>Trade Surplus</u></b> The Trade surplus for 2022 KL Crop is expected about Rs. 90 crores, with OFDC commission of Rs 60 crore.	i) ii)	Rs.6.15 Crores has been transferred towards Trade Surplus for 2022 KL Crop. OFDC Commission paid till date is Rs. 49.1087 crores.

**The Committee noted the status.**

**(ii) Utilization of Trade Surplus of 2021 Crop**

As per decision taken by Govt vide Notification No 7103/FE & CC dated 13.04.2022 and subsequent corrigendum vide No 7866/FE & CC dated 28.04.2022, the following benefits and welfare measures have been extended to Kendu Leaf workers during 2022 from Kendu Leaf Development Fund (KLDF) out of Trade Surplus for the crop year 2021.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Provision (In Crores)</b>	<b>Expenditure made (In Crores)</b>	<b>Further, expenditure likely to be made (In Crores)</b>	<b>Total expenditure (In Crores)</b>
<b>i.</b>	Bonus for 2021 Crop year to 7.62 lakhs Pluckers @ 50%	83.37	83.37	0	83.37
<b>ii.</b>	Incentive to 0.36 lakh Binders and Seasonal Staff for 2021 Crop @ 10% of wages	10.09	10.09	0	10.09
<b>iii.</b>	Kerry procurement cloth allowance to 7.62 lakhs Pluckers @ Rs 200	15.24	15.24	0	15.24
<b>iv.</b>	Head cap allowance to 7.78 lakh pluckers and Seasonal staff@ Rs 100	7.78	7.78	0	7.78
<b>v.</b>	Blanket and mosquito net allowance to 0.20 lakh binders @ Rs 700	1.40	1.40	0	1.40
<b>vi.</b>	Employees Provident Fund (EPF) to Seasonal Staff( Employer share)	7.44	7.44	0	7.44
<b>vii.</b>	Payment of compassionate Grant @ Rs 2.00 lakh	16.94	13.74	3.20	16.94
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142.26</b>	<b>139.06</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>142.26</b>

Besides, a special package of welfare measures was declared by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha as communicated vide Govt in FE & CC Department vide No 20770/FE & CC dated 24.11.2022 which inter alia includes financial assistance of Rs.1000 to each plucker and Rs.1500 to Binders and Seasonal staff each. Accordingly, the KL pluckers and workers in 19 (KL) Divisions have been paid with the following financial assistance.

Category	No	Amount paid to each	Total amount paid (in Rs.)
Pluckers	7,74,113	Rs 1000 /-	Rs 77,41,13,000
Binders	22,243	Rs 1500 /-	Rs 3,33,64,500
Seasonal staff	16,117	Rs 1500 /-	Rs 2,41,75,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,12,473</b>		<b>Rs 83,16,53,000</b>

This financial assistance of Rs 83.1653 crores have been disbursed from available balance of KLDF.

**The Committee perused and approved the expenditure made.**

## **II. Budget for 2023 Crop Year.**

### **Working Fund Advance**

As per the recommendation of Cost norm sub-committee, the following fixed cost and variable cost is proposed for 2023 crop year considering anticipated production target of 3.001 lakh qtls. (The recommendation of Cost Norm Committee is at **Annexure-II** of the Agenda Items).

#### **(i) Target for 2023 crop (in lakh qtls.)**

Category	Target 2023
Process Leaves	2.50
Growers' Leaves (GL)	0.01
Phal Leaves	0.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.01</b>

**The Committee approved the aforesaid target for 2023 KL Crop.**

#### **(ii) The Chairman further suggested the followings: -**

- Geo Tagging of the Command Bush Cutting Area.
- Besides, the Chairman also discussed regarding inclusion of KL Pluckers and workers under BSKY and the eligible children of KL Pluckers and Workers regarding Scholarship availing of SC/ST Deptt. as per the declaration of Hon'ble Chief Minister on dated 24.11.2022.
- The Chief Secretary emphasized on improvement of Cap for KL Pluckers and Workers with Logo.

**(iii) Fixed Cost**

<b>Sl No</b>	<b>Item of Works</b>	<b>Approved Norm for 2022 Crop (Rs in lakh)</b>	<b>Proposed Norm for 2023 Crop (Rs in lakh)</b>
1	Bush Cutting	3500.00	3680.00
2	R & M of phadis	1660.00	1900.00
3	Seasonal Staff	7350.00	7600.0
4	Seasonal staff Gratuity	500.00	500.0
5	Research and Training	20.00	20.0
6	Publicity & Advertisement	25.00	40.0
7	Computer Facility	182.00	190.0
8	Deployment	50.00	60.0
9	Building maintenance	400.00	500.0
10	Misc Contingency	2054.00	2130.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>15741.00</b>	<b>16620.00</b>

**(iv) Variable Cost**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Items of works</b>	<b>Approved Norm for 2022 Crop (Rs in lakh)</b>	<b>Proposed Norm for 2023 Crop (Rs in lakh)</b>
1	Purchase price of KL	20310.0	23685.0
2	Drying & storage	1635.0	1499.0
3	Processing, Binding & Bagging	5838.0	6172.0
4	Transportation	337.0	350.0
5	Unforeseen	18.0	18.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>28138.0</b>	<b>31724.0</b>

**N.B.:-** i) Kerry Price as notified for 2022 crop has been retained for 2023 crop as well.

ii) Cost Norm has been revised in Items like Bush Cutting, Repair etc. in view of increase in wages last year (Un-skilled labour rate from Rs. 315/- to Rs. 333/- and Semi-Skilled labour rate from Rs. 355/- to Rs. 373/-).

(v) **Total Cost (WFA)**

Sl No	Item	2022	2023
1	Fixed Cost (in lakh)	15,741.0	16,620.0
2	Variable Cost (in lakh)	28,138.0	31,724.0
<b>Total Cost (in lakh)</b>		<b>43,879.0</b>	<b>48,344.0</b>

**The Committee approved the budget of Rs.483.44 Crores for KL Crop Year 2023.**

**III. De-regulated system of KL Working**

De-regulated system of Kendu Leaf working approved by KLDB for Nabarangpur KL Division, Malkangiri District of Jeypore KL Division & 19 villages of Bhawanipatna KL Division (Kalahadi district) may be allowed to continue during 2023 KL Crop year as well.

It was decided to continue present system of de-regulated working in Jeypore, Bhawanipatna & Nabarangpur (KL) Division for 2023 KL Crop Year.

**IV. Utilization of Trade Surplus of 2022 KL Crop during 2023**

The utilization of trade surplus is generally decided by the KLDB. In the year 2021, the 8<sup>th</sup> KLDB Meeting held on 11.01.2021 allowed 50% bonus to the Pluckers, 10% Incentives to the Binders and Seasonal Staffs besides other welfare allowances. However, during 2022, it was approved by the Govt. vide Notification No-7103/FE&CC Dtd. 13.04.2022 enhancing the Kerry Price from Rs. 1.20 to Rs. 1.40 in Process Area and from Rs. 2.40 to Rs. 2.80 in Phal Area besides 50% bonus to the Pluckers, 10% Incentives to the Binders and Seasonal Staffs besides other welfare allowances.

The anticipated trade surplus for 2022 crop is Rs. 90 crores. Available Fund in KLDF at present is Rs.149.16 crores. Besides, a new provision of Rs. 50.0 crores has been made in the budget during financial year 2023-24 under "Mukhyamantri Kendu Leaf Welfare Fund"

**The Committee perused the status.**

**The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.**

  
**CHIEF SECRETARY**

## Utilization of Working Fund Advance during 2022 Crop year

**I. Fixed Cost**

Sl. No.	Item of Work	Revised Approved Budget 2022 (Rs. in lakh)	Action taken Expenditure (in lakh) Upto March' 2023
1	Bush Cutting	3440.17	3440.17
2	R & M Phadi	1658.83	1658.46
3	Seasonal Staff	6500.00	6201.43
4	Seasonal Staff Gratuity	1000.00	940.56
5	Misc. Contingency	1700.00	1387.48
6	Research & Training	15.00	7.85
7	Publicity & Advertisement	25.00	8.98
8	Computer Facility	182.00	75.30
9	Deployment of Retired Forest Personnel	20.00	15.92
10	Building Maintenance	400.00	290.01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,941.00</b>	<b>14,026.16</b>

**II. Variable Cost**

Sl. No.	Category	Revised Approved Budget 2022 (Rs. In lakh)	Action Taken Expenditure (in lakh) Upto March' 2023
1	PPKL/GL (Kerri Price)	20551.20	20551.20
2	Drying and Storage	1141.65	1141.65
3	Processing, Binding & Bagging	5301.84	5290.06
4	Transportation	273.66	273.66
5	Unforeseen	1.81	1.81
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,270.16</b>	<b>27,258.38</b>

**Abstract of Fixed Cost & Variable Cost**

Sl. No.	Category	Approved Budget 2022 (Rs. In lakh)	Action Taken Expenditure (in lakh) Upto March' 2023
1	Fixed Cost	14,941.00	14,026.16
2	Variable Cost	27,270.16	27,258.38
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42,211.16</b>	<b>41,284.54</b>

"Annexure-A"

**Members Present in the 1st meeting of the Kendu Leaf Co-ordination Committee (KLCC)  
for 2023 KL Crop held on 29.04.2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Signature of the Members</b>
1	Chief Secretary, Odisha	
2	Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha	
3	Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE & CC Department	
4	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha	
5	Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha, Finance Department	
6	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (KL), Odisha.	
7	Managing Director, Odisha Forest Development Corporation Ltd.	