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No. **362** / 3KL (WFA) 15/2023

Dated, Bhubaneswar the **09th**, February, 2024

To,

The Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary to
Government of Odisha.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF., Odisha.

The Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha,
Finance Department.

The Managing Director, Odisha Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

Sub:- Approved Minutes of the Meeting of 1st Kendu Leaf Co-ordination
Committee (KLCC) for Crop Year 2024 under the Chairmanship of Chief
Secretary, Odisha held on dated 08.02.2024.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose
herewith the copy of approved Minutes of the Meeting of 1st Kendu Leaf Co-ordination
Committee (KLCC) for Crop Year 2024 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary,
Odisha held on dated 08.02.2024 at 12.00 Noon for favour of your kind information and
necessary action.

Enclosure: - As above

Yours faithfully,

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09.02.2024
Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kendu Leaves, Odisha

Memo No. **363** dt- **09.02.2024**

Copy along with the copy of approved Minutes of the Meeting of 1st Kendu
Leaf Co-ordination Committee (KLCC) for Crop Year 2024 forwarded to the OSD to the
Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha for kind information of the Chief Secretary,
Odisha.

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Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kendu Leaves, Odisha

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Copy along with the copy of approved Minutes of the Meeting of 1st Kendu
Leaf Co-ordination Committee (KLCC) for Crop Year 2024 forwarded to the Private
Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment &
Climate Change Department for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary to
Government, FE & CC Department.

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09.02.2024
Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kendu Leaves, Odisha

MINUTES OF 1ST MEETING OF THE KENDU LEAF COORDINATION COMMITTEE (KLCC) FOR 2024 CROP YEAR HELD ON 08.02.2024

The 1st meeting of Kendu Leaf Co-ordination Committee (KLCC) for the crop year' 2024 was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on dated 08.02.2024 in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary.

The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (KL) welcomed all members of the committee and with permission of the chair, made a detailed presentation agenda wise.

I. At the outset, PCCF(KL) apprised the committee of the status of 2023 KL working which is as follows.

(A) Status of KL working of 2023 crop

- (i) Production of 2.653 lakh qtls. was achieved during 2023 crop against the production target of 2.648 lakh qtls comprising 2.167 lakh qtls. of processed KL, 0.464 lakh qtls. of Phal KL and 0.022 lakh qtls. of Grower's leaves.
- (ii) Till January'2024, 2.177 lakh qtls have been sold fetching sale value of Rs 493.72 Crores with an average sale value of Rs 22,681.84 per Qtl.
- (iii) The Working Fund expenditure till January'2024 is Rs 405.12 Cores against the approved budget provision of Rs 412.77 Crores. Details is in **Annexure-II**.
- (iv) The anticipated OFDC commission is Rs 60.00 Cores against which Rs 27.65 Crores have already been paid to OFDC towards KL commission for 2023 crop.
- (v) The anticipated Trade Surplus is Rs 80.0 crores against which no amount has been received from KL Joint account towards Trade surplus for 2023 crop.

The committee noted the status.

(B) Utilization of Trade Surplus of 2022 crop

As per decision taken by Govt, following Welfare assistances to the tune of Rs 250.75 Crores were extended to kendu leaf beneficiaries for the year 2022 in 3 (three) phases, which is all time highest in a single crop year. All these benefits have been provided from Kendu Leaf Development Fund (KLDF) out of Trade surplus for 2022 Crop.

Details of welfare benefits extended to kendu leaf beneficiaries for the 2022 crop is as follows.

Sl. No	Description	Provision (In Crores)	Expenditure made (In Crores)	Further expenditure likely to be made (In Crores)	Total expenditure (In Crores)
i.	Bonus @ 25 % for 2022 Crop year to 7.74 lakhs Pluckers	50.92	50.92	-	50.92
ii.	Incentives @ 5 % of wages to 0.39 lakh Binders and Seasonal Staff for 2022 Crop	5.28	5.28	-	5.28
iii.	Financial assistance to 7.74 lakh Pluckers @ Rs 2000 /- in two phases	154.82	154.82	-	154.82
iv.	Financial assistance to 0.39 lakh Binders & Seasonal staff @ Rs 3000 /- in two phases	11.86	11.86	-	11.86
v.	Water Bottle allowance to 7.74 lakh Pluckers @ Rs 200 /-	15.48	15.48	-	15.48
vi.	Chappal allowance to 7.74 lakh Pluckers @ Rs 160 /-	12.39	12.39	-	12.39
vii.	Employees Provident Fund (EPF) to Seasonal Staff(Employer share)	7.50	6.77	0.73	7.50
viii.	Payment of compassionate Grant @ Rs 2.00 lakh in 583 cases	14.38	11.16	3.22 (167 cases)	14.38
	TOTAL	272.63	268.68	3.95	272.63

The Committee noted the status.

(C). Utilization of Trade Surplus of 2023 KL Crop

The utilization of trade surplus is decided by the KLDB. The anticipated trade surplus for 2023 crop will be around Rs. 80 crores. Available Fund in KLDF at present is Rs. 66.16 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 welfare measures for 2023 crop as would be decided by KLDB will be distributed to beneficiaries during 2024 out of Trade surplus of 2023 crop.

II. Budget for 2024 Crop Year.

As per the recommendation of Cost norm sub-committee held under the chairmanship of PCCF(KL) on 30.12.2023, the following annual budget was proposed for 2024 crop year considering anticipated production target of 3.01 lakh qtls.

(i) Target for 2024 crop (in lakh qtls)

Category	Approved Target for 2023	Proposed Target for 2024
Process Leaves	2.50	2.50
Growers' Leaves (GL)	0.01	0.01
Phal Leaves	0.50	0.50
Total	3.01	3.01

(ii) Fixed Cost

Sl No	Item of Works	Approved Norm for 2023 Crop (Rs in lakh)	Proposed Norm for 2024 Crop (Rs in lakh)
1	Bush Cutting	3680.00	3920.0
2	R & M of phadis	1900.00	1945.0
3	Seasonal Staff	7600.0	7700.0
4	Seasonal staff Gratuity	500.0	500.0
5	Research and Training	20.0	20.0
6	Publicity & Advertisement	40.0	20.0
7	Computer Facility	190.0	190.0
8	Deployment	60.0	52.0
9	Building maintenance	500.0	700.0
10	Misc Contingency	2130.0	2128.0
Total		16620.00	17175.0

(iii) Variable Cost

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

N.B.:-

- i. Kerry Price as notified for 2022 crop and continued so during 2023 crop has been retained for 2024 crop as well.
- ii. Cost Norm has been revised in Items like Bush Cutting, Phadi Repair etc. in view of increase in wages last year (Un-skilled labour rate from Rs.333/- to Rs. 352/- and Semi-Skilled labour rate from Rs. 373/- to Rs. 392/-).
- iii. 10.0 lakh mandays has been proposed to be utilized in Bush cutting with an area coverage of 6.60 lakh Ha against last year approved 9.86 lakh mandays with area coverage of 6.50 Lakh Ha
- iv. The same cost norm of Rs 31724.0 lakh approved for Variable cost for 2023 Crop has been retained for 2024 Crop year as well.

(iv) Total Working Fund Advance (WFA) (Rs in lakh)

Sl No	Item	2023	2024
1	Fixed Cost (in lakh)	16,620.0	17,175.0
2	Variable Cost (in lakh)	31,724.0	31,724.0
	Total Cost (in lakh)	48,344.0	48,899.0

The committee approved the Production target of 3.01 lakh qtls and annual budget of Rs 488.99 Crores for 2024 Crop.

III. De-regulated system of KL Working

The committee agreed to continue with the present system of De-regulated system of Kendu Leaf working for Nabarangpur KL Division, Malkangiri District of Jeypore KL Division & 19 villages of Bhawanipatna KL Division (Kalahandi district) during 2024 KL Crop year as well.

IV. Any other matter

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.



CHIEF SECRETARY

Annexure-I

Members present in the 1 st meeting of Kendu Leaf Coordination Committee (KLCC) for the Crop Year' 2024 on dated 08.02.2024 at 12 Noon		
Sl No	Members present	
1	Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena, IAS Chief Secretary	In Chair
2	Smt Anu Garg, IAS Development Commissioner	
3	Sri Satyabrta Sahu, IAS Addl Chief Secretary to Govt Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department	
4	Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS PCCF & HoFF, Odisha & PCCF(KL)	
5	Sri Suresh Pant, IFS, Managing Director, OFDC Ltd	
6	Sri Satyabrata Rout, IAS Special Secretary to Govt Finance Department	

Annexure-II**FIXED COST-2023**

Sl. No.	Item of Work	Approved Budget (Rs. in lakh)	Revised provision (Rs. in lakh)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in lakh) upto January'2024
1	Bush Cutting	3680.00	3666.59	3666.59
2	R & M Phadi	1900.00	1900.00	1900.00
3	Seasonal Staff	7600.00	6700.00	6437.21
4	Seasonal Staff Gratuity	500.00	400.00	316.46
5	Research & Training	20.00	20.0	0.00
6	Publicity & Advertisement	40.00	40.00	12.64
7	Computer Facility	190.00	70.00	0.70
8	Deployment of Retired Forest Personnel	60.00	30.00	17.48
9	Building Maintenance	500.00	500.00	257.10
10	Misc. Contingency	2130.0	1500.00	1453.25
Total		16620	14826.59	14061.43

VARIABLE COST-2023

Sl. No.	Item of Work	Approved Budget (Rs. in lakh)	Revised provision (Rs. in lakh)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in lakh) upto January'2024
1	PPKL/GL (Kerri price)	23685.00	19730.84	19730.84
2	Drying & Storage	1499.00	1167.10	1167.10
3	PBB	6172.00	5280.90	5281.37
4	Transpiration	350.00	271.44	271.27
5	Unforeseen	18.00	0	0
Total		31724.0	26450.28	26450.58
Grand Total		48,344.00	41,276.87	40,512.01