

জাতীয় বীজ বোর্ডের কারিগরি কমিটির পঞ্চম/৫ম সভার কার্যবিবরণী

Proceeding of the 5th meeting of the Technical Committee held on 5.12.81 at 10 A.M under the championship of Dr. Kazi M. Badruddaza, Executive Vice-Chairman, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council and Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Members Present :

1. Dr. A. Ahmed Director, Seed certification Agency.	Special Invitee
2. Dr. M. Kashem Ali Director, Jute Seed Division Bangladesh Jute research Institute.	Member
3. Dr. M.S. Ahmed Acting Director, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute.	Member
4. Mr. Md. Fazlur Rahman Addl. Director of Agriculture. Directorate of Agriculture (E&M).	Representative
5. Mr. M.A. Khaleq Project Director (Oil Seeds) Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute.	Special Invitee
6. Mr. M. Alam Manager (Programming), Field wing Bangladesh Agriculture Dev. Corporation.	Representative
7. Mr. Mohammad Abu Isa Quality Control Officer, Seed Certification Agency.	Observer
8. Mr. M.A. Quddus Principal Seed Certification Officer Seed certification Agency.	Member-Secretary

Agendum-I : Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Technical Committee held on 11-9-81.

The Chairman opening the discussion confirmed that all actions on the decision of the 4th meeting of the technical Committee have been taken care of.

Agendum-II: Development of seed programme in private sector,

The initial thinking on this subject was to find out ways and means to develop the private sector seed programme with major crops like paddy and wheat. After thorough discussion, the Chairman and the members present expressed their views that the initiatives of private sector's seed programme with paddy and wheat in the prevailing circumstances would not serve the purpose because most the farmers and other parties might not come forward to undertake such type of programme. However, the Chairman and the members felt that such type of programme might at the beginning, be attempted only with the vegetable Seeds like radish, onion, spinach etc. which involve less land with minimum capital and inputs but give maximum benefit and hence the following decisions were taken :

Decision :

1. Attempt for Development of seed programme in the private sector may be started with the vegetable seeds only at the initial phase.
2. Steps might be taken by the Seed Certification Agency to initiate such programme and give wide publicity in the Radio, Television and National Dailies to invite the intended parties to be only an private certified vegetable seed growers and to receive available advice and assistance.

3. A detailed out-line is to be worked out in consultation with the representatives of private vegetable seed growers already in existence in the country to find out the mode of support and assistance to be provided and the Govt. may be moved accordingly.
4. The Seed Certification Agency will take necessary steps to register the private vegetable seed growers and certify their seeds as per existing rules.

Agendum-III : Production programme of “Australian” variety of mustard by the BADC.

The Project Director, Oil seeds, BARI apprised the members that the BADC have claimed to introduce & multiply a variety of mustard in their own style by the name “Australian” which, infact resembles very much, the Sonali sharisha (SS-75). He apprehend about this “ Australian” variety might be a collection by BADC from the plot in Brahmanbaria where the BARI has been conducting farmer field trial since 1977.

The BADC representative attending the meeting when requested by the members to explain their position on this verity failed to clarify the background of the verity; he just faintly stated that they embarked upon the production of this variety at the command of a higher authority. He had no knowledge about the origin or parentage of the variety.

The Technical Committee members expressed their strong views on BADC’s activity of production and multiplication of a mustard variety in the name of “Australian” without having any record of genetic validity, or source of introductory. Such introduction must be avoided by an organization whose mandate is not to develop or introduce a variety. The Chairman further expressed his views that BADC is only assigned for multiplication and distribution of seeds, have no professional competence to introduce or release any crop variety, which is the function of the research institutions.

Decision :

1. BADC have no mandate to introduce or release any verity; hence they should refrain from such attempt/activity in future.
 2. The disputed mustard variety, “Australian” may be treated as the same mustard variety SS-75.
- The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Approved :
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