

MINUTES OF THE 82nd MEETING OF LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT CMER&TI, LAHDOIGARH HELD ON 21st OCTOBER, 2022

The 82nd meeting of Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held on 21.10.2022 at the Conference Hall of Central Muga Eri Research & Training Institute, Lahdoigarh under the Chairmanship of Dr. K M Vijayakumari, Director, CMER&TI, Lahdoigarh. The list of the members/ participants who were present in the meeting is appended at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, the Dr. Manjunath R N, Scientist-C (R&S) & Convener of the meeting welcomed the member participants of Re-constituted LAC and introduced the terms of the newly formed committee along with decisions made during the previous LAC meeting. Following the introduction, the Chairman gave her opening remarks by welcoming all members/ participants and briefed the Committee about the main objective of fixation of floor prices for Muga & Eri silk commodities and requested all the members/participants to share their views for supporting the fixation of floor prices and necessary suggestions for improving the market prospectus associated with the sector.

Thereafter, the agenda wise discussion was held and decisions made during the meeting are indicated as below.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (81ST LAC) HELD ON 22.11.2019 AT CMERTI LAHDOIGARH

The Chairman informed that the minutes of the last meeting of LAC held on 22nd November, 2019 at CMER&TI Lahdoigarh were circulated to all the previous members of LAC. Since there were no comments received from any member, the minutes were treated as confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: FIXATION OF FLOOR PRICE OF KOTIA MUGA REELING COCOON (2022 CROP)

The committee decided to revise the grades of cocoon based on the range of shell weight given below;

	Shell weight (gms)	Grade
01	0.50 & above	A
02	0.41 - 0.49	B
03	0.35 - 0.40	C

After threadbare discussion, the Committee adopted the following criteria for fixation of floor prices of Muga cocoons of Kotia commercial crop for the year 2022:

Grade A Reeling Cocoons

Single shell weight of "A" grade Kotia cocoon	0.50 g
Unit quantity of cocoon	1000 nos.
Cocoon loss (handling loss, driage) (10 %)	100 nos.
Shell weight of 900 nos. cocoon (0.50 x 900)	450 g
Raw silk recovery (50%) (450 x 40%)	225 g
Silk waste Production (50%)(450 x 50%)	225 g
Market price of Muga Raw silk yarn	Rs. 24,000/-
Cost of 225 g yarn (Rs.24000/- kg)	Rs. 5400/-
Cost of 225 g waste (Rs.600/- kg)	Rs. 135/-
Conversion cost of 225 g yarn (Rs.3600/- kg)	Rs. 810/-
Profit margin @20% (Rs.5400/- + Rs.135/-) x 20%	Rs. 1107/-
Cost of 1000 nos. cocoon (Rs.5400/-+ Rs.135/-) – (Rs.810/-+ Rs.1107/-)	Rs. 3599/-

Grade B Reeling Cocoons

Single shell weight of "B" grade Katia cocoon	0.45 gm
Unit quantity of cocoon	1000 nos.
Cocoon loss (handling loss, driage) (10 %)	100 nos.
Shell weight of 900 nos. cocoon (0.45 x 900)	405 gm
Raw silk recovery (45%) (405 x 45%)	182.25 gm
Silk waste Production (55%)(405 x 55%)	222.75 gm
Market price of Muga Raw silk yarn	Rs.24,000/-
Cost of 182.25 gm yarn (Rs.24,000/- kg)	Rs.4374/-
Cost of 222.75 gm waste (Rs.600/- kg)	Rs.136/-
Conversion cost of 182.25 gm yarn (Rs.3600/- kg)	Rs.656/-
Profit margin @20% (Rs.4374/- + Rs.136/-) x 20%	Rs.902/-
Cost of 1000 nos. cocoon (Rs.4374/-+ Rs.136/-) – (Rs.656/-+ Rs.902/-)	Rs.2966/-

Grade C Reeling Cocoons

Single shell weight of "C" grade Katia cocoons	0.30 gm
Unit quantity of cocoon	1000 nos.
Cocoon loss (handling loss, driage) (10 %)	100 nos.
Shell weight of 900 nos. cocoon (0.30 x 900)	270 gm
Raw silk recovery (45%) (270 x 45%)	121.5 gm
Silk waste Production (55%)(270 x 55%)	148.5 gm
Market price of Muga Raw silk yarn	Rs.24,000/-
Cost of 121.5 gm yarn (Rs.24,000/- kg)	Rs.2916/-
Cost of 148.5 gm waste (Rs.600/- kg)	Rs.89/-
Conversion cost of 121.5 gm yarn (Rs.3600/- kg)	Rs.437/-
Profit margin @20% (Rs.2916/- + Rs.89/-) x 20%	Rs.601/-
Cost of 1000 nos. cocoon (Rs.2916/-+ Rs.89/-) – (Rs.437/-+ Rs.601/-)	Rs.1967/-

Based on the discussions and suggestions in the house, the Committee unanimously recommended the following floor prices of Kotia Muga reeling cocoons for the year 2022:

“A” - Grade Muga reeling cocoons	: Rs. 3600/- per 1000 nos.
“B” - Grade Muga reeling cocoons	: Rs. 3000/- per 1000 nos.
“C” - Grade Muga reeling cocoons	: Rs. 2000/- per 1000 nos.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: FIXATION OF FLOOR PRICE FOR ERI & MUGA CUT/PIERCED COCOONS

During a detailed discussion on the availability and market price of Eri cocoons, the Committee recommended the floor prices of Eri cocoons as follows:

Eri cut/pierced cocoons:

Grade – A	= Rs.900/- per Kg. (Clean & best quality with shell weight $\geq 0.5g$)
Grade – B	= Rs.800/- per Kg. (Stained cocoons)
Grade - C	= Rs.700/- per Kg. (Blade cut/ Grainage cocoons)

After a brief discussion on the price fixation of Muga CPC, the Committee unanimously decided and fixed the price for Muga CPC kg for easy liquidation of stock of Muga as follows.

Muga cut/pierced cocoon: Rs.700/- per kg.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: FIXATION OF FLOOR PRICE OF HOST PLANT SEEDS / SEEDLINGS / SAPLINGS

During a detailed discussion on the availability of Host plant seeds / seedlings / saplings and the cost of production involved, the Committee recommended their floor prices as follows:

Seedlings of Som, Soalu, Kesseru, Borpat & other perennial host plants:

Rate of 8-9 month old Seedlings with polytube = Rs. 10.00/- per seedling

Rate of Seedlings without polytube = Rs. 05.00/- per seedling

Saplings of above host plants raised through vegetative propagation techniques:

Rate of Saplings = Rs. 15.00/- per sapling

Seeds of Muga & Eri Host plants:

➤ Castor(NBR)	=	Rs.200 /- per Kg.
➤ Castor mixedseeds	=	Rs. 150/- per Kg
➤ Kesseru	=	Rs. 200/- per Kg.

➤ Borpat	=	Rs. 1000/- per kg
➤ Som	=	Rs. 100/- per kg
➤ Soalu	=	Rs. 120/- per kg
➤ Other host plants	=	Rs. 100/- per kg (secondary & tertiary host plants)

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: FIXATION OF TENTATIVE DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF LAC.

The committee decided to hold the upcoming LAC meetings in Guwahati well before the arrival of Jethua-2022 cocoons in the market for effective implementations of the recommendations made during LAC meeting. The exact date, time and venue of the next meeting may be decided in consultation with the Chairperson of LAC.

The Chairperson acknowledged all the members of the committee for their participation and valuable suggestions in the meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Manjunath R N, Scientist-C.

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Dr. K M Vijaya Kumari
Director, CMERTI Lahdoigarh
& Chairman, LAC

Annexure I

**List of Participants of 82nd Local advisory Committee (LAC) meeting, held on 21st October, 2022
at CMER&TI, Lahdoigarh**

#	Name, Designation and Address
1.	Dr.K.M.Vijaya Kumari, Director, CMER&TI, CSB, Lahdoigarh - <u>Chairperson</u>
2.	Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati - <u>Member</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Shri Ataur Rahman, Joint Director, Sericulture, Assam, Ph. No.9854609483
3.	Shri Bhabadutta Sarma, Deputy Director, Sericulture, Assam., Ph. No.8753968959
4.	Director of Handloom & Textiles, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati – <u>Member</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Shri Bhabesh Tamuly, Asstt. Director, H&T, Jorhat, Assam
5.	Chief Executive officer, Khadi & Village Industries Board, Guwahati.- <u>Member</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Shri Sibasankar Borah, DO, Jorhat & Majuli, Assam
6.	The Scientist-D & Head, MESSO, Guwahati - <u>Member</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Dr. B.N. Sarkar, Scientist-D
7.	Shri J.C.Deka, Joint Secretary (Tech.), RO, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
8.	Shri Jayanta Ghose, Scientist-D, RSTRS, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
9.	Dr. D.Mech, Scientist-D & Head, SEEM division, CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
10.	Dr. Aftab A Shabnam, Scientist-D & Head, Host Plant Division CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
11.	Dr. Vijay N., Scientist-C, Statistical Section, CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
12.	Sri Atul Gogoi, Sivasagar, Assam, Muga Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
13.	Sri Robin Bharali, Sivasagar, Assam, Eri Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
14.	Sri Nirantar Mohon, Muga Eri Reeler Representative - <u>Member</u>
15.	Dr. Manjunath R.N., Scientist-C(R&S), CMER&TI - <u>Member Convener</u>
16.	Ms. Nilima Dutta Bhuyan, Senior Technical assistant, CMER&TI
	<u>Invitee:</u>
17.	Shri J. Roy, Director, Rudrasagar Silk Mill, Guwahati, Assam
18.	Shri Sanjib Bhuyan, Inspector, Handloom & textiles, Jorhat, Assam
19.	Shri Arun Dutta, In-charge, Khadi Gramodyug Board, Jorhat, Assam
20.	Shri Nilotpal Gogoi, Rudrasagar Silk Mill, Guwahati, Assam
21.	Shri Premananda Gogoi, Rudrasagar Silk Mill, Guwahati, Assam