

**MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING OF LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD AT MESSO GUWAHATI ON 16th MAY, 2023**

The 83rd meeting of Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held on 16.05.2023 at the Conference Hall of MESSO, Central Silk Board, Guwahati 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 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 21.10.2022 AT CMERTI LAHDOIGARH

The Chairman informed that the minutes of the last meeting of LAC held on 21.10.2022 at CMER&TI Lahdoigarh were circulated to all the 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 JETHUA MUGA REELING COCOON (2023 CROP)

After threadbare discussion, the Committee adopted the following criteria for fixation of floor prices of Muga cocoons of Jethua commercial crop for the year 2023:

Grade A Reeling Cocoons

Single shell weight of "A" grade Jethua 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 Jethua 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 225.75 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 Jethua 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 Jethua Muga reeling cocoons for the year 2023:

“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)/Gauch	=	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 plants)	=	Rs. 100/- per kg (secondary & tertiary host

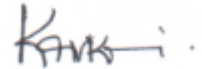
AGENDA ITEM NO.5: FIXATION OF TENTATIVE DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF LAC.

The exact date, time and venue of the next meeting well before the arrival of Kotia-2023 cocoons which may be decided in consultation with the Chairperson of LAC accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: ANY OTHER POINTS

- The floor prices fixed in the Local advisory committee meeting must be widely publicized in all source of social media (website, newspaper advertisement etc) and subsequently the farmers to be made aware of the latest rates and the recommendations through all the Extension, Communication and Training programs conducted by Central Silk Board and respective DoS.
- The recommendation of the meeting should be circulated among the concerned State Department of Sericulture (preferably Assam and Meghalaya) and the convenor of LAC must collect the data on quantity of cocoons transacted at the recommended prices and to be placed before the committee for understanding the actual status of trending prices and preferences of the beneficiaries involved in the sector.
- The State Department of Sericulture must initiate necessary actions towards establishment of well-organized cocoon banks and strengthening of the existing Cocoon banks so that marketing prospectus of the Silk Sector can be well channelized. In this regard, the State DoS may approach Central Silk Board for any requirement of technical and financial support if necessary, along with well-defined strategy to improve the cocoon marketing system.

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.



Dr. K M Vijayakumari
Director, CMERTI Lahdoigarh
& Chairman, LAC

**List of Participants of 83rd Local advisory Committee (LAC) meeting, held on 16th May, 2023
at MESSO Guwahati**

#	Name, Designation and Address
1.	Dr. K.M.Vijaya Kumari, Director, CMER&TI, CSB, Lahdoigarh - <u>Chairperson</u>
2.	Dr. Kartik Neog, Director, The Scientist-D & Head, MESSO, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
3.	Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Assam , Guwahati - <u>Member</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE:</u> 1. Shri Ataur Rahman, Joint Director, Sericulture, Assam, 2. Shri Jiban Kr. Deka, Deputy Director, Sericulture, Assam., 3. Smt. G Begum, Deputy Director, Sericulture, Assam
4.	Shri J.C.Deka, Joint Secretary (Tech.), RO, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
5.	Dr. B N Sarkar, Scientist-D, MESSO, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Invitee</u>
6.	Shri S A S Rahman, Scientist-D, RSRS, CSB, Boko - <u>Invitee</u>
7.	Dr. Rajiv Munshi, Scientist-D, RSTRS, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
8.	Dr. D. Mech, Scientist-D & Head, SEEM division, CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
9.	Dr. Aftab A Shabnam, Scientist-D & Head, Host Plant Division CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
10.	Dr. Vijay N., Scientist-C, Statistical Section, CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
11.	Sri Holiram Rabha, Boko, Assam, Muga Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
12.	Sri Sanjib Marak, Goalpara, Assam, Eri Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
13.	Sri Haren Das, Muga Eri Reeler Representative - <u>Member</u>
14.	Dr. Manjunath R.N., Scientist-C(R&S), CMER&TI - <u>Member Convener</u>
15.	Dr. Pratheesh Kumar, ESSPC, CSB, Hosur
17	<u>Dr. Manabendra Deka</u> , Scientist-D, CSB,
18	<u>Shri. Bitopan Das</u> , Scientist-D, CMERTI, CSB
19	<u>Dr. Lalita Natarajan</u> , Scientist-D, EBSF, CSB