

**MINUTES OF THE 84th MEETING OF LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD AT MESSO GUWAHATI ON 23rd NOVEMBER, 2023**

The 84th meeting of Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was held on 23.11.2023 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 in the meeting is appended at **Annexure-I**.

The meeting commenced with the Chairman extending a warm welcome to all members and participants, accompanied by her opening remarks. In her address, she outlined the main objective of the gathering, focusing on the establishment of floor prices for Muga & Eri silk commodities. Underlining the significance of grading, the Chairman endorsed customized marketing practices for distinct grades and stressed the need for thorough testing of shell weight in cocoons to ensure the benefit of the beneficiaries.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (83rd LAC) HELD ON 16.05.2023 AT CMERTI LAHDOIGARH

The Chairman informed that the minutes of the last meeting of LAC held on 16.05.2023 at MESSO Guwahati 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 KOTIA MUGA REELING COCOON (2023 CROP)

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

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 Kotia 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 Kotia 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 to retain the following floor prices of Kotia 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 to retain 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 to retain 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 mixed seeds	=	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 (sec. & tert. 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 next meeting well before the arrival of Jethua-2024 cocoons tentatively by the 3rd week of April 2023 in Jorhat at CMERTI Lahdoigarh.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: ANY OTHER POINTS

- The State Dept. of Sericulture should furnish details of the existing cocoon banks, including contact information and addresses to CMER&TI Lahdoigarh & MESSO Guwahati, for necessary publicizing and informative promotion during the extension & communication programs in order to enhance awareness and benefit to the farmers.
- The existing cocoon banks under the Department of Sericulture (DoS) particularly in Kamrup and Lakhimpur regions should review and revise/disseminate the floor prices established during the LAC (Local Advisory Committee) meetings for timely benefit of stakeholders. This decentralized approach empowers farmers to deposit/sell their produced cocoons so that they can figure in the actual production data.
- The State Government should ensure collecting of regular feedback/rearer data (DFLs brushed and cocoon production) etc through concerned Seri-Demonstrators designated in every block/division/district in order to have an accurate overview of overall production and evaluating marketing prospects during subsequent meetings.

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, Sc-C.



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

**List of Participants of 84th Local advisory Committee (LAC) meeting, held on 23rd November, 2023
at MESSO Guwahati**

#	Name, Designation and Address
1.	Dr. K. M. Vijaya Kumari, Director, CMER&TI, CSB, Lahdoigarh - <u>Chairperson</u>
Members	
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 Aaur Rahman, Joint Director, Sericulture, Assam, 2. Shri Jiban Kr. Deka, Deputy Director, Sericulture, Assam,
4.	Shri J. C. Deka, Joint Secretary (Tech.), RO, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
5.	Dr. Rajiv Munshi, Scientist-D, RSTRS, CSB, Guwahati - <u>Member</u>
6.	Dr. D K Jigyasu, Scientist-C, Host Plant Division CMER&TI – <u>Member representative</u>
7.	Dr. Vijay N., Scientist-C, Statistical Section, CMER&TI – <u>Member</u>
8.	Sri Holiram Rabha, Boko, Assam, Muga Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
9.	Sri Aphalu Rabha, Eri Rearer Representative – <u>Member</u>
10.	Sri Haren Das, Muga Eri Reeler Representative - <u>Member</u>
11.	Dr. Manjunath R.N., Scientist-C(R&S), CMER&TI - <u>Member Convener</u>
Invitees	
12.	Dr. B N Sarkar, Scientist-D, MESSO, CSB, Guwahati
13.	Shri S A S Rahman, Scientist-D, RSRS, CSB, Boko -
14.	Dr. Mahananda Chutia, Scientist-D, MESSO, CSB
15.	Dr. Lopamudra Guha, Scientist-D, MESSO, CSB