

3rd Review Meeting of Seven Coconut Producer Companies of Karnataka held at Chitradurga on 19.11.2015

The 3rd Review meeting of the seven Coconut Producer Companies registered in Karnataka was held at Hosdurga in Chitradurga district on 19.11.2015 from 11.00 to 18.00 hours. This meeting was hosted by M/s Kalpavruttha Coconut Producer Company Ltd and meeting was held at Company's meeting hall. Meeting was chaired by Shri. Ranganath, Chairman, Kalpavrutta Coconut Producer Company and was inaugurated by Dr. T.I. Mathewkutty, Director, CDB, ROB. In his inaugural address he has specifically mentioned the launching of a **75 days Equity Mobilization campaign** from today onwards to attain maximum participation of all members of CPCs/CPF's. He has also mentioned that the company collecting Rs1.00 crore will get the services of a Horticulture Assistant and those collecting Rs2.00 crores will get a Project Manager from CDB. He has also informed that the draft G.O on neera policy is under circulation and same will be issued by the Karnataka Government shortly. So there is an urgent need for training more neera master technicians and requested each company to identify 20 nos. of trainees. Similarly LODP and FoCT will also be allotted to the top collectors of Equity Share as on 31.12.2015. Shri.S.Manjunatha, Regional Officer, Coir Board, Bangalore, addressed the participants ensuring all assistance for utilizing coir fibre and coir pith from the members of all CPCs/CPF's of Karnataka. He has also distributed necessary application forms for availing subsidy from Coir Board. Shri.Sheshanna, NABARD Representative also addressed the meeting explaining the various assistances available from NABARD for FPOs. Shri. Prasanna Kumar, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Hosadurga, explained regarding the various schemes available for Coconut from State Horticulture Department.

Shri. Hemachandra, Deputy Director reviewed the progress of Coconut Producers Companies and motivated them to actively participate in the 75 days Equity Mobilization campaign and to start processing activities. Ms.K Mridula, Technical Officer and Shri. Rupak, Project Manager narrated the progress of 27 CPCs in Kerala and guided them the need for engaging a CEO, for activating the CPCs. They also subdivided the meeting into seven groups to plan out the action to be taken by the Company for next six months. They also informed that based on these action plans further monthly review meeting will be held. Ms. Jagadeesh Priya, Food Processing Engineer explained the processing of the Flavored Coconut milk and other training programmes of the CIT. About 60 participants from the CPCs/CPF's attended the meeting and actively interacted. It was decided to convene the next monthly review meeting at M/s Econut Coconut Producer Company Ltd., Mysore on 29th December, 2015.

