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Dear shri Ajithkumar,

Sub: With holding of Neera Production license to CPFs- soliciting urgent intervention and support - reg:

- Ref: 1) G.O.(M.S.)No.160/13/TD dated 23.09.2013
2) G.O.(M.S.) No.17/2014/TD dated 03.02.2014
3) G.O.(P)No.27/2014/TD dated 14.02.2014
4) G.O.(M.S.) No.66/2014/TD dated 13.05.2014

Hearty Greetings from Coconut Development Board!

I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude for your cooperation and sustained efforts in making Neera production a reality through the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) facilitated by CDB.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited above wherein Neera production was permitted to the federated societies affiliated to CDB. Out of the 173 Coconut Producer Federations (CPFs) registered with CDB as on 2.3.2014, seventeen CPFs were issued license for Neera production by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala on 2.3.2014 at Kottayam. On request by remaining 156 federations, the Hon'ble CM had announced that license will be issued to the remaining 156 federations also, on 02.03.2014 and a Cabinet decision to this effect was taken on 05.03.2014. On the basis of this Cabinet decision, G.O.(M.S.) No.66/2014/TD dated 13.05.2014. in Ref (4) above, was issued for granting license to all the then existing 173 societies in the state. **I would like to bring this fact to your kind notice that it is clearly stated in the order under ref(4) above that the Excise Department has to take necessary actions from their side for issuing license to all the 173 societies on need basis.**

As on date, there are 5438 CPS, 291 CPFs and 14 CPCs affiliated to CDB in Kerala. All the 14 CPCs in the state are in various stages of establishing their Neera processing plants and already two of the CPCs have launched their neera in the market. To ensure the economic viability and feasibility of the upcoming Pilot Neera processing plants in the state, Neera production from all the concerned federations is highly imperative. In order to achieve the full capacity of the Neera processing units and to produce a marketable quantity of Neera, license for Neera Production has to be extended to the remaining 156 CPFs also.

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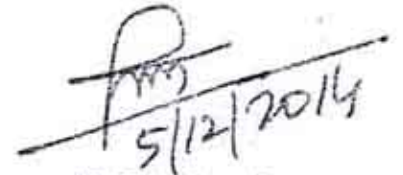
Even though remaining 156 Federations affiliated to CDB had submitted applications for issuing license for Neera production, Deputy Excise Commissioners in the districts (Except Kozhikode and Kollam districts) refused to issue license stating that there is no Government Order for this. It is also noted that issuing of license is being unduly delayed stating that there is no clear-cut decision regarding the number of societies to be issued license. Further, it is informally learnt that the office of Commissionerate of Excise is discouraging the district level Deputy Excise Commissioners from issuing Neera License in their respective districts.

I would like to bring this fact to your kind attention that even with the existing G.O.(M.S.) No.66/2014/TD dated 13.05.2014(Ref.4), it is possible to grant Neera license to all 173 federations. As the hurdles stated by district level Deputy Excise Commissioners is groundless and unsubstantiated, I request you to provide necessary clarifications and proper advice to the Commissionerate of Excise, so that there will be a clarity to issue license to all the eligible 173 federations registered with CDB as on 02.03.2014.

Anticipating an early positive response.

With regards,

Yours sincerely


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