

Office of the Directorate of Research
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PROCEEDINGS

A review meeting was conducted at the Agricultural Research Station, Vaigai Dam by **Dr. K.S. Subramanian**, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore, on 15.9.2020. **Dr. K. Sundaralingam**, Professor & Head presented the action taken report on various recommendations of Vice Chancellor's Review, DR's review, SWC, CSM 2020 and others. The following staff members of ARS, Vaigaidam, participated in the meeting and the discussions held thereon.

Scientist from O/o the Directorate of Research TNAU, Cbe

1. Dr.M.Kannan Prof (Hort.)

Scientists of ARS, Vaigai Dam

1. Dr. K.Sundaralingam , Prof & Head
2. Dr.T.L.Preethi, AP (Hort)
3. Dr.M.Jayaramachandran, AP (PBG)
4. Dr.C. Parameswari, AP (PBG)
5. Dr. R.Jeyasrinivas, AP (Agron)

I. Vice Chancellor's Review

The Vice Chancellor, TNAU has reviewed the various activities of ARS, Vaigai Dam on 17.04.2019, 04.11.2019 and 09.12.2019. There were 13 recommendations made and all necessary actions were undertaken. The detailed Action Taken Report for the Vice Chancellor's remarks is enclosed as **Annexure I**.

II. Director of Research Review

The Director of Research has reviewed the research activities of ARS, Vaigai Dam on 07.06.2019. The DR's remarks made on 13.8.2020, 4.11.2019 and 9.12.2019 and the Action Taken Report is enclosed as **Annexure II**. There were 22 recommendations during all three visits together and all necessary actions were undertaken as suggested without any deviations.

III. Cropping Programme

There were 5 recommendations in the Cropping program review conducted by the Vice Chancellor on 4.7.2020. There were four recommendations and all have been undertaken. The revenue generation program is also going on as scheduled. Follow-up of Cropping Programme of ARS, Vaigai Dam is enclosed as **Annexure III**.

IV. Follow up of Crop Scientists Meet 2020

The Follow-up of Scientists Meet 2020 of ARS, Vaigai Dam is enclosed as **Annexure IV**. There are five recommendations and are being done as planned / suggested.

V. Action Taken Report on the Proceedings of 2nd Interim Review Meeting of SWC 2019 held on 11.03.2020

Action taken report on the Proceedings of 2nd Interim Review Meeting of SWC 2019 held on 11.03.2020 is enclosed as **Annexure V**. The VGD 1 (alternate to seeraga samba rice) exporters' meeting has been scheduled on 8.10.2020 involving Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing & Agri-Business, Chennai.

In the mean time, Field day was conducted in AC & RI, Madurai, on 7.2.2020 involving KVK, Madurai, farmers, stakeholders, traders, NGOs and Govt. officials. The Theni District Collector organized a press meet to popularize the VGD 1. Wide coverage in mass media was done including Radio, TV and News Papers.

VI. Review on URP and Action Plan for 2020-21

The work done on University Research Projects of individual scientists was reviewed by Director of Research and the details are enclosed as **Annexure VI**.

There are **six completion reports** submitted and pending at different stages of approval. The Prof. & Head is requested take immediate steps to clear all the completed projects and get the final approval from the Directorate of Research on or before 31.10.2010.

VII. Individual scientists Review on 15.09.2020

The review started with power point presentation by Dr.K.Sundaralingam , Professor and Head of the Station in which the action taken report on VC's and DR's previous visits, mandate of the station, work being done, follow up action on cropping programme and Crop Scientists Meet and issues of the station were discussed.

Dr. K. Sundaralingam, Prof. & Head, ARS, Vaigai Dam

- Steps to be taken to ensure visibility of the Research Station.
- The research station has to ensure supply of quality seeds to serve the farming community.
- A project on Designer seed in sesame may be proposed.

- **Dr. M. Madan Mohan**, Associate Prof (PBG) who has been transferred recently to AC&RI, Kudumiyamalai has to identify and hand over all the advanced cultures evolved along with **VGD 1** to the Prof. & Head, ARS, Vaigai Dam, with proper labeling. He can propose a **new URP** in his name to continue to work in the same direction with improved traits such as aroma, short duration and other traits with an added advantage of fine quality rice.

Dr M. Jayaramachandran, Asst.Prof. (PBG)

- Monetization of VGD 1 is to be done. Quantity of VGD 1 seeds supplied and area covered by VGD 1 in farmers field is to be quantified. Improvement in the livelihood of the farmers due to VGD 1 cultivation is to be assessed.
- Extension proposal may be sent for ICAR - RF on or before 15.10.2020
- New Project may be proposed
- Follow up on NADP project intended for production and supply of VGD 1 rice.

Dr. Jayasrinivas, Asst. Prof. (Agron)

- One URP (Herbicide project) completed and final submission is to be done to the DR office on or before 31.10.2020.
- Extension proposal for the URP (Rice based cropping system) may be sent to the DR office for approval

Dr. C. Parameswari, Asst. Prof. (PBG)

- Possibilities for export of VGD 1 has to be explored.
- Bar coding of cultures & varieties (VGD 1) may be explored
- Research related to scented rice may be concentrated.
- BRNS funded project may be transferred from AC&RI, Madurai to ARS, Vaigai Dam and for which request letter to be sent for University approval.
- Action may be initiated to propose a project under TANII on breeding for developing an export variety with jasmine flavour in consultation with Director (CPBG).

Dr.T.L.Preethi, Asst.Prof. (Hort.)

- Three days she spent for teaching in HC & RI, PKM
- Vegetable Seed Production may be ensured with indent
- The URP on lablab may be intensified
- Landscaping of the station may be done with the help of UG Experiential Learning course students.

Dr. G. Mani, Asst. Prof (SST)

- Status of URPs handled by him may be reported to the undersigned for necessary action.

