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(Mechanization & Technology Division)  
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 27.2.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(M&T) to discuss the strategy and policy initiatives to reduce the waiting time for testing of Agricultural Machinery and equipments at various FMTTIs.**

I am directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the above meeting for information and necessary action. The action taken report may kindly be sent immediately to this Division.

This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary (M&T).

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List of the participants is enclosed as annexure.

2. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the participants. After brief introduction of all the participants and opening remarks of Chairman, JS(M&T) and ADC(M&T) gave the presentation on the present status of waiting list of various agricultural equipments at different FMTTIs. It was noted that there is no waiting list at CFMTTI, Budni and NER FMTTI, Biswanath Chariali. At NR FMTTI, Hissar, there is a waiting list of 100 combine harvesters and 150 other agricultural machineries. At SRFMTTI, Anantpur the waiting list is of 33 Power Tiller and 199 other agricultural machineries. In the presentation, action already initiated and implemented by this Division was highlighted namely 28 SAUs and other institutions identified for testing out of which some have already started functioning, hours of field testing reduced to speed up the process, Anantapur institute has started to transfer the power tillers to Budni Institute; Hisar Institute has also started to transfer the Combine Harvesters to Budni Institute, PAU Ludhiana and CIAE Bhopal for reducing the waiting list; creation of Parallel Test line at Budni, etc.
3. To reduce the waiting time for testing, proposed guidelines/criteria framed by this Division were also discussed at length which are as below:
  - ISI Certification holder to be made eligible
  - Levy application fee for testing
  - Allow institutions to take recourse to contractual manpower to increase their testing capacity.
  - CMVR certification to be suspended for the time being till waiting list is over
  - FMTTIs being authorized to undertake any equipment
  - Any part(Engine etc) tested once may not be tested again
  - Self Certification of Agricultural Machines
    - Will be started initially with reputed manufacturers
    - Manufacturer will have total liberty to go for self certification
    - Only those Tractors/Power Tillers/Combine Harvester manufacturers are eligible under Self Certification, who have completed more than 5 years in production of various models of Combine Harvesters
    - Manufacturers having ISO Certification
    - The manufacturer should have got tested at least 3 models from any FMTTI till the date of certification, with satisfactory testing report and
    - Average annual turnover of Tractors/Combine Harvester/Power Tillers manufacturers shall be more than Rs.200/50/20 Crores for last 3 years for Self Certification respectively.
4. After that the Chairman opened the house for discussion to all the participants. During the discussion, the following suggestions were received from participants :
  - i) Combine Harvester Manufacturers Association and International Centre for Automotive Testing (ICAT, functioning under NATRIP, Ministry of Heavy

Industries) are ready to establish testing centre for performance testing of combine harvesters. – Chairman advised them to submit the proposal in this regard. NATRIP can do testing of Tractor/Power Tiller/Combine harvester & other equipments. It was decided to call for proposal and authorize them also.  
(Action: Combine harvester Manufacturers Association, ICAT, NATRIP)

ii) All the FMTTIs may give the link for purchase of IS codes on their websites through BIS.

(Action: all FMTTIs)

iii) BIS representative expressed that the guidelines of self-certification should be made very stringent. If there will be any deviation from the guidelines by the manufacturers; representative samples may be got tested as well as provision of enforcement of penalty may also be kept.

iv) TMA expressed that self-certification will lead to complications and the end results may not be appreciable since the law of enforcement is very weak in our country. The testing of equipments may not be dispensed completely rather it may be made simple. The Chairman advised them for giving suitable proposal in this regard.

(Action : TMA)

v) The engine testing of similar make and model tested once may not be tested again. However, Director, NR FMTTI, Hissar informed that the amendment in this regard in the related IS standard is under progress and it is at draft notification stage with BIS. BIS representative has clarified on this issue that due to the procedure constraints it may take some time for the final notification of IS codes, but DAC may also issue the separate guidelines on this issue till the final notification is issued. Chairman requested NR FMTTI to submit the proposal in this regard immediately.

(Action: NR FMTTI, M&T Div, BIS)

5. After listening to the views of all participants the Chairman summed up the meeting with following action points:

a) The standards for revision related to agricultural machinery pending with BIS may be expedited for their early notification.

(Action BIS).

b) The decision regarding dispensing of CMVR certification at all FMTTIs till the waiting list is clear will be reviewed again at this Division and the final decision will be taken in due course of time.

(Action: M&T Division)

c) All the 28 Testing Institutes authorized for testing may be strengthened expeditiously and the proposal for testing of agricultural machinery other than already authorized to them may be obtained. These centres should be authorized for Tractor/ Combine Harvester/ Power Tiller provided they have qualification for it.

(Action: M&T Division)

- d) Submission of Proposal for framing the guidelines on self-certification issue was requested to all the participants.

(Action: TMA, AIMA, PTMA, CHMA, FMTTIs)

- e) BIS may initiate the action for simplification of the procedure of performance testing of various equipments taking into consideration as like in the case of tractor already taken.

(Action: TMA, AIMA, PTMA, CHMA, FMTTIs)

- f) For authorizing Testing centres both from other organizations such as NATRIP, private sector for all equipments including Tractor/ Combine Harvester/ Power Tiller, guidelines will be issued so that more such centres can be authorized.

(Action M&T Division)

- g) Matter may be taken up with competent authorities so that ISI Certification holder(s) become eligible for testing agricultural machinery.

(Action M&T Division)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure

List of participants of the meeting held on 27.2.2013 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(AKS) to discuss the strategy and policy initiatives to reduce the waiting time for testing of Agricultural Machinery and equipments at various FMTTIs.

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