

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Minutes of the **201st** Meeting of the Council of Management held on 14th September 2023 at 4.30 p.m. at Kolkata

Present	Ms N Palchoudhuri	Chairperson, TRA
	Mr A Asthana	Vice Chairman, TRA
	Mr A Krishan	Addl. Vice Chairman, TRA
	Mr S Soundararajan	DTD, Tea Board of India
	Dr Mahipal Singh	Director Research, Tea Board
	Mr P K Bezboruah	Former Chairman, TRA
	Mr B K Dalmia	
	Mr Ajay Jalan	
	Mr A Raha	
	Mr A K Jha	
	Mr H C Malpani	
	Mrs. K Khaitan	
	Mr Vikram Singh Gulia	
	Mr M P Bansal	
	Mr M K Varma	
	Mr Sunil Munshi	
	Mr O P Chokhani	
	Mr P C Dhandania	
	Mr P Melantha	
	Mr P Jalan	
	Mr N K Khurana	
	Mr Bidyananda Barkakoty	
	Mr S Munshi	
	Mr S K Saria	
	Mr S S Sikand	Representing Mr J S Chahal
	Dr A Babu	Director, TRA
	Mr J Phukan	Secretary, TRA
	Mr A Mitra	Financial Controller, TRA

The Chairperson welcomed the all members.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the 200th Meeting of the Council of Management held on 7th July, 2023 was circulated and no comments have been received. Members confirmed the same.

2. R & D Report:

The Director, TRA elaborated the highlights of the R&D work to the Council for the quarter July to September.

3. Apprise Council of the visit of the Chief Minister Assam

The Chairperson briefed the Council on the visit of Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Honble Chief Minister of Assam on the 10th July. She stated that he at first visited the new small tea growers centre, the model tea factory and the labs at Tocklai. Thereafter he discussed matters relating to the functioning of TRA Tocklai at a meeting held at the Board Room of the Director. The Secretary made a detailed presentation on the current scenario of the Association which was for 90 minutes. The HCM keenly listened to the issues of TRA Tocklai and promised all help. He assured a loan of Rs. 10 crores and stated that he will take up the funding issues.

4. Membership & Finance :**a) Membership Subscription :**

The membership subscription status of the Association as on 11th September 2023 was informed:

Financial Status of the Association:2023-2024								
							2022-23	2023-24
Membership Subscription	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Till 11.09.2022	Till 11.09.2023
A. Ordinary							last year	Current year
Billing	1574.4	1822.03	1842.89	1881.8	1898.48	1711.34	862.44	808.44
Collection	1300.68	1362.08	1376.21	1486.17	1404.16	1274.65	623.23	486.44
Rebate/Discunt	56.51	60.84	55.53	36.69	41.03	33.21	16.79	14.44
Net Recovery Total:	1357.19	1422.92	1431.74	1522.86	1445.19	1307.86	640.02	500.44
Arrear/Outstanding Recovery	100.28	116.97	220.31	237.7	122.44	199.42	120.28	82.44
Gross Total Collection:	1457.47	1539.89	1652.05	1760.56	1567.63	1507.28	760.3	583.44
RECOVERY % WISE (CURRENT YR.)	86%	78%	78%	81%	76%	77%	74%	62%
OVER ALL RECOVERY % WISE	93%	85%	90%	94%	83%	88%	88%	72%
B. Associate								
Current	20.8	20.8	21.55	7.79	12.98	22.58	12.68	9.44
Arrear	5.63	9.78	10.25	9.16	9.82	8.05	4.55	9.44
Total:	26.43	30.58	31.8	16.95	22.8	30.63	17.23	18.88
GROSS TOTAL COLLECTION: (A+B)	1483.9	1570.47	1683.85	1777.51	1590.43	1537.91	777.53	601.44
LESS: REBATE/DISCOUNT	56.51	60.84	55.53	36.69	41.03	33.21	16.79	14.44
NET TOTAL COLLECTION (A+B)	1427.39	1509.63	1628.32	1740.82	1549.4	1504.7	760.74	587.44

b) Financial Status of the Association

The Secretary stated that the Association received an amount of Rs.2.66 crores from Tea Board for the first quarter of the current financial year. The second quarter grant is expected from the Tea Board within this month. The current status of liability under major heads is given below:

Provident Fund..... Rs.200 lacs

Gratuity.....Rs.530 lacs

Leave Encashment..... Rs.700 lacs

5. To approve the Accounts for the Financial year 2022-2023

The Draft Accounts for the year 2022-23 which was circulated was approved by the members. The Draft Accounts was earlier reviewed by the Finance Committee on 12th September 2023.

6. AOB :

- a) The Council discussed the scope of study which was presented by the BCG. However funding for engaging BCG needs to be explored.
- b) The membership issue of the small tea growers was discussed and it was decided that initially an amount of 3 paise per Kg can be charged from the small tea growers towards membership.
- c) The Council approved the extension of tenure of the Chairman Scientific Advisory Committee by another year.
- d) The Council ratified the appointment of new scientists against existing vacancies/ resignations.
- e) Banking Resolution:

Members discussed on the opening new bank account with Indian Bank, Jorhat Branch, for the new scientific project for the Analytical Services Department and the scheme be called "Studies on the Dissipation and Residue of insecticide "GPI 0621"(Abamectin 4.5% + Bifenazate 43% SC) in Tea, Soil & Water".

"RESOLVED that a new current bank account be opened with Indian Bank, Jorhat Branch in the event of getting the new project account in the name of "TRA-TLABS-UPL-SAS GPI 0321"

There being no other business the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



N Palchoudhuri
Chairperson



J Phukan
Secretary

25th September 2023