### **ANNEXURE-IV**

# Proceedings of One Day Workshop on

"Kangra Tea, Geographical Indication (GI)"

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The State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Shimla organized a One Day Awareness Workshop on "Kangra Tea: Geographical Indication" for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for the Kangra Tea planters at IHBT, Palampur on 24<sup>th</sup> March,2017. Hon'ble Speaker HP Vidhan Sabha Sh. B.B.L.Butail was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Sh.K.G Butail, President, Kangra Small Tea Planters Association, Palampur was the guest of honour. Sh.Sanjay Kumar, Director, IHBT, CSIR, Palampur, HP was special guest for the workshop. Other dignitaries present on the occasion included Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Member Secretary, SCSTE and Mr Anupam Das, Deputy Director, Tea Board Palampur.

On behalf of host organization Dr. Aparna Sharma, Senior Scientific Officer, Sh. Shashi Dhar Sharma, SSA, Ms. Ritika Kanwar, Scientist B and Mr. Ankush Prakash Sharma, Project Scientist were present during the workshop.

#### **Inaugural Session:**

Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Member Secretary, SCSTE Shimla welcomed all the dignitaries, resource persons, Kangra Tea Planters and the print and electronic media at the workshop on behalf of the State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, H.P. He highlighted the history of Kangra Tea, impact of 1905 Kangra earthquake on Kangra Tea Production and ways to overcome the loss by adopting multiple cropping patterns as in Assam and Nilgiri, blending of tea from various regions and focused approach towards marketing strategy.



Felicitation of Sh. B.B.L Butail by Sh. Kunal Satyarthi

Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, IHBT elaborated upon issues being faced by Kangra Tea Planters such as increasing cost of production, problem with old stock and further solutions to the problems. He suggested replacement of old variety with a new one having 20-40% of more yield and modification in processing so as to produce white tea which will result in increase in its market value.

He further elaborated on the efforts of IHBT to resolve issues of Kangra Tea Planters by meeting the standardization for FSAAI



Special address by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, IHBT, CSIR, Palampur

certification and further stressed for mechanization of Tea, though quality might get reduced but can be used for value added products for which CSIR is offering a collaborative approach.



Guest of honour, Shri K.G Butail, addressing the gathering.

Shri K.G Butail in his address discussed issue of marketing of Kangra Tea despite being one of the best in quality in India. Requirement of Blending Unit was put forth as to increase the production. Smt. Veena Shrivastava, Member Tea Board of India, Kangra Tea Planters Association stressed on lack of hardwork and dedication towards production of Kangra Tea by the planters.

Sh. B.B.L Butail, Hon'ble Speaker HP Vidhan Sabha highlighted the fact that Kangra Tea which once held pride in country's best Tea has now lost that status. Thus, Govt. and private sector need to realize the need of improving the Kangra Tea quality. He also urged to increase the number of GIregistered users, presently 40, under Ger Indications Act. He stressed on the need to hold meetings and awarene workshops of Tea planters and organize activities in tea areas.



Inaugural address by Sh. B.B.L Butail, Hon'ble speaker HP Vidhan Sabha

He further suggested that Govt. should allow local home stays and resorts in tea gardens thereby adding to income of tea planters.

#### **Technical Session-1**

During the technical sessions, various resource persons shared their experiences. Dr R.K Sud, Sr. Principal Scientist elaborated on History of Kangra tea-its production and market. He spoke on the, impact of 1905 earthquake in Kangra, wherein, majority of tea gardens got extensively damaged and their revival through decades. Further he elaborated on role of IHBT towards revival and sustenance of Kangra Tea. He also gave detailed information on the development of strategy for Kangra Tea since 1984 and large scale mechanization plucking facility being provided to the Kangra Tea planters. He provided the following measures to be implemented in near future:

- 1. Production can be increased to 15 lakh kgs (Currently 1000 ha area being managed with 9.0 lakh kg).
- 2. Area to be extended in traditional and nontraditional area with commercial size plantation of not less than 100 ha units with processing facilities.
- 3. Mechanization and value addition to be followed side by side.
- 4. Replacing century old plantations in phased manner with promising clones and seed stocks.
- 5. High standard of quality both in made tea: Green/Black/Oolong/white etc as well as in value added health products.

#### **Technical Session -II**

Dr. Ashu Gulati explained the GI distinctiveness in Kangra Tea, its characteristic features which make it different from the Darjeeling Tea. She elaborated on quality parameters of different Indian Tea viz. Darjeeling Tea, Kangra Tea, Assam, Uttarakhand and Southern Tea. Further, she said that Kangra tea infusion is brighter with higher briskness and higher levels of quality biochemicals, particularly, theaflavins and thearubigins in Kangra tea compared to Darjeeling tea. She elaborated on the Kangra Tea based products such as ready to drink teas, tea and tea based wines, and polyphenols (catechins and theaflavins) developed by IHBT and patents obtained thereof. She stressed for developing niche market for Kangra Tea and other diversified products.

Sh. D.S Kanwar, Technical Officer (Tea), Chai Bahwan, Maranda elaborated on the botany of Tea viz. China Tea, Assam Tea, Kangra Tea. Explained the importance of Geographical Indication, Tea Processing Methodology and present status of tea cultivation in Kangra.



(From L to R )Sh. K.G Butail . Smt. Veena Shrivastava. Sh. B.B.L Buatil. Dr. Saniav Kumar

### **Technical Session –III**

Sh. Anupam Das Deputy Director Tea Development, Tea Board of India, Palampur, explained the history, hierarchy, working of Tea Board and elaborated on the role of Tea Board of India in development of Kangra Tea. He highlighted the quality upgradation and product diversification scheme(QUPDS) activities, Human Resource Development Scheme, Market Promotion Scheme being supported by the Tea Board in the country and Tea Management Product Management set up in Russia, Kazakhstan, Iran, Egypt and USA.



Address by Smt. Veena Srivastava, Kangra Small Tea Planters Association

#### **Technical Session -IV**

Sh. Shashi Dhar Sharma, Senior Scientific Assistant, State Council for Science, Technology & Environment elaborated on the GIs registered by the Council. Kullu shawl was the first GI to be

registered in 2004, Kangra Tea (2005), Chamba Rumal (2007), Kinnauri Shawl (2008) and Kangra Paintings (2012) are other GIs registered by HPPIC. The applications for Chulli Oil and Kala Zeera are in the final stages of processing with the GI Registry Office, Chennai. Several other GIs have been identified which are as follows:

- Chamba Chappal
- Kinnauri cap
- Red rice
- Apples of Himachal Pradesh
- Apple wine (Kalpa)
- Angoori (Traditional wine of Kinnaur)
- Chilgoza,
- Traditional Lahaul Crafts (Gloves and Socks)
- Pahari Aloo -Himachal Potato
- Lahaul Hops



Address by Sh. Shashi Dhar, Senior Scientific Assistant, State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, H.P.

The audience lauded the Council's efforts in raising awareness through this workshop and demanded more of such interactive platforms to address their issues.

**Future Proposal:** The State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Shimla proposes following measures in collaboration with IHBT, Kangra valley Small Tea Planters Association for implementing the GI Act effectively in the State:

- 1. Increase the number of registered GI users for Kangra Tea.
- 2. Increase the awareness for Kangra Tea planters regarding GI by organising more Awareness Workshops.
- 3. Distribution of pamphlets in all major daily newspapers (Hindi/ English) during the tourist season emphasising the purchase of only GI tagged Kangra Tea.
- 4. To evolve market strategy for Kangra Tea.

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