

## Stakeholder Consultation Meeting Dec. 2003

### MINUTES

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of CLCG with MV Foundation held on 13.12.03 at Emergent Genetics office , Banjara Hills , Hyderabad.

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The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sinha & convened by Raman Modi.

**Agenda:** To list out points of action plan with MV Foundation (To eliminate child labour in cotton seed production).

### **Minutes:**

- It was informed that there are two groups of child labour elimination operating at different levels. One is the field group at the production location (Kurnool) to which each major company has a representation by respective zonal production manager. The other group is the CLCG represented by senior managers of each company coordinated by Raman Modi based at Hyderabad.
- The commitment to the child labour elimination by each representative was reassured and it was pretty clear that everybody is very serious in elimination of child labour
- The spot checks conducted jointly by companies on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> revealed no child labour found in four fields checked suddenly.
- The clause of no child labour in farmers agreement need to be ensured in contract of each member company.

- Emergent Genetics informed that they had conducted meeting to increase awareness against child labour and same had come in press. Other companies including Syngenta also had conducted such meetings.
- It was decided that all companies should conduct such meetings /activity against child labour, get it supported by local administration possibly. Give adequate press coverage and for records send a brief and notes along with details to the coordinator.
- It was informed that only 2 p.c. of cotton fields are being used for seed production whereas rest 98 p.c. are for commercial cultivation thus local bodies can have a stronger role in child labour elimination overall.
- The representation of CGCL will meet collectors of Kurnool and Mehboobnagar & seek government help for elimination of child labour in cotton seed production on following lines
  - Address/ be present / represent the meetings on elimination of child labour by companies in Kurnool and Mehboobnagar district.
  - Issue of circular informing local bodies of such meetings
  - Communication to all necessary local bodies for all CLCG program activities
  - Suitable action against people who use child labour. A desk to handle complaints was suggested.
- In order to increase the awareness a poster was proposed in Telegu with the slogan of no child labour (To be finalized) along with logo's of all companies & ASI appealing children to go to school & shun working in fields. ---- **BRK Reddy for coordination.**
- It was proposed by Ms. Sinha that a pamphlet of shunning labour by children with special thrust on picking and other stages to be circulated in villages. The same was agreed by all. MV Foundation will send the draft of the leaflet to coordinator CLCG & the same will be finalized by both together at the quickest.
- A radio jingle to be finalized against child labour for broadcasting from AIR Hyderabad & Kurnool before this is finalized MV Foundation would like to give the input. ---- **BRK Reddy for action**
- Training program for field group dates to be finalized with MV Foundation.
- Efforts to honour farmers / organizers who are found to be totally not to be engaging children will be increased.
- Conducting of spot checks to be routine.

The dates of the next meeting to assess the progress was fixed for 14<sup>th</sup> Feb,2004.