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SIMFED, INITIATES CONTRACTING FARMING OF ORGANIC VEGETABLES AT JAU-BARI, NAMCHI ON 23.1.2015.

A meeting was organized by SIMFED, at Jau-Bari, Gumpa, Namchi South Sikkim, on 23.1.2015. The meeting was graced by Hon'ble Chairman, Simfed as Chief Guest and Shri Passang Sherpa, former Chairman, as Guest of Honour. The meeting had presence of, Panchayat, Lower Jau-bari, Managing Director, Simfed, Principal Scientist, ICAR, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Namthang, Dy. Director, FS & A Dev Department, H.D.O., H& CCD Department, Namchi, Dy. Gen. Manager, SIMFED, (South and West Districts), Marketing Inspectors (SIMFED), SMS- Horticulture, ICAR, representative of Maxeema Biotech pvt. Ltd and 41 progressive farmers of Jau-Bari.



Hon'ble Chairman, Simfed, apprised the gathering that, contract farming is need of the hour to have continuous supply chain of basket of vegetables. He informed the gathering, that, through contract farming, we can develop healthy relations with each other and the farmers will be benefitted immensely as this model will eliminate the role of middleman. He assured the farming community that, Simfed will pay better prices of their produce and the farmers were encouraged to produce more. He also, requested the farmer maintain good agricultural practice and maintain proper sowing and harvesting time to ensure better prices. He further informed that, SIMFED plans to replicate the model at other areas of Sikkim in future, duly considering the agro climatic zones to have continuous supply chain and create win-win situation for farming community and consumer of Sikkim.

The Managing Director, SIMFED, read out and explained the clauses of draft contract agreement proposed to be signed between SIMFED and growers.

The representative of the line departments assured to extend all the possible help in making the initiative a success. The intervention of line departments to make this model a grand success had the following decisions.

- 1. Soil tests of the farm land will be carried out by KVK Namthang.*
- 2. Scientific training on nursery raising and cultivation practice will be imparted by ICAR and KVK.*
- 3. Seeds and other inputs will be supported by H.C.C.D.Department and FSAD Department.*
- 4. Crop Insurance.*
- 5. Maxeema Bio-tech pvt.ltd will provide bio-pesticides, fungicides and other soil application.*
- 6. A committee having representative of all the line department will be formed to monitor the farms on routine basis.*

*Deputy General Manager
SIMFED*