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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA  
(Department of Agriculture)

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**Office Order**

Sub: Constitution of Pest Surveillance and Advisory Unit.  
Ref: GOI letter No: 3-4/2007-PP II, Date: 29.8.2008 & 09.7.2013.

In India, the loss in food production to an extent of 1/3rd of the food production is attributed to incidence of insect pest-diseases. Every year, nearly 20% of the farm produce is being damaged / wasted due to pest menace contributing to shortage of food. Indiscriminate and excess use of pesticides has resulted in environmental pollution besides resurgence of pests as well as occurrence of new pests and diseases. In this context, pest surveillance facilitates to guide and advise farmers regarding timely pest management as well as to take precautionary measures. In view of the above and as per the orders of Govt. of India vide letter under reference, the following Pest Surveillance and Advisory Units at State level and district level are constituted with defined activities.

**State Level Pest Surveillance and Advisory Unit:**

1.	Director of Agriculture	Chairman
2.	Director of Research, UAS, Bangalore	Member
3.	Director of Research, UAS, Dharwad	Member
4.	Director of Research, UAS, Raichur	Member
5.	Director of Research, UAS, Shimoga	Member
6.	Director of Research, UAS, Bagalkote	Member
7.	Professor, Division of Entomology/ Division of Plant Pathology, UAS, Bangalore	Member
8.	Professor, Division of Entomology/ Division of Plant Pathology, UAS, Dharwad	Member

9.	Professor, Division of Entomology/ Division of Plant Pathology, UAS, Raichur	Member
10.	Professor, Division of Entomology/ Division of Plant Pathology, UAS, Shimoga	Member
11.	Professor, Division of Entomology/ Division of Plant Pathology, UHS, Bagalkote	Member
12.	Project Director, National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects (NBAIL), Bangalore	Member
13.	District Joint Directors of Agriculture depending on seasonal requirement	Member
14.	Plant Protection Officer (E), Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (CIPMC), Bangalore	Member
15.	Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vignana Kendra: Gadag, Gulbarga, Mandya and Mangalore	Member
16.	Representative of ISARD, Dharwad	Member
17.	Joint Director of Agriculture (Inputs)	Member Secretary

Functions:

1. To take up pest surveillance in the state (different districts) and to prepare and maintain statistical data/reports.
2. To conduct training to the staff and extend cooperation for district pest surveillance.
3. Analyse reports on the pest & disease situation district-wise
4. To co ordinate with the advisors in implementing the activities. Log all issue advisories and ensure that advisories and other activities are consistent with guidance given.
5. Confirm issuing of any state-wise advisories prepared by SAU, if needed.
6. To conduct special survey and surveillance as when need arises.

**District level Pest Surveillance and Advisory uni:**

1.	Joint Director of Agriculture	
2.	Programme co-ordinator, KrishiVigyan Kendra	
3.	Representatives from local Research Institutes	
4.	Taluka ADA depending on the season and crop	
5.	Selected farmers representatives	
6.	Assistant Director of Agriculture, Head Quarters /Subject Matter Specialist	Member convenor

**Functions:**

1. Direct and co-ordinate local arrangements/activities on pest and disease surveillance and review results and draft appropriate advisories.
2. Arrange to send the data to state and national units.
3. Communicating the advisories to farmers through mass media and print media.
4. Taking up special campaigns for surveillance and pest control practices
5. Involving the farmers groups, commodity groups, NGOs in surveillance and special campaigns.

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Director of Agriculture