



Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agricultural Research and Education  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

FVMS Proposal ID- 13618-Delegation-4/12/2023-8/12/2023

Dated the 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2023

To,

The DDG(Hort.),  
ICAR, KAB-II,  
PUSA, New Delhi.

**Subject: Grant of permission to Dr. Damodaran Thukkaram, Director, ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture to attend visit from 04/12/2023 to 08/12/2023 (excluding journey time) as delegation of APEDA (Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, India) official and ICAR CISH scientist team led by him as the primary inventor has developed a novel technology CISH METWASH for increasing the shelf life of mango and banana to about 32 and 45 days respectively that has been validated by APEDA, Govt. of India through trial shipment in 20 container in banana from Mumbai port to Netherlands. -reg.**

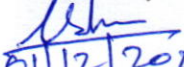
Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the competent authority of this Department to the foreign visit of Dr. Damodaran Thukkaram, Director, ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture to attend visit from 04/12/2023 to 08/12/2023 (excluding journey time) as delegation of APEDA (Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, India) official and ICAR CISH scientist team led by him as the primary inventor has developed a novel technology CISH METWASH for increasing the shelf life of mango and banana to about 32 and 45 days respectively that has been validated by APEDA, Govt. of India through trial shipment in 20 container in banana from Mumbai port to Netherlands. . The instant visit will be treated as "official". The duration of foreign visit shall not be extended.

2. All expenses will be borne by Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, so there is no financial liability on the part of DARE/ICAR/ Institute.

3. The applicant may be relieved after completing pre departure formalities. He may be directed to upload the deputation report (including actionable items for ICAR and institute concerned) on the EVMS portal and to submit a copy of the same to concerned SMD of ICAR, New Delhi and ADG(IR), ICAR, New Delhi within one month of end of the programme.

Yours faithfully,

  
8/12/2023  
(Surajit Saha)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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1. Dr. Damodaran Thukkaram, Director, ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture.
2. Embassy of India, Buitrustweg 2, 2517 KD Den Haag, Netherlands Email: [comm.thehague@mea.gov.in](mailto:comm.thehague@mea.gov.in)
3. Project Director, DKMA, with request to kindly upload this permission letter on ICAR website
4. ADG (IR), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. JS (P), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Master File & Event Register.