



Plant Quarantine & Fumigation Station, Kolkata was established in 1956 under the DIP Act which regulated the export/import of plants and plant materials into India. Since the year 2000, this office was elevated as its present status of Regional Plant Quarantine Station and started functioning from its new premises at Salt Lake, Kolkata. The DIP Act also was later re-framed as Plant Quarantine Order (Import into India), 2003 and RPQS, Kolkata became the major implementing office in Eastern/North-Eastern India.

RPQS, Kolkata now supervises 22 sub-stations operating from different international borders and airports of the vast region. Its jurisdiction encompasses 12 states and 1 union territory. The parent office itself has two operational units at Salt Lake, Kolkata, looking after all maritime cargo, and NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. Together, these offices handle huge quantity of agricultural and plant origin export/import. During the last financial year, nearly 3 MMT cargo was inspected and certified by this office and the sub-offices. Apart from the basic inspection works, RPQS, Kolkata also performs accreditation for PQ treatment providers: presently there are 16 Treatment providers under NSPM – 9, 46 under NSPM – 12 & another 46 under NSPM 22 registered with RPQS, Kolkata (Total – 108). Further, there are nearly thirty Post Entry Quarantine Facilities, Pack Houses and Treatment Facilities where works are regulated and supervised by RPQS, Kolkata.

Being the zonal office of this region, RPQS, Kolkata has the responsibility of addressing all plant quarantine related issues of the region and has participated in several regional/international forums/workshops/seminars. This station also conducts hands – on – trainings for officials/stakeholders and imparts technical know – how in related fields for the state governments as well as departmental staff.

Main objectives of Plant Quarantine Facilities at Kolkata Sea/Airports:

- (1) To implement provisions under Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 and PQ order 2003 issued under the Act, in order to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic pests injurious to indigenous crops.
- (2) To undertake Phytosanitary Certification to meet the obligations under International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
- (3) To facilitate the export of Indian agricultural products.

Activities of the Plant Quarantine Station Kolkata undertaken during 2023-24:

- Inspection and release of imported plant and plant materials & deportation/ destruction if consignments found infected/infested with pest of PQ significance.
- Inspection and issuance of **Phytosanitary Certificate** of agricultural commodities meant for export.
- Supervision of treatment/fumigation of agricultural commodities meant for export/import.
- Issuance of **Import Permit** for eligible commodities.
- Preparation of technical reports, manuals, guidelines and quarantine posters.
- Training of Plant Quarantine staff and other officers/officials of the related departments like Customs, Central Excise, Enterprise Development Institute, Kolkata, Federation of Indian Export Organizations, Kolkata, Vegetables Pack Houses at Madhyamgram & Duttapukur, North 24 Parganas.
- **Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) Facility** registration/renewal; provisional release and joint inspection of the imported agricultural commodities before final release. Presently, PEQ Consignments which are provisionally released from different regions are also quarantined in these facilities and are supervised by officers from this office.
- Audit and accreditation of Pest Control Operators (PCOs) and Plant Quarantine Facilities.
- Liaison with State Agriculture Department / Customs authorities / APEDA / Airport Authorities and other stakeholders for Plant Protection and other related activities.
- Drawing of samples of imported pesticides for analysis at CIL/RPTL/BPTL etc..
- Review of fumigation protocol for some pests.
- Review of different standards and SOPs in related fields.

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