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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

**Sub: Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES -reg.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on TIES held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary in **Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan**, New Delhi on **15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2018** for information and further necessary action.

Receipt of the minutes may kindly be acknowledged.

  
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**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) ON  
'TRADE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXPORT SCHEME (TIES)' HELD UNDER THE  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMERCE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE ON 15.10.2018 (MONDAY) AT 02.45PM IN ROOM NO 141, UDYOG  
BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.**

1. The sixth meeting of the Empowered Committee on 'TRADE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXPORT SCHEME (TIES)' was held under the chairmanship of Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce on 15.10.2018 (Monday) at 02.45pm in Room No 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. The proposals received from implementing agencies under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) were appraised and presented by the Project Monitoring Agency (PMA) before the Empowered Committee. The deliberations of the Committee were as follows: -

3. **Agenda Item No. 1**

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details** - Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority

**Proposal** - Construction of Standard Design Factory (SDF) Building (Release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment)

**Total Project Cost** – Rs. 61.63 crore

**Release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment sought** – Rs 6.5 crore

3.1. The Project Monitoring Agency for TIES informed that the proposal was approved in the 1st Empowered Committee Meeting held on 09/06/2017 and first instalment of Rs 6.5 crore was sanctioned on 28/06/2017. The Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority has utilized Rs 6.5 crore released as 1st instalment under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme and has submitted a Utilization Certificate for the same. The Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority has also utilized an amount of Rs 6.87 crore from its own funds. The Project Monitoring Agency has visited the site on 05/10/2018. The Project Monitoring Agency envisaged a delay of 2 months in the Expected Date of Completion of the Project. As on date of visit, around 32 % of actual progress was achieved as against 35% envisaged. To this Shri Saju Surendran, Deputy Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone mentioned that the original date of completion i.e. November, 2019 will be maintained. In order to achieve the target date, additional manpower will be deployed for the same. Further, it was also mentioned that as per TIES guidelines, the Project Monitoring Committee has to meet once in every quarter. In this particular case only one PMC meeting has been conducted till date.

3.2. The representative of Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), Shri Saju Surendran, Deputy Development Commissioner apprised that the Civil construction work of the Standard

Design Factory (SDF) building has been awarded to M/s Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society Ltd. (ULCCS Ltd.), a labour cooperative society based in Kerala, which has been empaneled by the Government of Kerala as a construction agency for undertaking various civil works.

3.3. Commerce Secretary mentioned that General Finance Rules should invariably be followed in all the Projects under TIES. Commerce Secretary further mentioned that adequate measures should be taken by the respective Implementing Agencies to ensure requisite quality of the construction in all the projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme. Deficiencies if any should be rectified. It should also be ensured that work conforms to the prescribed quality before releasing funds to the contractor.

3.4. Shri Saju Surendran, Deputy Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ) mentioned that Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited (WAPCOS), which is a consultancy organisation and public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of the Government of India, has been appointed as the Project Monitoring Agency for this project to ensure that the quality standards and specifications are followed for the Project. Further, it was informed that in the past, in one instance wherein concrete work was not found as per quality standards, the construction agency has redone the work.

3.5. The Empowered Committee decided that Project Monitoring Agency for TIES should ensure compliance of the following points, along with the Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority:

- i. BOQ item number with detailed description for each activity is included in the daily progress report.
- ii. A barricading is provided on the completed floors (i.e. basement floors) as well for the safety of labors working on that floor for finishing works.
- iii. A meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee should be convened immediately.

3.6. Shri Saju Surendran, Deputy Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone mentioned that the observations as at (i) and (ii) above have already been complied with.

3.7. After deliberations, the Empowered Committee approved the proposal for release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Rs. 6.5 Crore to Cochin Special Economic Zone after ensuring that the pari-passu funds released by the Implementing Agency against first instalment have been utilized.

#### 4. *Agenda Item No. 2*

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details** – Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, R&D wing of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology

**Proposal** – Common Facilities Centre for Design, Prototype & Tool Room for Automobile, Aerospace and Engineering Clusters

**Total project cost** - Rs. 32 crore

- TIES share requested - Rs. 16 crore.
- Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (own resources) – Rs. 16 crore.

4.1. The Project Monitoring Agency mentioned that this proposal was deferred by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 as recommendation from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, which is the Nodal Department of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, was not available. After the Nodal Department recommended the proposal, it was placed before 5<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. However it was again deferred by the Empowered Committee for want of commitment letters from the proposed users and details of the usage of the facility.

4.2. The Project Monitoring Agency informed that Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, Central Institute of Plastics engineering and Technology has provided end user commitment letters from 10-12 exporters. The Project Monitoring Agency further informed that there is no other facility available in the region which provides end to end solutions from Research and Development (R&D) from Design to prototype stage for commercialization of plastic moulding for automobile industry. It was also informed that willingness letters have been obtained from small exporters who will support the Original Equipment Manufacturer players.

4.3. The Project Monitoring Agency mentioned that land and building is already available with Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology. The Project Monitoring Agency further informed that the proposed cost of Rs 32 crore is majorly for equipment, out of which Rs 16 crore will be funded from internal resources of Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology; commitment letter for the same has been obtained.

4.4. Project Monitoring Agency informed that Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology has committed to reducing the end user hourly rate from Rs 2750 to Rs 1750 and commitment letters from exporters has been obtained wherein they are ready to utilize the facility at a reduced rate. The expected date of completion is 12 months from the approval of the proposal.

4.5. Dr. M. Abdul Kader, Principal Director, Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, informed that they have initiated the process for simultaneous procurement of equipment. He further said that they will accordingly require changes would be made to reduce the project timeline.

4.6. After deliberations the Empowered Committee approved the proposal for TIES share of Rs 16 Crore and release of 1st installment of Rs 8 crore to Advanced Research School for Technology and Product Simulation, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, **subject to the condition** that PERT chart, with reduced timeline of procurement process, should be submitted.

5. *Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl. No. 1)*

*Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details* – Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation

*Proposal* – Construction of World Trade Centre, Ranchi

*Total project cost* - Rs. 79 crore

- TIES share requested - Rs. 20 crore.
- Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (own resources) – Rs. 59 crore.

5.1. The Project Monitoring Agency for TIES mentioned that the proposed project is for creation of a World Trade Centre, Ranchi which will be a trade promotion centre. It will hold major events such as Global Agro Summit, Global Investors Summit, Food Processing Summit and Sectoral Conclaves for Mining and IT industry. It was also mentioned that currently there are no trade promotion centres in Ranchi. At present, smaller events are held in facilities in Khelgaon and Morabadi Maidan and large scale exporters utilize the facilities available in Kolkata. Further, the Empowered Committee was apprised that the total project cost is Rs. 79 crores, out of this Rs 59 Cr will be funded by own resources of Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. A financial commitment letter signed by the Head of Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation has been submitted. Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation will undertake the Operations and Maintenance of the proposed World Trade Centre. It was also brought to the notice of Empowered Committee that PERT Chart is yet to be submitted. Project Monitoring Agency apprised that a new convention centre is being constructed by Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company for a proposed cost of Rs 390 crore.

5.2. Shri Neyaz Ahmad, Project Manager, Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation, clarified that the convention centre being developed by Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company will be utilized for holding daily conferences/events whereas the World Trade Centre will be utilised exclusively for trade promotion events and will

host permanent exhibits from exporters and will also have offices of Federation of Indian Exporter Organisations (FIEO) , Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), etc., to cater to exporters of the region. He also mentioned that large scale exporters such as Tata Steel Limited (TISCO), TELCO, Bokaro Steel, etc., will have permanent exhibits in the facility for trade promotion and smaller exporters will have exhibits on a rotation basis.

5.3. Shri Neyaz Ahmad, Project Manager, Jharkhand Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation mentioned that currently the architectural drawings are at a conceptual stage.

5.4. After deliberations the Empowered Committee decided to defer the proposal till the submission of revised DPR incorporating following details:

- i. Export linkage
- ii. Architecture Design
- iii. Revised Operations and Maintenance.
- iv. PERT chart
- v. How the proposed centre will complement the existing facilities
- vi. Proposal to be vetted by ITPO.

6. ***Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl.No 2)***

***Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details*** - Manipur Industrial Development Corporation (MANIDCO)

***Proposal*** - Establishment of Main Exhibition Building (Phase II) at Trade cum Permanent Exhibition Centre

***Total Project Cost*** – Rs. 15.86 Cr

- TIES share requested – Rs 12.69 Cr
- MANIDCO (own resources) – Rs 3.17 Cr

6.1. The Project Monitoring Agency for TIES apprised Empowered Committee that the development of the Main Exhibition Building at Trade cum Permanent Exhibition Centre at Imphal was planned to be implemented in two phases under assistance from Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India. Phase I of the Main Exhibition Building was constructed under the erstwhile Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) scheme of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, with following components:

- Double Height Exhibition Halls
- General Store; VIP Lounge; Adm. Office; Security Cell; Exhibitor Office; Engineering Cell; Security Cell; Toilets; & State Emporium, etc

6.2. Under TIES, Manipur Industrial Development Corporation has proposed creation of Phase II of the project. The components of Phase II includes the following components:

1. Atrium Plaza
2. Mini Conference Room with Waiting Lounge & Pantry Lounge
3. Audio-Visual
4. Conference Room
5. GM Office with Staff Rooms; VIP Lounge, Toilets, Store Room; Viewing Gallery, Staircase, & Store Room,etc.

6.3. Further, Project Monitoring Agency appraised Empowered Committee that at present, trade promotion infrastructure is available only in Assam. In the absence of a permanent trade promotion centre, exporters in Manipur conduct their regular buyers-sellers meet, exhibitions and trade fairs in seminar halls of hotels, colleges, and community halls.

6.4. Empowered Committee members were apprised that provision for fund has been made in the State budget 2018-19. A commitment letter, in this regard has been submitted by Managing Director, Manipur Industrial Development Corporation. Based on the PERT chart submitted, the construction period is 24 months. Operations & Maintenance will be done by Manipur Industrial Development Corporation. A specialist staff with various job roles, will be appointed through advertisements and screening of aspirants by a committee headed by the Managing Director.

6.5. Shri S.I. Sharma, Managing Director, Manipur Industrial Development Corporation mentioned that Phase II of the Main Exhibition Building proposed under TIES is different from the structures of Phase I under ASIDE and the Phase I structures are complete and operational.

6.6. After deliberations the Empowered Committee deferred the proposal till the receipt of completion certificate for Phase I and the report of the Project Monitoring Agency after visiting the site. In addition, the DPR should also be vetted by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

7. ***Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl. No 3)***

***Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details*** - Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC)

***Proposal*** - Proposal for Cold Chain cum Warehouse at Balat, Meghalaya

***Total Project Cost*** – Rs. 3 crore

- TIES share requested – Rs 2.40 crore
- MIDC (Own resources) – Rs. 60 lakhs



7.1. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised Empowered Committee that the proposed cold storage cum warehouse facility will serve as storage facility for farmers and exporters who trade in perishable products at Border Haat located at Balat, the Indian side of India-Bangladesh Border. The Border Haat is open to market only once a week and the key products which are exported are perishable in nature. Due to lack of cold storage facility, exporters are compelled to sell their products in Shillong and other nearby places with high transportation cost or selling them locally at a very cheap rate. Therefore, there is a requirement for cold storage.

7.2. Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has supported the need for the project and has requested to seek comments from National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD).

7.3. Shri Kharjana, AGM, Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Shillong informed that adequate provision of power is available to operate the facility. In addition, they also have power back up in case of power failure. Also the cost has been inbuilt in the total cost of the Project. Further, he said that there is no previous experience of working in the sector.

7.4. The Empowered Committee suggested that Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd should consider taking a specialized third party for operations and maintenance of the facility.

7.5. A request was made to APEDA and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) to extend requisite help to Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Limited in identifying a third party for operations and maintenance plan.

7.6. After deliberations, the Empowered Committee deferred the proposal till submission of revised DPR incorporating the following:

- i. Revised operations and maintenance plan
- ii. Comments from National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD).
- iii. Vetting by APEDA and FT (SA) Division

8. ***Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl. No 4)***

***Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details*** - Chandigarh International Airport Ltd (CHIAL)

***Proposal*** - Setting-up of Centre for Perishable Cargo at Chandigarh International Airport

***Total Project Cost*** – Rs. 11.99 crore

- TIES share requested – Rs 3.79 crore
- CHIAL (Own resources) – Rs 8.20 crore

8.1. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised that at present, the Chandigarh International Airport presently does not have perishable cargo facility. Due to this, the perishable items in adjoining areas are presently being exported through IGI Airport, New Delhi. As the IGI airport is more than 250 km the production area, the exporters are facing higher logistic cost due to road transportation of cargo. Despite the catchment area being developed in terms of production of export quality vegetables, flowers & fruits, lack of export cargo facility in Chandigarh International Airport is adversely affecting the export business.

8.2. Presently international flights are operating to Dubai, Sharjah and Bangkok from Chandigarh International Airport. There three sectors operate 13 flights per week. None of these flights are able to generate income from cargo, as cargo facility is not operational. These airlines are presently operating with empty cargo space due to lack of infrastructure. Existing airlines and new airlines consider these as a major drawback in planning additional or new flights from Chandigarh Airport. On an average, 25 MT per day of perishable commodity is being exported from the catchment area via IGI Airport. Also, Chandigarh Airport is in the process of upgrading from CAT-I ILS (Instrument Landing System) to CAT-III ILS. It is also undergoing runway upgradation for handling full sized wide body aircraft. With proposed upgrades Chandigarh International Airport will be able to handle long distance flights.

8.3. The proposed project will be implemented with a project cost of Rs. 11.99 crore out of which Rs 8.20 crore will be funded by Chandigarh International Airport Limited. Certified true copy of the resolution passed in 36th Board Meeting (duly authenticated by Company Secretary & Head of Implementing Agency) indicating commitment of funds has been submitted.

8.4. The Centre for Perishable Cargo project will be implemented in one year from project initiation. It is expected that considering the time needed for overall cargo section work to start, project will be initiated in the middle of financial year i.e. 2018-19 and is expected to be completed and ready for operation from mid of 2019-20.

8.5. The proposed facility of Centre for Perishable Cargo at Chandigarh International Airport will be built, owned and operated by Chandigarh International Airport Limited. Exporters or anyone willing to use the proposed facility may use it by paying nominal user charges. The expected operation and maintenance cost will be met from the user charges collected from exporters. In the initial years of operation, Chandigarh International Airport Limited may assist or fund for meeting operation and maintenance expenses.

8.6. Shri Suneel Dutt, CEO, Chandigarh International Airport Limited mentioned that the facility will be operated and maintained by Airport Authority of India, Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited. Further, Shri B.K.Mehrotra, COO clarified that they are 100% subsidiary of Airport Authority of India and have necessary competence to undertake the

operations and maintenance of the said facility. In addition, they have taken up similar kind of projects in the past.

8.7. After deliberations the Empowered Committee approved the TIES share of Rs.3.79 Cr. The first instalment of Rs.189 Cr. would be released subject to Chandigarh International Airport Limited (CHIAL) furnishing the following:-

- (i) Submission of user charges with TIES grant and without TIES grant;
- (ii) Third party civil vetting preferably by a Central Agency

9. ***Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl. No 5)***

***Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details*** – Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO)

***Proposal*** – Export Oriented Pork Processing Plant at Nazira, Assam

***Total project cost*** - Rs. 11 crore

- TIES share requested - Rs. 8.8 crore
- Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (own resources) – Rs. 2.2 crore

9.1. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised Empowered Committee that the proposed facility will comprise of a modernized slaughtering and processing plant, cold storages, Effluent Treatment Plant. Further, it was apprised that currently there are only 2 pork processing units which are operational in Assam. The existing facility under Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation in Nazira, is defunct and the proposal envisages to make this facility operational. The processing plant will cater to both domestic and export markets especially in South East Asia. There is a huge demand in South East Asian countries such as Vietnam, Myanmar and Taiwan etc. and they are importing pork from countries such as Brazil, US, Canada etc.

9.2. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised that the proposed facility will enhance the production yield from existing 35kg/pig compared to the international average of 78 kg/pig. The poor yield is due to lack of rearing facilities and lack of proper processing facilities. This existing facility will directly benefit local farms. The PERT Chart provided indicates that work on the proposed project will get completed by December 2018. For, Operations and Maintenance of the proposed facility, a suitable third party agency will be appointed by Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation, through a bidding process.

9.3. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised Empowered Committee that Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation has yet to submit the financial commitment letter from the State Government of Assam for their contribution of funds.

9.4. Ms.Mamta Shankar, Economic Adviser, DoNER mentioned that currently there are some exporters who are conducting programmes for farmers to improve exports. Also the region has potential for exports. In addition, Shri B.K.Baruah, AGM, APEDA apprised that other programmes in consultation with World Bank are being conducted to improve the production and commercialization of pork from the region.

9.5. Dr.Purnananda Konwar, AO, Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation apprised that the laboratory for inspection is a part of the processing plant. Also, there is a facility in Guwahati which carries out the inspection of processed meat.

9.6. Shri B.K.Baruah, AGM, APEDA highlighted that the exports of pork have increased in recent years and new markets such as Bhutan, Nepal have been catered to from the North East region.

9.7. It was agreed that the proposal should be technically vetted by APEDA and it should look into the inspection/testing facilities available at Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation plant.

9.8. After deliberations, the Empowered Committee decided to provide in-principle approval for TIES share of Rs 7.9 Cr subject to Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO) providing the following compliance documents.

- i. Commitment letter from State Government for their contribution of Rs 3.1 crore
- ii. Third party vetting of civil works preferably from a Central Agency
- iii. Technical Vetting by APEDA

10. ***Agenda Item No. 3 (Sl. No 6)***

***Implementing Agency (IA) / Project Details*** – Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board (MPSAMB)

***Proposal*** – Establishment of post-harvest, management, storage and market facility (hub) for pomegranate at Khargone, Madhya Pradesh

***Total project cost*** - Rs. 8.92 Cr

- TIES share requested - Rs. 4.46 cr.
- Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board (own resources) – Rs. 4.46 cr.

10.1. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised that the proposed facility comprises of post-harvest, grading, packing, cold storage, management and marketing facilities. India has a huge potential for pomegranate exports and is currently exporting only 1.2% of total production. This

is primarily due to lack of proper post-harvest processing and storing facilities. The exporters from Madhya Pradesh are facing issues due to non-availability of pack houses in Madhya Pradesh. Further, it was apprised by Project Monitoring Agency that a study by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 2014 has highlighted the lack of pack houses in the country. The nearest pack house for pomegranate is present at Nashik, Maharashtra which is 400 kms away.

10.2. The Implementing Agency for the project will be Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board. This board is currently registered under the Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act. The total project cost of the Project is Rs 8.92 crore out of which, the financial commitment for Rs.3.6 core has been provided by Head of Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board. The expected date of completion of the project is 2 years from date of approval. Further, it was also apprised that timelines can be reduced for some of the activities such as landscaping and horticulture. Operations and maintenance of the proposed facility will be done by a third party appointed by Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board through a bidding process.

10.3. Shri B.P.Goyal, SE, Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board informed that the Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board functions under the guidance of State Government and Minister of Agriculture, Madhya Pradesh and Secretary to Government of Madhya Pradesh, Agriculture Department are ex-officio members of the Board. The Project Monitoring Agency also mentioned that the Board of Directors consists of members nominated by the State Government.

10.4. The Project Monitoring Agency apprised that the Nashik facility is majorly used for grapes and also caters to pomegranate. Shri Uday Singh Mina, Director, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion mentioned that there is a facility in Solapur which caters to pomegranate. The Project Monitoring Agency was asked to check the utilization of this facility.

10.5. Shri B.P.Goyal, SE, Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board mentioned that the facility has been proposed based on the guidelines of APEDA and there are small farmers and exporters located in the region who will utilize the facility.

10.6. After deliberations, the Empowered Committee decided to provide in-principle approval for TIES share of Rs 3.6 Cr subject to Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board (MPSAMB) providing the following compliance documents.

- i. Commitment letter from Head of Implementing Agency for Rs 5.32 Cr (Currently provided for 50% of funds which is Rs 4.46 Cr)
- ii. Recommendation from State Export Commissioner
- iii. Project Monitoring Agency's analysis of utilization of facilities in Nashik and Solapur
- iv. Technical Vetting by APEDA

11. The Empowered Committee directed the Project Monitoring Agency for TIES to complete the mapping of infrastructure of projects approved under ASIDE by end of November, 2018. Also, the Infrastructure gaps related to exports be submitted by the Project Monitoring Agency in a phased manner, say 6 States every quarter. The Empowered Committee further directed that in all the projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):-

- (i) the provisions of General Finance Rules (GFR) should be followed by Implementing Agencies in all projects;
- (ii) requisite quality of the construction should be ensured in all the projects. Deficiencies if any should be rectified and non-rectifiable work should be redone. It should also be ensured that work conforms to the prescribed quality before releasing funds to the contractor.

12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of Participants in the 6<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee Meeting on TIES held on 15.10.2018  
under the Chairmanship of Shri Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary**

	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
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1.	Shri Anup Wadhawan, CS	In Chair
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13.	Shri Uday Singh Mina, Director	D/o IPP
14.	Shri Deepak Kumar, ED	ITPO
15.	Shri S.R.Sahoo, GM	ITPO
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16.	Shri P.Vaiphei, Principal Secretary	Commerce & Industry, Govt. of Manipur
17.	Shri S.I.Sharma, MD	MANIDCO, Manipur
18.	Shri Saju Surendran, Dy. Dev. Commr.	Cochin SEZ
19.	Shri Kharjana, AGM	Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Shillong
20.	Shri Winfred Warshong, Dy Director(Tech)	Commerce & Industry, Govt. of Meghalaya

21.	Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Secretary	JIIDCO, Ranchi
22.	Shri B.K.Baruah, AGM	APEDA
23.	Shri Suneel Dutt, CEO	CHIAL
24.	Shri Rakesh Dombla, CFO	CHIAL
25.	Shri Keku Gazder, CEO	AAICLAS
26.	Shri B.K.Mehrotra, COO	AAICLAS
27.	Dr.M.Abdul Kader, Principal Director	CIPET-ARSTPS, Chennai
28.	Shri B.P.Goyal, SE	State Agriculture Marketing Board, Bhopal
29.	Dr.Purnananda Konwar, AO	ALPCLtd., Assam
30.	Shri M.K.Gupta, SC	NABCONS
31.	Shri Sandesh A.N.	NABCONS
32.	Ms.Chash Kumari	Kushwah & Kushwah Architects
33.	Shri Neyaz Ahmad, Project Manager	JIIDCO, Ranchi
34.	Shri Amit Saluja	YES Bank
35.	Shri Manish Sachdeva	YES Bank
36.	Shri Arvind Bisht	JSB
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38.	Shri Sambit Dash	PwC
39.	Shri Pawan N.	PwC
40.	Shri Manish Sharma	PwC
41.	Ms Surbhi Soni	PwC
42.	Shri Dhruv Gadh	PwC
43.	Shri Ankur Mishra	PwC
44.	Shri Anirudh	PwC