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**Sub: 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES -reg.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on TIES held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on **31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2020** for information and further necessary action.



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**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) on 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary held on 31.01.2020 (Monday) at 11:00 AM. in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.**

1. The 11th meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) on 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' was held under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary on 31.01.2020 (Monday) at 11:00 AM in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at 'Annexure-I'.

2. The proposals received from various Implementing Agencies (IAs) seeking TIES funding were examined with respect to their conformance to the TIES guidelines and a detailed presentation was made before the Empowered Committee. In addition to the new proposals received under TIES, following were also presented before the EC:

- TIES website
- Projects for which requests were received for release of 2nd installment under TIES
- Projects that were significantly delayed

**3. TIES website**

3.1 A brief presentation was made showcasing various aspects of the TIES website, including the dashboard where information of all projects under consideration under TIES can be viewed in a tabular format, charts or a map. Navigation menu and user interface in the roles of Implementing Agency, DoC and PMA were also briefly discussed through different phases, including submission of a DPR, issuing letters to IAs for clarifications, uploading minutes of EC meetings, uploading appraisal report / site visit reports, downloading utilization certificate / completion certificate etc.

3.2 The division and PMA requested that they may be permitted to launch the TIES website on a pilot basis and to start accepting the project proposals from the IAs through the web portal. The members of the EC suggested that complete information w.r.t all the projects approved under TIES must be comprehensively available on the portal. The members of the EC further emphasized that adequate information on project monitoring must be available on the website with the latest photographs to accurately reflect the progress and status of the project. To ensure that the portal is user friendly, it was suggested that a feedback be obtained from all the stakeholders and users and documented with the necessary changes to be effected.

**NEW PROPOSALS**

**4. Agenda Item No. 1**

***Proposal:*** Setting up of border haat at Raghna (Pal Basti) Dharmanagar, North Tripura

***Implementing Agency:*** Tripura Industrial Development Corporation (TIDC), Agartala

***Project Cost:*** INR 5.49 crores.

- TIES share: INR 2.62 crores
- 1<sup>st</sup> installment requested: INR 1.31 crores.

4.1 In a detailed presentation EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The proposal for setting up of a border haat at Raghna is at the location approved both by Govt. of India and Govt. of Bangladesh for setting up of a third border haat in Tripura. Deputy Secretary, FT(SA), DoC informed the EC that Bangladesh Government has issued No-objection certificate (NOC) to set up the border haats.
- b. The existing trade volume from the two operational border haats at Kamalasagar and Srinagar, located at South of Tripura
- c. The proposal is in conformity with the TIES guidelines.
- d. A letter of commitment of funds of Rs 2.87 crores (IA's share in the project cost) has been received from the IA.

4.2 The members of the EC enquired about the modalities for Operations and Maintenance management of the proposed border haat. Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Tripura explained that the ownership of the project would be with the State Government and that there will be a separate Border Haat Management Committee for O & M, which will be responsible for selecting the vendors and organizing the weekly bazaars.

4.3 The functioning of the existing border haats in Tripura was also discussed including status of basic infrastructure like roads, power etc., and the members of EC advised the IA to identify issues/aspects, based on the experience of these existing border haats, that may be improved upon in this proposed project. The members of EC were informed that PMA will conduct a site visit shortly and give its recommendations on this to the IA and the division.

4.4 The EC commented was informed that the timeline for the completion of the project is January, 2022. The EC was also apprised that the overall project timelines can be further improved upon. The members of the EC suggested that the IA may revise its timeline without compromising on the quality of the construction and engage a suitable third part to audit their quality during construction.

**4.5 After deliberations, EC gave an in-principle approval for financial assistance of Rs. 2.62 Cr. for the project under TIES. EC directed that the proposed changes be incorporated and the site visit of the proposed project be undertaken immediately along with a site visit of the other two operational border haats in Tripura.**

## **5. Agenda Item No. 2**

***Proposal:*** Setting up of border haat at Kamalpur, Dhalai, Tripura

***Implementing Agency:*** Tripura Industrial Development Corporation, Agartala

***Project Cost:*** INR 5.3 crores

- TIES share: INR 2.55 crores.
- 1st installment requested: INR 1.27 crores.

5.1 The EC was apprised that the proposal is on lines similar to the proposal presented for setting up of border haat at Raghna (Pal Basti) Dharmanagar, North Tripura. A detailed presentation on the features both technical and financial and the assessment thereof was made to the EC

**5.2 After deliberations, on conditions similar to above project, the EC gave an in-principle approval for financial assistance of Rs. 2.55 Cr. for the project under TIES with the same observations as for the proposed Border Haat Raghna (Pal Basti), above. EC directed that the proposed changes be incorporated in this project also and the site visit of the proposed project be undertaken immediately along with a site visit of the other two operational border haats in Tripura.**

### **6. Agenda Item No. 3**

***Proposal:*** Upgradation, strengthening, modernization of existing laboratories of textiles committee" to facilitate textile trade

***Implementing Agency:*** Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, GoI

***Project Cost:*** INR 28.61 crores

- TIES share: INR 14.30 crores.
- 1st installment requested: INR 7.15 crores.

6.1 In a detailed project the EC was apprised about the following issues also w.r.t the project:

- a. That project is not eligible under any sector specific scheme of GoI.
- b. In the DPR, IA has requested grant-in-aid of INR 7.15 Cr. from Ministry of Textiles (MoT).

6.2 Secretary, Textiles Committee clarified before the EC that the project proposal is not eligible under any sector specific scheme under the Ministry of Textiles. He also apprised the EC that the grant being received from the Ministry of Textiles is a general grant and may be treated as equity contribution of IA.

6.3 Secretary, Textiles Committee explained that the project is for up-gradation of 19 labs across the country for testing and quality check and certification of both inbound and outbound products. He explained that the existing lab equipment are old and outdated and that the international quality standards have significantly changed over time, thus necessitating an upgradation.

6.4 The EC was apprised that the equipment proposed to be procured would be state-of-the-art relevant for the industry and the IA was advised to appraise the equipment proposed to be purchased for the project for reasonable costs. The IA was advised that all equipment must be procured through competitive bidding with reasonableness of cost certified. It was further suggested that a cost estimate be made in the DPR based in the prevailing market prices. The members of the EC further directed that the procurement must be in conformity with the GFR Rules to ensure optimal use of government funds. To these observations made by the EC, IA explained that it has domain expertise in the matter and it often advises various authorities in its capacity as techno economic consultants.

**6.5 After deliberations, the EC accorded an in-principle approval to the project and directed that the proposal be put up in the next meeting after the submission of a suitable DPR by the IA incorporating the above which must be appraised by the division and the PMA.**

**7. Agenda Item No. 4**

***Proposal:*** Developing and strengthening the existing Atchutapuram junction – Pudimadaka (A-P) road node connecting the APSEZ Atchutapuram (M) to NH-16

***Implementing Agency:*** APSEZ Atchutapuram

***Project Cost:*** INR 10.4 crores

- TIES share: INR 8.1 crores.
- 1st installment requested: INR 4.05 crores.

7.1 The EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is about developing an approach road connecting the APSEZ Atchutapuram to NH16.
- b. The project is not recommended for approval under TIES in view of the past precedence, where financial assistance to similar projects for constructing approach roads have been rejected by the Empowered Committee (EC) on grounds of funding only core export oriented infrastructure assets (for instance, in the 9<sup>th</sup> EC meeting, “Construction of approach road (8.5 Km) from NH5 to project site of Hi-tech cycle valley, Dhanansu village, Ludhiana submitted by PSIEC” was rejected).

7.2 While appreciating the importance of roads being core infrastructure, the EC was apprised that the review of ASIDE by IIFT and the Parliamentary standing committee had expressed reservations on roads being classified with exclusive export linkages. Though this project will connect the SEZ with the national highway, where the road shall be used exclusively by the SEZ units. EC directed that further inputs may be requested from the IA and examined along with SEZ division.

**7.3 After deliberations, EC decided to defer the proposal, presently. The proposal may be examined again with inputs of the SEZ division.**

**8. Agenda Item No. 5**

***Proposal:*** Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Ground mounted grid connected 5MW solar photovoltaic power plant at VOC Port Trust including comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for ten years

***Implementing Agency:*** V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

***Project Cost:*** INR 37.5 crores

- TIES share: INR 15 crores.
- 1st installment requested: INR 7.5 crores.

8.1 The EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is for setting up of solar photovoltaic power plant for meeting the partial requirement of its energy requirement from solar energy at VoCPT Township
- b. The project did not have overwhelming export linkage and moreover, there are schemes under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under which this project would qualify for financial assistance.

**8.2 The EC decided to NOT approve the project proposal in view of the above reasoning.**

**9. Agenda Item No. 6**

***Proposal:*** Installation of new Fixed Fire Fighting System at Oil Jetty in V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

***Implementing Agency:*** V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

***Project Cost:*** INR 18.32 crores

- TIES share: INR 8.3 crores.
- 1st installment requested: INR 4.15 crores.

9.1 The EC was apprised that the project is in the nature of a statutory requirement at a Port, which required to develop mandatorily as part of port management. Also, this specific project did not have a direct export linkage, being essentially in the nature of fire prevention which is done as a routine port maintenance activity

**9.2 EC decided to NOT approve the project proposal in view of the above reasoning.**

**PROJECTS APPROVED FOR RELEASE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALLMENT**

**10. Agenda Item No.1**

***Proposal:*** Establishment of Main Exhibition Building (Phase II) at Trade cum Permanent Exhibition Center, Lamboi - Khongnangkong, Imphal

***Implementing Agency:*** Manipur Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MANIDCO)

***Project Cost:*** Rs. 15.86 crores.

- TIES share: Rs. 11.26 crores
- 1st installment released: Rs. 5.63 crores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment requested: Rs. 5.63 crores

10.1 The EC was apprised about the following issues by the division and the PMA w.r.t the project:

- a. The financial & physical progress of the project stood at 50.69% and 76% respectively and that the project is on schedule and expected to be completed by 31-Mar-2020.
- b. A total of Rs. 5.63 crores TIES grant has been released to IA earlier. IA has utilized all the funds received under TIES grant and submitted the utilization certificate. It has spent an additional amount of Rs. 2.41 crores from its own resources, apart from its regular share.
- c. The last PMC meeting was held on 01.12.2019, wherein DoC was represented by the Deputy Director, Infrastructure Division.
- d. It was mentioned in the PMC that a third party has not yet been appointed for stage inspection of the project. The absence of third-party monitoring of works progress and quality was also highlighted by the PMA during his site visit.

10.2 The EC emphasized that the works must be monitored by an independent agency which is at arm's length and independent of the execution agency. The IA must ensure that works are carried out as per the approved plan, and to monitor the quality of execution. It was discussed that reputed and competent agencies (like IITs or NITs) may be engaged as a third party for monitoring of work progress and quality by all the Implementing Agencies. The terms of reference for these third-party agencies must also be clearly mentioned.

10.3 The representative of the IA informed EC that Manipur Institute of Technology is being engaged for third party monitoring and inspection of the project. EC emphasized on the high-quality standards to be maintained for the project.

10.4 EC was apprised that for the eligibility of grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, IA needed to utilize an amount of Rs. 7.93 crores, and current expenditure incurred by IA stood at Rs. 8.04 crores; hence the release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of RS. 5.63 crores was recommended. **After discussions, EC agreed to approve release of 2nd installment of Rs. 5.63 Cr. for the project subject to necessary verifications by the PMC and appointment of the third party for quality inspection.**

## 11. Agenda Item No.2

**Proposal:** Common Facilities Centre for Design, Prototype & Tool Room for Automobile, Aerospace and Engineering Clusters', Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Implementing Agency:** CIPET, Chennai

**Project Cost:** Rs. 32.00 crores.

- TIES share: Rs. 16.00 crores
- Funds released: Rs. 8.00 crores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment requested: Rs. 8.00 crores

11.1 The EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The financial & physical project progress stood at 60.68% and 71.42%, respectively.
- b. IA has submitted the utilization certificate of Rs. 8.00 crores in respect of the first installment of grant released under TIES.



- c. The last PMC meeting was held on 05.12.2019, wherein DoC was represented by the Under Secretary, Infrastructure Division. PMC had deliberated on the reasons for delay in procurement of the requisite equipment. The reasons were however not enumerated before the EC. PMA had visited the site on 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019.
- d. IA representative informed that they have procured 20 items of machinery out of the 28. One more item of machinery (Plastic Free former) which had been procured, had to be sent back for replacement due to technical deviations.

11.2 The EC enquired about the status of Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMC) for the equipment that are being procured and installed in the project. The representative from IA clarified that AMC with the OEM for all equipment being procured is for 4 years (1-year manufacturer warranty plus 3 years of extended warranty).

11.3 The EC was apprised that for the eligibility of grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, IA needed to utilize an amount of Rs. 16 crores, and current expenditure incurred by IA stood at Rs. 19.42 crores; hence the release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Rs.8.00 crores was recommended. **After discussions, EC approved release of 2nd installment of Rs. 8.00 Cr. for the project subject to necessary verification of the compliance by the PMC and the division. It was directed that the representative in the PMC must intensify the monitoring of the project to ensure its timely completion.**

## 12. Agenda Item No.3

**Proposal:** Revamping of 1 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Madras SEZ, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Implementing Agency:** Madras EPZ SEZ

**Project Cost:** Rs. 2.15 crores (Original project cost Rs.2.51 crores).

- TIES share: Rs. 1.08 crores (Original TIES share Rs.1.25 crores).
- Funds released: RS. 0.63 crores
- 2<sup>nd</sup> installment requested: RS. 0.45 crores (adjusted w.r.t reduced project cost)

12.1 The EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The financial & physical project progress both stood at 100%, and the plant is fully functional since January, 2019.
- b. The PMA visited the site on 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019 to check the operation of the plant. The plant was found fully operational and in satisfactory condition. A project completion certificate has been requested from the IA.
- c. The utilization certificate for an expenditure of Rs. 2.15 crores on the project has been submitted with a reduced project cost by Rs. 0.36 crores. As per TIES guidelines, the corresponding TIES share was reduced to RS. 1.08 crores.

12.2 EC enquired about the utilization of the project, to which the representative from the IA informed that the units in the SEZ are all connected to the Sewage Treatment Plant and both sewage and gray water are being treated in the facility.

12.3 Release of second and final installment of Rs. 0.45 crores were recommended as IA had utilized a total of Rs.2.15 crores on the project. **Subsequent to these discussions, EC approved the second instalment of Rs. 0.45 crores. IA was directed to submit the project completion certificate.**

### **DELAYED PROJECTS**

13. Agenda Item No. 1

**Proposal:** Production of Certified Reference Materials – Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya (BND), Delhi

**Implementing Agency:** CSIR-NPL, New Delhi

**Total project cost** – RS. 32.55 Cr (proposed for revision to Rs.31.05 crores)

- Fund approved under TIES – RS. 16.27 Cr (proposed for revision to Rs.15.52 crores)
- Fund released under TIES – RS. 8.00 Cr

13.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is delayed by 12 months and IA explained the reasons for this delay was due to shortage of manpower during general elections and due to implementation of new GFR rules along with CSIR 2019 purchase manual.
- b. An amount of Rs.1.5 crores. has been approved under TIES share against the consumables component which was found to be of recurring nature. As per the TIES guidelines, such expenses cannot be funded and may not be considered for determining the eligible project cost. Any expenses/costs that are of recurring nature are required to be borne by the implementing agency only.
- c. The last PMC meeting was held on 25.11.2019, wherein DoC was represented by the Under Secretary, Infrastructure Division. The renovation portion of the work was stated to be completed by April, 2020, and the project was estimated to be completed by March, 2021. As regards the engagement of a third party for monitoring the quality and progress of the project, IA explained that since its accounts are subject to the CAG audit, there is no requirement of any third-party monitoring.
- d. It was also observed in the PMA's last site visit, that IA has not engaged a third party for monitoring of works progress and quality.

13.2 The representative from the IA informed that the civil renovation work for the project has been commenced and the procurement process for equipment is initiated. However, the project shall be completed only by 30-Jun-2021.

13.3 In view of the information w.r.t inclusion of the cost of consumables in the total approved project cost (as given in Para 13.1 above), **EC decided to reduce the cost of the project by Rs.1.5 crores (deducting the cost of consumables which is inadmissible) and the revised project cost was approved at Rs.31.05 crores. Accordingly, it was further decided by the EC that the TIES share be revised from Rs.16.27 crores to Rs.15.52 crores.** The EC cautioned the infrastructure division and the PMA about scrutinising the cost

estimates properly at the sanction stage itself and ensure that such lapses do not occur in future

13.4 EC directed that a competent and independent third party must be engaged at the earliest for monitoring the progress and quality of the project. EC expressed its concerns over the delay in the project and advised the IA to adhere to timelines. **EC also advised that the DoC member in the PMC be upgraded to a more senior officer to monitor the progress of works, who will also follow up with the line Ministry to ensure pari-pasu flow its share of funds to the IA for expeditious implementation of the project.** It was categorically stated that the second installment of the TIES share should be released subsequent to achieving corresponding financial and physical progress of the project and compliance of the above directions.

#### 14. Agenda Item No. 2

**Proposal:** Construction of SDF building at Cochin SEZ, Kerala

**Implementing Agency:** Cochin SEZ

**Total project cost** – RS. 61.63 Cr (Revised project cost as per new DPR Rs.65.30 crores)

- Fund approved under TIES – RS. 20 Cr
- Fund released under TIES – RS. 13 Cr

14.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. DPR has been slightly modified by the IA in view of the changes in lay-out without changing the basic scope of work, as approved earlier by the EC. According to the revised DPR, the new revised project cost is RS. 65.30 crores. It was informed that all the components in the new DPR are eligible for funding as per TIES guidelines. However, any increase in the total project cost shall be borne by the IA. The TIES share shall remain same at Rs.20.00 crores, as approved by the EC earlier.
- b. M/s WAPCOS is hired as third-party project monitoring agency. The safety and quality standards are maintained at the site.

14.2 EC reviewed the progress of the project and advised the IA to expeditiously complete the project with the best quality standards. EC further encouraged the IA to identify the potential users of the project in advance, so that the facility may be used to its maximum potential as soon as it becomes operational.

#### 15. Agenda Item No. 3

**Proposal:** Setting up EMI/EMC, Biomaterials, 3D Design & Prototyping & Gamma Irradiation Laboratories in Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone Ltd (AMTZ), Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

**Implementing Agency:** AMTZ

**Total project cost** – RS. 168.86 Cr

- Fund approved under TIES – RS. 40 Cr
- Fund released under TIES – RS. 32 Cr

15.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The physical progress of the project stands at 93% while financial progress is at 51% as per the information received last from the IA.
- b. Last PMC meeting was held on 08.08.2019, and DoC was represented by the Deputy Director, Infrastructure Division and Assistant Secretary attached with the Infrastructure Division. Physical progress was stated to be complete for the 3 approved projects with about 95% physical progress in the Gamma Irradiation facility.
- c. IA had informed earlier that the completion of the project was delayed due to the delay in procurement and transportation of laboratory equipment in the absence of required permissions of Enhanced Actinide Removal Plant (EARP) and Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) (in case of Centre for Gamma Irradiation).
- d. The release of the last installment of Rs. 8 crores has already been approved by the EC, but the same was kept pending for release for want of necessary information/documents in view of the management restructuring.

15.2 Representatives from IA were not present for comments. Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce apprised the EC that the CEO&MD of M/s AMTZ has recently been reinstated, and the required information pertaining to the physical, financial and overall completion of the projects shall be submitted by the IA. The Infrastructure Division, DoC and PMA were instructed to follow up in the matter.

#### 16. Agenda Item No. 4

***Proposal:*** Establishing Advance Testing Facilities for Gemstones, Pearls and Diamonds in Jaipur, Rajasthan

***Implementing Agency:*** GJEPC

***Total project cost*** – RS. 5.44 Cr

- Fund approved under TIES – Rs. 2.72 Crores
- Fund released under TIES – Rs. 2.72 Crores

16.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is delayed by 13 months.
- b. Latest meeting of PMC was held on 19.11.2019, and the Deputy Secretary, EP(G&J) attended the meeting through VC. The delay in procurement of equipment was stated to be for the reasons of highly specialized nature of equipment with limited suppliers. However, the suppliers for various equipment were finalized in the PMC meeting.
- c. During the PMC meeting, it was discussed that since no two pearls or gemstones are same, it may not be possible to get a formal quote for comparison. EC was further

apprised that since samples are not readily available in one place, hence organized procurement through tender process may not be possible.

- d. As per the last PMA visit on 17-Jan-2020, IA had released PO for purchase of 5 items. For other 2 items, namely, samples of coloured gemstones and pearls, there is expected to be some delay.

16.2 EC also enquired about the use of proposed facility and the steps taken by the IA to sensitize the stakeholders for optimal utilization by them. In this context, the representative of the IA informed the EC that the IA has entered into an agreement with eBay India for certification of the relevant products from this project facility to facilitate sellers to sell their products on this e-commerce platform.

16.3 The representatives from IA informed the EC that the machinery items under the project shall be installed as per the schedule and the project shall be completed by March-2020. EC pointed out that in the absence of reference material, namely, sample pearls and coloured gems, the equipment installed can't be used. EC suggested procuring these reference items directly from the mines and to systematize a plan for implementing the project by March, 2020 positively.

## 17. Agenda Item No. 5

**Proposal:** Establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, Manipur

**Implementing Agency:** Airport Authority of India (AAI)

**Total project cost** – RS. 16.2 Cr.

- Fund approved under TIES – RS. 11.92 Cr
- Fund released under TIES – RS. 6.00 Cr

17.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is running late by 11 months.
- b. The Implementing Agency, AAI has engaged M/s MANIDCO for implementing the project.
- c. As per the last PMA visit on 16-Jan-2020, IA informed PMA that the project is expected to be completed by 30-Jun-2020. However, the timeline appears to be unrealistic as the works have been stopped due to an on-going legal dispute with the contractor firm. As per the directions of the Court, a stay has been ordered on further progress till the matter is sub-judice.
- d. The quality of existing civil structures is deteriorating due to exposure to atmosphere and the project has not adequately addressed to the safety and quality related issues also.

17.2 EC expressed its concern over handing over of execution of the project by AAI to MANIDCO, even though the EC had expressly required AAI to implement the project at the time of approval of the project in its first meeting held in June, 2017. EC emphasized that the responsibility for implementing the project lies with M/s AAI who is the IA for the project. EC further required the IA to project a practical timeline for completion of the project, which

must be adhered to while ensuring the best quality and following appropriate safety standards.

EC further suggested that IA/MANIDCO may approach the Court with a request for early hearing and decision in the matter in view of the languishing project and large government funds invested in the project.

17.3 The representatives from IA were not present for comments. However, the representative from M/s MANIDCO informed that due to the slow progress, the contractor was removed from the project. He further informed that the next court hearing is scheduled on 4-Feb-2020 and the dispute is expected to be settled. **EC also advised that the DoC member in the PMC be upgraded to a more senior officer to monitor the progress of works**

17.4 EC directed the Division and PMA to follow up and track the progress of the project.

## 18. Agenda Item No. 6

*Proposal:* Expansion of Chennai Trade Centre, Tamil Nadu

*Implementing Agency:* TNTPO, Chennai

*Total project cost* – RS. 254.29 Cr.

- Fund approved under TIES – RS. 20.00 Cr
- Fund released under TIES – RS. 10.00 Cr

18.1 EC was apprised about the following issues w.r.t the project:

- a. The project is running late by 27 months.
- b. IA has informed that the latest tender was floated on 23rd Jan 2020 for the third time.

18.2 The representative from IA informed EC that they have relaxed the previous pre-qualification criteria and have received 15 responses in the latest call for the bids. EC was informed that many reputed agencies have participated in the tender, and the work order shall be issued soon to the successful bidder.

18.3 EC enquired about the timeline for project completion since the project is already delayed by 27 months. The representative of IA informed that a full engineering team is in position for starting the project work. It was stated that the project shall take about 18 months to complete from the date of commencement. EC required the IA to maintain highest standards of safety and quality for the project to be showcased as a model project in all respects including quality of construction, maintenance and cleanliness.

**Annexure-I**

**List of Participants in the 11<sup>th</sup> Empowered Committee Meeting on TIES held on 31.01.2020 under the Chairmanship of Dr.Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary**

	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>Department of Commerce:</b>		
1.	Dr.Anup Wadhawan, CS	In Chair
2.	Shri Sanjay Chadha, AS	DoC
3.	Shri B.B. Swain, AS	DoC
4.	Shri Arun Goel, JS	DoC
5.	Shri S. Suresh Kumar, JS	DoC
6.	Ms.Nidhi.M.Tripathi, JS	DoC
7.	Ms. Aashna Paul, Director	DoC
8.	Shri Anurag Sharma, DS, FT(SA)	DoC
9.	Shri M. Mishra Natwar, US, IFD	DoC
10.	Shri Shyam Lal, US	DoC
<b>Other EC Member Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations:</b>		
11.	Ms. Mamta Shankar, EA	M/o DoNER
12.	Shri Kuntal Sen Sharma, EA	DPIIT
13.	Ms. Shubhrata Prakash, Director	NITI Aayog
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>		
14.	Shri Ajit B.Chavan, Secretary, Textile Committee	M/o Textiles
15.	Shri S.I.Sharma, MD	MANIDCO
16.	Dr.R.Joseph Bensingh, Sr.Scientist & Head	CIPET-ARSTPS
17.	Shri Chaitanya Murti, Resident Commissioner	Government of Tripura
18.	Dr.R.P.Pant	CSIR-NPL
19.	Dr.G.A.Basheed	CSIR-NPL
20.	Shri N.Ravi	TNTPO
21.	Shri K.C.Ramakrishnan, ADC	CSEZ, Kochi
22.	Shri Achal Satish Khilnani, Engineer, WAPCOS	CSEZ, Kochi
23.	Shri Aswin Sasidharan, Engineer, WAPCOS	CSEZ, Kochi
24.	Ms. R.Anitha Nandhini, Dy.DC	MEPZ
25.	Shri Sanjay Singh	GJEPZ
<b>Project Monitoring Agency (PMA) for TIES</b>		
26.	Shri Shubhojeet Chakravarty	PwC
27.	Shri Ankur Mishra	PwC
28.	Shri Prateek Jain	PwC
29.	Shri Arunav Ghosh	PwC
30.	Ms. Pranjal Kapoor	PwC