

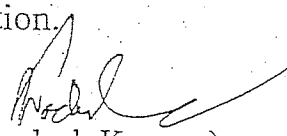
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New Delhi, the 27th January, 2004

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting of Empowered Committee for Export Development Fund (EDF) for the North Eastern Region held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vinay Bansal, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 28.11.2003 for information and necessary action.


(Swadesh Kumar)

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13. Sh.Khoda Ruja, Director, Textile & Hanicrafts, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
14. Sh.V.Sekhose, Secretary, Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland, Kohima
15. Sh.L.K.Gupta, Commissioner (I&C), Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura, Agartala
16. Sh.Henry K.Heni, Commissioner, Hort & Soil Conservation Department, Government of Manipur, Imphal
17. Sh. M.Ibochouba Singh, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur, Imphal
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19. Mr.ABa Dolie, Konohma Organic Plant, Mission Compound, Kohima, Nagaland- 797001.
20. Sh.Lhiwepre Ritse, Chairman, Tyrannus Community MPCs Ltd. Post Box.22 Pfutsero, Nagaland - 797107

Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development
Fund for North Eastern Region held on 28.11.2003

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The list of the participants present in the meeting is annexed.

1. Shri Vinay Bansal, Addl. Secretary, Department of Commerce, and Chairman of the meeting welcomed the participants. The decisions on the various proposals considered in the meeting were as under :

a) Project Report on Area Expansion for Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation, Manipur

The project proposal was approved by the Empowered Committee for an assistance of Rs.1,03,26,639/- from Export Development Fund. The Chairman directed the Resident Commissioner, Manipur to keep track of the progress of the project and send monthly report to Department of Commerce. The Chairman also directed APEDA to monitor the project.

b) Project Report on Passion Fruit Cultivation, Nagaland

The Empowered Committee decided to phase out the project in two stages and asked the promoter to use 20 hectares of land for the 1st phase for which an assistance of Rs. 20 lakhs from Export Development Fund was approved. The 2nd phase of the project would be considered after successful implementation of the project in the 1st phase.

c) Pilot Project Proposal on Canned Mushroom for Export, Nagaland

The Empowered Committee asked the promoter to revise the project in consultation with APEDA & in accordance with the new guidelines issued by Department of Commerce

d. Application for grant of additional fund for the Pilot Project on Organic Cultivation of Passion Fruit sanctioned to Project Development Board, Puffersomi Village Council, Nagaland.

The project was already sanctioned by the Empowered Committee and the promoter had asked for additional fund of Rs.12.30 lakhs, the Committee decided that out of labour cost of Rs. 1.20 lakhs asked by the promoter, 50% of the labour cost will be borne by the promoter. The balance amount of Rs. 11.70 lakhs was approved as assistance from Export Development Fund.

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Replication of Pilot Project for Handloom Export promotion in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh

Addl. DC(Handloom) mentioned that some documents have been sought from the implementing agency. The O/o DC (Handloom) will be giving their written comments on the subject on receipt of requisite documents from the implementing agency .It was decided that the proposal for replication of Handloom Export Project at Upper Siang District will be taken up on file after receipt of written comments from O/o DC(Handloom).

f) Proposal for organizing PRAGATI –II , an international Floating Exposition for Promotion of Trade, Commerce & Industry

The Empowered Committee approved the assistance of Rs. 25 lakhs from Export Development Fund for organizing the event out of total cost of Rs. 85 lakhs.

g) Handloom Infrastructure & Export Development Project for Promotion of Handloom Exports & Training of Weavers in Meghalaya

The Empowered Committee deferred the project for comments of the O/o DC (Handloom). The Chairman also asked the promoter to indicate his contribution towards the project cost.

h) Project proposal for financial assistance for rural infrastructure building, training & setting up of button mushroom processing common facility for export in Manipur

Though the project was recommended by APEDA, the Chairman directed the promoter to indicate his contribution towards the project. The project will be considered on receipt of required undertaking from the promoter and comments of the State Government.

i) Project proposal for Training of Weavers, Modernisation of Clusters and Promotion of Handloom Exports from Tripura

Joint Resident Commissioner, Government of Tripura submitted that the project was received by them recently. Accordingly, the Empowered Committee deferred the project for comments by the O/o DC (Handloom) and O/o Resident Commissioner, Tripura.

2. It was further decided that APEDA will submit Quarterly Progress Report in respect of all Agriculture related Projects and DC(Handloom) in respect of all Handloom related Projects so as to reach the Ministry by end of each quarter.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED
COMMITTEE ON "EDF - NER" HELD ON 28.11.2003

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1. Shri Vinay Bansal, Additional Secretary, - Chairman
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2. Ms. Shefali Shah, Director,
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3. Mrs. C.R.Chhibber, Special Commissioner, Government of Manipur
4. Mr.Sajal Mittra, Director, Department of Development of North Eastern
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5. Sh.S.K.Samal, Addl. DC, O/o DC (Handloom)
6. Sh. C.R.Powraj, Resident Commissioner, Government of Nagaland
7. Sh. Avinash Kumar Mishra, Resident Commissioner, Government of
Arunachal Pradesh
8. Sh.R.C.Poddar, Joint Resident Commissioner, Government of Tripura
9. Sh.R.R.Bang, Deputy Director (Planning), Sericulture & weaving,
Government of Meghalaya
10. Sh. Pravin Gupta, GM, APEDA
11. Lhouchalie Viya, ARC , Government of Nagaland
12. Sh.M.Ibochouba Singh, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Government of Manipur
13. Sh. Swadesh Kumar, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce

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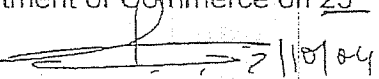
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New Delhi , the 7th October, 2004

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Empowered Committee meeting on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region held under the Chairmanship of Sh.G.K.Pillai, Additional Secretary , Department of Commerce on 25th August, 2004 for information and necessary action.


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 7. Shri T. Banerjee, Dy. Advisor, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan , New Delhi
 8. Shri Sajal Mitra, Director, DoNER, Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi
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 10. Dr. Minakshi Devi, AIO, Dir. of Industry & Commerce, Government of Assam , Guwahati
 11. Shri Y.Y. Kikon, Director, Horti. , Government of Nagaland, Dimapur
 12. Shri Pravin Gupta, GM, APEDA, New Delhi
 13. Shri. R.K. Srivastava, Deputy Director, EPCH, New Delhi
 14. Sh.R.K.Noimai Singh, Director (Industry & Commerce), Government of Manipur, Imphal
 5. Sh.C.Hmingthanzuala, Director (Industries), Government of Mizoram, Aizawl
Sh.M.Ibochouba Singh, Deputy Director (Agriculture), Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur, Imphal.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development
Fund held under the Chairmanship of Sh.G.K.Pillai, Additional Secretary,
Department of Commerce on 25.08.2004

A list of the participants present in the meeting is annexed.

Shri. G.K.Pillai, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce and Chairman of the Empowered Committee, welcomed the participants. The decisions on the various proposals considered in the meeting are as under:-

1) Project on Bamboo Shoot Processing in Nagaland #

The Empowered Committee approved the project and agreed to fund Rs 98.70 lakhs for Plant & Machinery and 50% of the cost for the building and civil works (i.e Rs. 16.46 lakhs) out of Rs.221.28 lakhs, the total cost of the project. It was decided that the building and plant & machinery would be set up on land belonging collectively to the beneficiary group. It was also decided that the Implementing Agency will forward the list of equipments and quotations to APEDA which will monitor the entire process of selection, purchase and installation.

2) Project on Commercial Cultivation of Vanilla in Manipur

The Resident Commissioner, Government of Manipur informed that the project had not been forwarded by the Head of the Department concerned of the State Government. It was decided that on receipt of the requisite recommendation from the State Government, the project would be considered. Meanwhile the comments of the Spices Board would also be obtained.

3) Project on Safed Musli Cultivation & Processing unit for export in Assam #

The Empowered Committee approved the project and agreed to finance Plant & Machinery (Rs. 55.05 lakhs) and the Godown component (Rs. 12.60 lakhs) under the Building and Civil Works head. It was decided that the godown and plant & machinery would be set up on land belonging collectively to the beneficiary group and a registered society/ cooperative of the beneficiary group should be set up for this purpose beforehand. APEDA suggested that the beneficiary group should buy a Reefer Van which costs around Rs. 9 lakhs instead of a mobile diesel van mentioned in the Plant & Machinery. The Empowered Committee decided that 50% of the cost of Reefer Van would be borne under the Export Development Fund. The balance 50% would be shared equally by APEDA and the beneficiary group.

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4) Project on Farming/ Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Manipur *

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle. The promoter was asked to form a registered society/ cooperative of local farmers and enter into a written agreement about housing the plant on land owned by the Society and committing the farmers to sell their produce through the Society/ cooperative. APEDA was asked to examine the cost of Plant & Machinery and recommend rates at which these should be funded. The Chairman suggested that the State Government could consider sending a proposal for setting up an Agri Export Zone for Ginger.

5) Project for setting up of Patkai Labs at Guwahati, Assam #

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle for the entire amount i.e. Rs 207.37 lakhs. Funds for the project would be released only after a legal agreement is entered into between the promoter and APEDA. The agreement should specify that the lab facilities would be made available to all farmers from the North Eastern States and testing would be done at "no profit no loss" rates settled mutually between APEDA and the promoter. APEDA was directed to look into the various parameters for setting up of a lab and for getting accreditation from the concerned authorities.

6) Project on Turmeric Processing unit in Nagaland #

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle. It was decided that the Implementing Agency would forward a list of equipments to the Spices Board, which would provide specifications for the equipments. Thereafter the Implementing Agency will go through a transparent system of purchasing. They would send the quotations to Spices Board, which will monitor the entire process of selection, purchase and installation.

7) Project on Integrated Bee Keeping Development for export in Nagaland #

The Empowered Committee approved the funding of Plant & Machinery for the project amounting to Rs. 49.00 lakhs. It was decided that the Implementing Agency will forward a list of equipments and quotations to APEDA, which will monitor the entire process of selection, purchase and installation.

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8) Project for Handicraft Artisans Export Infrastructure Development, Training and International Marketing for Arunachal Pradesh

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle subject to EPCH verifying the site and equipments of the project. EPCH was also asked to verify the credentials of the implementing agency and give a report.

9) Project on Farming/ Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Nagaland *

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle. APEDA was asked to examine the cost of Plant & Machinery and recommend rates at which these should be funded.

10) Project for Integrated Bee keeping development project in Mizoram #

The Empowered Committee approved the project with the condition that 10% of cost for Plant & Machinery will be borne by the promoter. The balance Rs 149.50 lakhs (Rs 160.85 lakhs minus Rs 11.35 lakhs) will be funded under the Export Development Fund scheme. It was decided that the Implementing Agency will forward a list of equipments and quotations to APEDA, which will monitor the entire process of selection, purchase and installation.

11) Project on Farming/ Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Manipur *

The Empowered Committee approved the project in principle. It was decided that the Implementing Agency will forward a list of equipments and quotations to APEDA which will monitor the entire process of selection, purchase and installation.

12) Proposal for organizing a 2 day seminar on Promotion of trade between India's North East and Myanmar :-

DoNER withdrew the proposal, hence it was not considered by the Empowered Committee.

13) Project for setting up button mushroom processing common facility for export in Manipur

The Empowered Committee observed that mushroom will have to be grown under controlled conditions which will require the use of a generator for most of the time. This will raise the cost of production. Moreover, the potential for employment generation would be very limited. In these circumstances, the Empowered Committee did not approve the project.

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14) Pilot Project on Canned Mushroom for export from Nagaland

The Empowered Committee observed that mushroom will have to be grown under controlled conditions which will require use of a generator for most of the time. This will raise the cost of production. Moreover, the potential for employment generation would be very limited. In these circumstances, the Empowered Committee did not approve the project.

15) Proposal for sending a delegation to Amsterdam, Netherlands under the North Eastern Region Development for North Eastern Region

The Empowered Committee gave ex-post facto approval to the proposal.

16) Preparation of Model Map for an LCS building and related infrastructure

The Empowered Committee gave ex-post facto approval to the proposal.

17) Proposal for sending a delegation to BioFach 2004, Nurnberg, Germany under the North Eastern Region Development for North Eastern Region

The Empowered Committee gave ex-post facto approval to the proposal.

Note:-

* [Three Ginger projects(at Sl. No.4,9 and 11) were considered by the Empowered Committee . It was observed that the cost of plant and machinery was different in each project report even though the equipment was similar. APEDA was asked to examine the cost of Plant and Machinery and recommend rates at which these should be funded.]

In case of projects at Sr. No.1,3,5,6,7 and 10, the implementing agencies would forward the list of equipments and quotations to APEDA and Spices Board which would examine the list and monitor the whole process of selection, purchase and installation.

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List of participants who attended the meeting of the Empowered Committee
on Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Sh.G.K.Pillai,
Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 25.08.2004

1. Shri G.K. Pillai Additional Secretary - Chairman
Ministry of Commerce
2. Shri Jayant Dasgupta Joint Secretary
Ministry of Commerce
3. Smt. Shefali Shah Director
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4. Sh.V.K.Thakral Resident Commissioner
Government of Manipur
5. Shri Maong Aier Dy. Resident Commissioner
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6. Kh. Ratan Kumar Singh Officer Incharge Tech. Mission
Manipur
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11. Shri P. Gupta G.M., APEDA
12. Shri G.P. Upadhyaya OSD, Sikkim House,
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13. Shri. R.K. Srivastava Deputy Director, EPCH
14. Shri T. Banerjee Dy. Advisor, Planning Commission
15. Shri Sajal Mitra Director, DoNER
16. Shri Swadesh Kumar Dy.Secretary, Department of Commerce
17. Shri Pandey Pradeep Kumar Section Officer, D/o Commerce
18. Shri. Sumit Gakhar Department of Commerce

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
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New Delhi, the 13th May, 2005

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary on 20.4.2005.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting on Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 20.4.2005 at 3.30 p.m. for information and further necessary action.


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3. PS to Joint Secretary (Sh. Jayant Dasgupta)
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5. Shri.Sajal Mitra, Director, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region , New Delhi
6. Sh.S.N.Brohmo Choudhury, Director (SP-NE), Planning Commission, New Delhi
7. Sh.P.K.Pattanaik, Commissioner & Secretary (Coordination), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
8. Sh.S.S.Gupta, Commissioner & Secretary , Government of Meghalaya, Shillong
9. Sh.G.P.Upadhayaya, OSD & Commissioner & Secretary (Coordination), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
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11. Shri.R.K.Srivastava, Deputy Director, EPCH, New Delhi.
12. Kh.Dineshchandra Singh, Director , Directorate of Minorities and Other Backward Classes, Government of Manipur, Imphal.
13. Sh.J.Padu, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
14. Er.I.Nath, GM, District Industries & Commerce Center, Kamrup , Guwahati
15. Sh.K.Ngachan, Addl. Director (Horticulture), Government of Manipur, Imphal.
17. Sh.S.K.S.Gautam, District Horticulture Officer, East Kameng District, Seppa, Arunachal Pradesh
18. Sh.Kyolie Mere, P.R.O, Government of Nagaland, New Delhi Sh. K.Varma, Liaison Officer, Government of Tripura, New Delhi

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Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on the Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 20.4.2005

A list of the participants is annexed.

Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce and Chairman of the Empowered Committee on the Export Development Fund welcomed the participants. The Chairman suggested that the Export Development Fund should fund agro based projects on priority basis and projects that can be funded from sources other than the EDF should get lower priority. It was also mentioned that the assistance amount should be released in two equal installments by APEDA and the second installment should be released only after verifying the progress of the project.

The non-Agro based project proposals which were not considered are as under:-

1. **Project Proposal on Promotion of Handloom Exports, infrastructure building, training of weavers and their skill up- gradation in Sikkim**
2. **Project Proposal for training & capacity building for exports & development of handicraft paper & its articles**
3. **Development of Agarbatti Industry in Tripura**
4. **Setting up of centre for Promotion and Development of Exportable Hand-woven Silk Products of Assam**

It was observed that many proposals had been forwarded at the level of Directorates of the States without the due consideration and recommendations of the concerned Department of the State Government. It was stated that the State Government's concurrence and support for the proposal was essential for any project of this nature to attain its full potential and hence in future the State Government's recommendations would be a prerequisite for the project to be considered by the Committee.

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I. The following proposals were deferred and it was decided that these project proposals would be sent to the concerned State Governments for their views and recommendations. These proposals would also be examined technically by APEDA.

1. Project Proposal for Cultivation and Processing of Gooseberry for export in Nagaland
2. Project Proposal for Commercial Cultivation of Medicinal plants in Manipur.

The promoter was also asked to submit the details of technology to be used for the project.

- ✓ 3. Project Proposal for setting up of Geranium farm in Arunachal Pradesh
4. Project Proposal on Commercial Cultivation of Kiwi Fruits in Meghalaya.
 5. Project Proposal for Commercial Cultivation of Turmeric in Manipur.
 6. Project Proposal for Setting up of Supercritical Fluid Extraction Plant in Manipur.
 7. Project Proposal on export infrastructure for fresh fruit processing plant in Arunachal Pradesh.

- ✓ 8. Project Proposal for Commercial cultivation of Medicinal Plants in Arunachal Pradesh

The promoter was also asked to submit the details about technology and marketing tie-ups.

9. Setting up of an Integrated Pineapple Concentration Plant in Manipur.

II. Other projects that were considered were as follows :

1. Project Proposal on Integrated Bee Keeping Development for Export, Employment and Income Generation in Manipur - M/s Chivalry Poverty Alleviation Development Association.

→ The project was approved provided that cold storage facility is added to the present project proposal with the help of APEDA within the approved assistance amount. Assistance of Rs.75.55 lakhs was approved for the project under the Export Development Fund.

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2. Project Proposal for Export Promotion Infrastructure for 2 TPH Passion Fruit Processing Plant in Manipur - M/s Good Samaritan Social Service Association.

The Chairman asked the promoters to raise resources from the State Government for the various components of the project like roads etc. and come back with a revised project proposing financial assistance of not more than Rs. 2.5 Crore under the Export Development Fund.

3. Project Proposal for Integrated Passion Fruit Concentration Plant in Sikkim

The Empowered Committee noted that the Society was not a registered one and the cost estimates were on the higher side. The Chairman directed the promoter to get the cost of the project reworked and raise the promoter's contribution in the project and seek the State Governments' support for some components. The project was deferred.

4. Project Proposal for turmeric processing unit for exports in Manipur - M/s Rural Development Foundation Association.

The project was approved. Assistance of Rs.100 lakh was approved under the Export Development Fund. The funds would be released after appraisal of the plant & machinery costs by APEDA.

5. Project Proposal for production of canned mushroom for export in Nagaland - M/s Tyrannus Community MPCS Ltd.

The project was approved. Assistance of Rs.89.53 lakhs was approved under the Export Development Fund.

6. Project Proposal for floriculture exports in Mizoram

The Chairman asked the promoter to revise the project in consultation with APEDA and bear the cost of planting material. The facilities that would be developed as a part of the project should be available for common use.

7. Project Proposal for Passion Fruit Cultivation in Nagaland (release of money for 2nd phase) – M/s Kohonma Organic Plant

An assistance of Rs.19.67 lakh was approved for implementing the 2nd phase of the project.

III. The following non-Agro based projects were considered on the strong recommendations of the representatives of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and the State Government of Assam, who were present in the meeting :

1. Project Proposal for development & upgradation of handicrafts sector & export promotion from Assam.

It was suggested that the State Government revise the project and propose the funding of some components from its side. The promoter firm was asked to consider changing its structure so that more people could be provided employment opportunities.

2. Aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts

The Empowered Committee gave its consent for the continuation of the project for another three years. However, it was decided to fund only the component for setting up of an international marketing cell for the North Eastern States and an amount of Rs.106.60 lakh for the project was sanctioned for this purpose. It was suggested that EPCH may seek funding from other sources for other components of the project.

List of participants present in the Empowered Committee meeting on Export Development Fund held on 20.4.2005

1. Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary - Chairman
2. Ms.Asha Swarup, AS& FA, Department of Commerce
3. Sh. Jayant Dasgupta, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
4. Shri. S.K.Samal, Addl. DC, O/o DC(HL)
5. Ms.Anju Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce
6. Shri.Sajal Mitra, Director, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
7. Sh.S.N.Brohmo Choudhury, Director (SP-NE), Planning Commission
8. Sh.P.K.Pattanaik, Commissioner & Secretary (Coordination), Government of Arunachal Pradesh
9. Sh.S.S.Gupta, Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Meghalaya
10. Sh.G.P.Upadhyaya, OSD & Commissioner & Secretary (Coordination), Government of Sikkim
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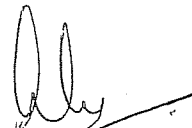
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New Delhi, the 16th June, 2005.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of the Review meeting of Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 11-5-2005.

The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting for information and necessary action.


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2. Shri Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA, New Delhi.
3. Shri R.K. Srivastava, Deputy Director, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi.
4. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Assam, Guwahati.
5. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Manipur, Imphal.
7. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Mizoram, Aizawl.
8. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Nagaland, Kohima.
9. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Tripura, Agartala.
10. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
11. Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.

Minutes of the review meeting on Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 11.5.2005

A list of the participants is annexed.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Christy Fernandez said that it was very essential that the implementation of projects sanctioned under the Export Development Fund was monitored properly. He emphasized the need for involvement of the concerned State Governments in this regard.

While reviewing the various studies sanctioned by the Department of Commerce from the Export Development Fund, it was decided that the actionable points arising of the various studies needed to be examined and implemented, wherever possible. The various studies were as under:-

1. Study for making recommendations for appropriate border policy measures for promoting trade with neighboring countries in North Eastern Region.
2. Study of the locational matrix of exportable commodities in North Eastern Region.
3. Evaluation of the various projects sanctioned under Critical Infrastructure Balance scheme.
4. Study of the import basket of Myanmar and Bangladesh.
5. Study on Export Potential of Tripura.
6. Study related to Development of Export Infrastructure in North Eastern Region.
7. Proposal for conducting field studies for North Eastern States of India, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The progress of the following seminars was reviewed:-

8. International Conference on Trade and investment opportunities in North Eastern Region.
9. Seminar on WTO and New Trade Regime at Agartala organized by IIFT.
10. Seminar on Promotion of Trade and Investment between Tripura and Bangladesh.

11. Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Proposal for conducting the programme on WTO and the new trade regime at Guwahati.
12. 5-day Training Programme on Export Management and to Prepare State Specific Export Development Plans.
13. North East International Business Summit and Expo-New Delhi.
14. Proposal for conducting workshops and seminar on border trade.
15. Proposal for sending a delegation to Amsterdam, Netherlands, under the North Eastern Region Development of North Eastern Region.
16. Preparation of Modal Map for the Land Customs Station building and related infrastructure.
17. Pragati -11,2003 – India's First Floating International Exposition held from March 25 – April 05,2004.

The review of the other projects was as under:-

18. Project proposal for export of Orchids from Sikkim:-

It was stated that the progress report of the project had been received from the Government of Sikkim. It was mentioned by Shri Gupta, GM, APEDA that the progress of the project was not satisfactory. The Chairman directed APEDA to get the latest status of the project from the implementing agency and submit a report to the Department

19. Integrated International Marketing Programme for Handicrafts, Handloom, Carpet, Silk, Jute and other small scale & cottage products from Tripura:-

The representative of the Government of Tripura submitted the progress report of the project. The representative of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts mentioned that the project had been completed successfully.

20. Setting up of organic cultivation of Passion fruit at Pfutsero:-

It was stated that the progress report of the project had been received from the Government of Nagaland. Shri Gupta, GM, APEDA stated that the progress of the project was good but exports had not yet commenced.

21. Pilot Project for handloom exports from Arunachal Pradesh:-

The Chairman directed the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts to carry out a site inspection and evaluation of the project to assess the progress made and submit a report to the Department.

22. Setting up of 100% Export Oriented Hydro-Carbon free Yarn Project

The representative of the Government of Tripura submitted a progress report of the project. The Chairman directed the State Government to send a regular feedback on the progress of the project to the Department.

23. Pilot Project Handloom Export Promotion from Nagaland:-

The Chairman directed the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts to carry out a site inspection and evaluation of the project to assess the progress made and submit a report to the Department.

24. Project for Aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts:-

Sh. Srivastava, EPCH stated that Phase I of the project had been completed. The Chairman directed that the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts should prepare a project for the transfer of technology and also identify new entrepreneurs for Phase-II.

25. Area Expansion for organic Passion Fruit Cultivation Assistance under Export Development Fund for North East:-

It was stated that the progress report of the project had been received from the Government of Manipur. The project was waiting for formal inauguration for production to commence.

26. Project Report on Passion Fruit Cultivation:-

It was stated that the progress report of the project had been received from APEDA and release of funds for the 2nd phase of the project was under consideration of the Department.

27. Replication of Pilot Project for handloom exports in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh on the lines of project sanctioned at Bomdilla:-

The Chairman directed the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts to carry out a site inspection and evaluation of the project to assess the progress made and submit a report to the Department.

28. Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Exports in Manipur:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the implementation of the project and submit a report to the Government.

29. Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Exports in Nagaland:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

30. Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Exports in Manipur:-

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31. Project for Handicrafts Artisans Export Infrastructure Training and International Marketing for Arunachal Pradesh:-

The Chairman directed the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts to carry out a site inspection and evaluation of the project to assess the progress achieved and submit a report to the Department

32. Project for Integrated Bee Keeping Development in Mizoram:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

33. Project for Integrated Bee Keeping Development in Nagaland:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

34. Project Proposal on Safed Musli Cultivation & Processing for export in Assam:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

35. Project on Bamboo Shoot Processing in Nagaland:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

36. Project for setting up of Patkai Labs at Guwahati, Assam:-

GM, APEDA explained that since the funds for the project had been released recently, no progress report could be received. The Chairman directed APEDA to collect the details of the progress of the project and submit a report to the Department.

List of participants present in the Review meeting of Export Development Fund held
on 11-5-2005

1. Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary - Chairman
2. Shri Jayant Dasgupta, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Commerce
3. Ms. Anju Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Deptt. of Commerce
4. Shri Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA, New Delhi.
5. Shri R.K. Srivastava, Deputy Director, EPCH, New Delhi.
6. Ms. Crra Kharkongor, Jt. Resident Commissioner, Government of Meghalaya
7. Mrs. Nivedita Larkar, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Government of Assam
8. Shri Kumarjee Verma, Liasion Officer, Government of Tripura.

Minutes of the meeting regarding the projects submitted under EDF scheme

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Mukim, J.S. in the MoC on 31/08/2006 to scrutinize the 50 project proposals received for consideration for the Financial Assistance under the EDF scheme. The meeting was attended by Shri S. K. Tuli, Dy. Secretary, MoC, Mr. L. Shivarama Reddy, Dy. Commissioner, Horticulture Division, MoA, Mr. M.A. Chishty, from the Office of Development Commissioner and Mr. Pravin Gupta, GM, APEDA

All the 50 projects were discussed in brief and it was decided that the detailed discussions, the Committee should meet at APEDA's office on 06/09/2006 and decide the basis to be adopted for consideration of proposals. It was discussed and decided that (i) the project on cultivation of Vanilla, Cardamom may not be considered for sanction because they are not viable proposals and (ii) the project for Bamboo and their products should also not be considered.

To discuss the proposals in details the following committee members met on 06/09/2006 at APEDA office (I) Mr. S.S. Chahal, Dy. Secretary, MFPI (ii) Mr. S.K. Tuli, Dy. Secretary, MoC (iii) Mr. Pravin Gupta, GM, APEDA, and (iv) Mr. M.A. Chishti, from the Office of Development Commissioner and discussed all the 50 project in details.

The committee discussed and decided that the proposals for financial assistance should be considered on the following basis:-

- Export potential of the product.
- Agri Cultivation/growing proposals may be excluded from this as (i) Supporting cultivation proposals in isolation would not support the export enhancement proposals and (ii) DAC is implementing independent programs of horticulture production through State Horticulture Department.
- The proposals involving manufacturing activities/ value addition can be controlled effectively.
- Bee-keeping, Mushroom production and Floriculture should be the priority areas, and has greater export potential.
- The proposals where cultivation alongwith processing facilities are involved can be considered under EDF.
- The cultivation proposals which take a comprehensive look at a particular produce/ product located in a contiguous area for the purpose of developing cluster approach and sourcing the raw material, leading to final exports, may be considered.

Accordingly the following proposals are considered by the committee to be put up before the EDF committee for consideration :-

- Project Proposal for cultivation & processing of Gooseberry for export in Nagaland
- Commercial cultivation of Turmeric in Manipur.
- Project Proposal for setting up of Supercritical Fluid Extraction Plant.
- Project proposal on setting up of a floriculture unit in Manipur.
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Northern Development Society, Mao Gate, Senapati District, Manipur.
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Northern Integrated Development Association, Tadubi, Senapati District, Manipur.
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Tribal Economic & Rural Development Association, Tadubi, Senapati District, Manipur
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Indigenous Plant Conservation Society, Senapati District, Manipur
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Maram Organic Horticulture-cum-Nursery Product, Maram Senapati District, Manipur
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Ashufumei Development Society, Chowainu, Senapati District, Manipur.
- Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Mao Integrated Development Association, Tadubi Senapati District, Manipur.
- Integrated Bee Keeping Development, Manipur.
- Turmeric Processing Unit for exports in Manipur
- Setting up of Geranium farm in Arunachal Pradesh
- Area Expansion for Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh
- Integrated Bee Keeping Development for export in Arunachal Pradesh
- Bee Keeping and Honey Processing in Arunachal Pradesh
- Floriculture Exports in Mizoram.
- ~~Integrated Passion Fruit Processing Plant in Sikkim~~ Patchouli Oil Industry in Assam
- Resource cum Training Center for Exportable high value Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Assam.
- Setting up of a Central Packaging Unit at Guwahati by NERAMAC, Assam.
- Setting up of a Fresh Ginger Processing Plant in Assam
- Geranium Cultivation and Post Harvest Management in Arunachal Pradesh

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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 17th October, 2006

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 12.10.2006.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting on Export Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce on 12.10.2006 for information and further necessary action.


(D. K. Verma)

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Minutes of the Empowered Committee Meeting held on 12th October, 2006
under the Chairmanship of Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary,
Department of Commerce

A list of the participants is annexed.

Welcoming the participants Dr. Christy Fernandez, Additional Secretary, AS (CF) pointed out that the progress of implementation of various projects approved under the EDF Scheme is tardy and need to be expedited. The State Governments and the APEDA must take necessary measures to accelerate the progress of the implementation of such projects. AS (CF) also pointed out that the projects being forwarded for grant of assistance under the EDF should be properly scrutinized and approved at appropriate levels in the State Govt. before those are recommended for consideration to this Department. The items on the Agenda were thereafter taken up for consideration.

1. Aggressive International Marketing Project

Shri R.K. Srivastava representing EPCH briefly explained the details of the project and informed that the same have recently been discussed in a meeting Chaired by the Secretary DONER which was attended by Shri Anil Mukim, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce and Executive Director, EPCH. It was decided in this meeting that the components of the projects relating to Human Resource Development and International Marketing will be funded by DONER/EPCH. However, Rs.75 lac required in connection with the Design Development Services Component would be financed by the Department of Commerce. Shri Srivastava also sought assistance relating to the setting up of a Common Facility Center at a cost of Rs.5.46 crore .

AS & FA pointed out that financial assistance amounting to Rs.1 crore had been provided to DC-(Handicrafts) for setting up a Common Facility Center. She inquired whether the proposed Common Facility Center was a different project and if so why this Center cannot be integrated with the Facility Center for which

financial assistance has separately been provided to the DC (Handicrafts) However, the Empowered Committee appreciated that the requirement of the Common Facility Center was fully justified and any financial assistance required after its integration with the Common Facility Center being set up by DC (Handicrafts) would be provided. The representative of EPCH agreed to submit a proposal after consultations with DC (Handicrafts). The proposal of EPCH for financial assistance of Rs.75 lac in connection with the components relating to Design Development Services was approved.

2. Export of Silk Projects from Assam:

Shri N.N. Ranapatgiri, Managing Director of ARTFED explained the project and informed that export of silk had risen from Rs.6 crore to Rs.9 crore and there was potential available for its further growth. He pointed out that funds were required for infrastructure development and for activities like processing, designing, printing, embroidery etc. AS & FA informed that DC (Handlooms) is also funding similar activities and a sum of Rs.2 crore had been provided to them for cluster development. It was agreed that if there are certain activities which cannot be funded by any other agencies including DC (Handlooms), the requirement may be met from the EDF. Shri Ranapatgiri was accordingly, requested to submit a revised requirement for consideration after consulting DC (Handlooms).

3. Creation of Integrated Trade Information and Stay Facility Center for traders at Moreh.

Shri P.C. Lawmkunga, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Manipur explained the urgent requirement for creation of the above facility and sought for an assistance of Rs.3.70 crore for the project. AS & FA pointed out that there was a balance of over Rs.6 crore remaining unspent with the State Government from out of the

ASIDE funds provided so far. Therefore, the State should utilize those funds for the creation of the above facility. The Empowered Committee accordingly decided that the State Government may use the funds available with them under the ASIDE Scheme in connection with the above facility and in case for some reasons those funds are insufficient, assistance from the EDF would be provided.

4. Floriculture Exports in Mizoram

Empowered committee approved the project to grant Rs 210.94 Lakh under EDF scheme subject to submission of an MoU by the promoters that the facilities developed / infrastructure created under this project would be available to all the farmers of the area rather than the project becoming the personal property of the promoters.

5. Setting up of a Fresh Ginger processing plant in Assam

Empowered committee decided that the promoters should submit fresh proposal in consultation with APEDA. Since no one came from NERAMAC to explain about the project details and implementation schedule, etc. it was decided to reject it in its present form.

6. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Northern Development Society, Mao Gate, Senapati District, Manipur

7. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Northern Integrated Development Association, Tadubi, Senapati District, Manipur

8. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Tribal Economic & Rural Development Association, Tadubi, Senapati District, Manipur

9. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Indigenous Plant Conservation Society, Senapati District, Manipur

10. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Maram Organic Horticulture-cum-Nursery Product, Maram Senapati District, Manipur

11. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Ashufumei Development Society, Chowainu, Senapati District, Manipur

12. Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for exports, Mao Integrated Development Association, Tadubi Senapati District, Manipur

Projects as at Sr. No. 6 –12 were discussed in detail. The concerned promoters briefly explained the projects which were almost identical in all cases. Representative of Ministry of Agriculture informed that their Ministry is operating a 'Horticulture Mission' under which the Government provides grants-in-aid, for such projects as promotional measure. AS (CF) observed that this Department can consider the request for setting up of infrastructure like roads, warehouses, transportation facilities etc as per cluster development approach for export promotion. He directed APEDA to study the feasibility of developing network of all interested promoters and consolidate into a cluster in consultation with Horticulture Department of State Government of Manipur so as to institutionalize the mechanism. The empowered committee rejected the above projects on account of lack of specificity.

13. Integrated Bee Keeping Development, Manipur

It was decided to consult National Bee Board on this project as they are also operating some promotional activities. Empowered Committee deferred this project.

14. Turmeric Processing Unit for exports in Manipur

Empowered committee rejected this project with advice to the promoters to contact Ministry of Agriculture.

15. Integrated Bee Keeping Development for export in Arunachal Pradesh

Promoters did not turn up in the meeting. Therefore, the project was rejected.

16. Bee Keeping and Honey Processing in Arunachal Pradesh

Promoters did not turn up in the meeting. Therefore the project was rejected

17. Project proposal for cultivation & processing of Gooseberry for export in Nagaland.

Empowered Committee deferred this project, as the project was not recommended by the State Govt. at the appropriate level as informed by the representative of the State.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (12-10-2006 – EDF)

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Minutes of the meeting held on 23.8.2007 under the Chairmanship of Shri O.P. Arya, Addl. Secretary – AS(OPA), Department of Commerce to review the functioning of the Export Development Fund Scheme

A list of the participants is annexed.

2. Initiating the discussion AS (OPA) pointed out that under the existing guidelines on Export Development Fund (EDF) there is a provision for verification of the asset projects created. However, we have not undertaken any exercise for project under implementation/already completed. He said that an appraisal/evaluation of the project should be undertaken and emphasized the need for such a system being put in place. He also said that a definite pattern of funding of project promoted by the private promoters should be laid down in guidelines to facilitate decisions of the Empowered Committee (EC).

3. Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, gave an overview of the Scheme and emphasized the need for a better evaluation of the project proposals before those are sanctioned by the EC. AS (OPA) expressed the need for an effective monitoring of the implementation of the sanctioned projects.

4. Shri N. Verma, JS (NE), Min. of Home Affairs suggested that the DoNER, NEC and NEDFi should also be involved with all project proposals which are taken up for consideration by EDF.

5. Chairman, APEDA, while agreeing to the need for a proper evaluation/monitoring of the project proposals expressed his reservations in overseeing the evaluation/monitoring work connected with the projects by APEDA. He was of the view that under the existing Scheme, APEDA was only a fund managing authority and did not have enough manpower to engage itself in other activities.

6. After a detailed discussion on various issues raised the following decisions were taken:

- (1) Physical verification of all completed projects may be done by APEDA/State Govt. concerned. NEC should also be given a list of sanctioned project. If considered necessary APEDA may hire an accredited agency for taking up the evaluation and verification of the projects and the expenditure involved on this account may be met from the deduction @ 2% made by APEDA.

- (2) APEDA would act as an Apex Body for coordinating appraisal & evaluation of the projects. The concerned State Govt. should also be simultaneously required to get the verification of the project done quickly.
- (3) Each fresh project proposal on receipt may be evaluated by the concerned Commodity Board/EPC, State Govt. and NEC before it is considered by the EC.
- (4) The funding of project proposals would normally be in the ratio of 1:2 but in no case less than 1:4 i.e. a promoter should contribute at least 20% of the total cost of the project.
- (5) It was agreed that the Inland Transport Assistance Scheme may be continued for the year 2007-08.
- (6) With respect to 10 time barred proposals received by APEDA under the Inland Transport Assistance Scheme in view of the justification provided by APEDA, it was decided to grant one time relaxation to these pending proposals

It was decided that apart from Min. of Home Affairs, DoNER should also be included in the Empowered Committee.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

1. Sh. O P Arya, Additional Secretary, DoC – Chairman
2. Sh. N K Gupta, JS, DoC
3. Sh. Navin Verma, JS, (NE), MHA
4. Sh. K S Money, Chairman, APEDA
5. Sh. S K Tuli, Dir, DoC
6. Sh. D K Verma, US, DoC'
7. Mr. K Boyal, GM, APEDA
8. Tarun Bajaj, DGM, APEDA
9. Sh. R B Prasad, NEC

Minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee, on EDF held on 3rd December, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Shri O.P. Arya, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce

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A list of the participants is annexed.

2. Welcoming the participants, Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary gave an overview of the availability of funds under the EDF NER scheme and the large number of proposals seeking assistance from the fund. He pointed out that most of the proposals received lacked essential details and were not substantially export oriented. Since the funds available are limited, screening of the projects is essential like last year. In this connection he mentioned that the recommendations/comments of APEDA on most of the projects were general in nature. He stated that while most of these projects received seek 100% financial support, only viability gap funding should be done so that a large number of projects could be supported. He favoured prioritization of the projects on the basis of an agreed criteria and merit of each case, as was done by the Committee headed by chairman APEDA constituted last year.

3. Shri O.P. Arya, Additional Secretary, appreciated the issues raised by JS (NKG) and suggested that the committee may follow principles of 'first come first serve' in allocation of funds. Further while considering these projects it may be kept in view that as far as possible proportionate distribution of available funds amongst all NE States is adhered to. He stated that pre-requisite for sanctioning a project will be to ensure that the project is bankable, commercially viable and APEDA/ State Government have examined it in depth before making criteria based recommendation. He mentioned that calling promoters for the Empowered Committee is not considered necessary. Since APEDA has been designated as Apex body for EDF, they should hold meetings/follow up with State authorities/other agencies for seeking their comments on project proposal and make suitable recommendations so that full details are available before the Committee for taking a decision on such proposals. He also emphasized on the need for devising a checklist which could be provided to State Governments for examination of

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projects for making their recommendations to the Government, which should include financial appraisal of the project, assessment of viability gaps and linkage with exports from the State. Recommendation of local administration authorities should not be considered as recommendation of State Government.

4. It was brought to the notice of Empowered Committee that National Bee Board has demanded fee @ 1% of the project cost for the Bee keeping projects before they furnish their reports. It was decided that the promoters should put up a duly appraised projects and hence provide for such appraisal fees. Such fee may be included in the project cost if the same has been recommended by the NBB. However, for old cases exemption may be sought from Ministry of Agriculture and comments from NBB may be obtained on that basis.

5. The projects included in the agenda were there after taken up for consideration as under:-

(A) Current Proposals

1	Name of the proposal F.No.27/17/06	Aloe Vera Cultivation and Post Harvest Management at Namsang Village under Tirap District.
	Promoter	M/s Future India of Longding village
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, District, Administration Department
	Total Cost of the Project	136.95 lakhs
	Promoters Share	41.09 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	95.87 lakhs
	Decision	The Committee considered that Aloe Vera Cultivation as a crop is not suitable for a moist region like Tirap Distt. The project was therefore not approved.
2	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/06	Bee Keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	M/s Jonts Charitable Society Ltd. (JCS), Yupia, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.93 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs

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	Grant sought under EDF	85.05 lakhs
	Decision	It was agreed that 1% processing fee demanded by the NBB will be borne by the promoter and subsequently included in the cost of the project if recommended. It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
3	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/06	Bee keeping & Honey processing
	Promoter	M/s Jarkum & Yania Charitable Society, Senki Park, Itanagar, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	It was agreed that 1% processing fee demanded by the NBB will be borne by the promoter and subsequently included in the cost of the project if recommended. It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
4	Name of the proposal F.No.27/11/07	Geranium Cultivation and post harvest management
	Promoter	Arunachal Multipurpose Co-operative society Ltd., Naharlagum
	Recommended by	District Administration Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	130.55 lakhs
	Promoters Share	39.17 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	91.39 lakhs
	Decision	This being a stand -alone project, the committee did not approve.
5	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/12/07	Cornflake manufacturing Plant

	Decision	It was decided to write to Chief Secretary Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh requesting him to instruct the concerned Department that while forwarding EDF NER proposals certification about promoters financial strength and bankability of project may also be furnished. Matter also to be pursued with DC Horticulture. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA on agreed criteria.
8	Name of the proposal F.No.27/25/07	Bee keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	The Tribal Areas Development Society
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	It was agreed that 1% processing fee demanded by the NBB will be borne by the promoter and subsequently included in the cost of the project if recommended. It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
9	Name of the proposal F.No.27/16/06	(i) Construction of collection Sheds (ii) Purchase of two trucks for transportation of Passion Fruits from Churachandpur to Mao
	Promoter	Passion Fruits Grower's Association
	Recommended by	Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	03.18 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	Entire amount
	Decision	State Govt. should certify the cost of land being provided by the promoter by way of participatory funding. The case to be considered thereafter.
10	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/06	Organic cultivation/plantation and production of passion fruit.
	Promoter	Social Development Organisation Sanapati Distt.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Horticulture & Soil conservation Department

	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 63.00 lakh
	Promoters Share	Rs. 42,50,400/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.20,49, 600/-
	Decision	Approved in principle subject to clarification of Department of Horticulture and soil conservation, Govt. of Manipur about promoter's financial strength and bankability of project.
11	Name of the proposal F.No.27/07/07	Cultivation of Ginger for export
	Promoter	Social Action for Rural Environment & Economic Development Services
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Commerce & Industries Department, Imphal, Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	506.53 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	506.53 lakh
	Decision	This being a stand –alone project, the committee did not approve.
12	Name of the proposal F.No.27/08/07	Ethnic Garments & Handicrafts for export in , Manipur
	Promoter	Phaibung Sahnamai Development Association, Senapati
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Government of Manipur, Imphal. Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	114.96 lakhs
	Promoters Share	34.97 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	80.47 lakhs
	Decision	The promoter may be advised to revise the project in view of the observations of the DC (Handlooms). It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained.
13	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/26/07	Project proposal for cultivation of Ginger
	Promoter	Health Integrated Ministries, Churachandpur, Manipur
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, , Imphal, Manipur.
	Total Cost of the Project	506.53 lakhs
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	506.53 lakhs
	Decision	This being a stand –alone project, the committee did not approve.

14	Name of the proposal F.No.27/13/07	Setting up of Cold storage facilities for ginger.
	Promoter	M/s Negaland Development Outreach Dimapur, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Nagaland
	Total Cost of the Project	191.64 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	191.64 lakh
	Decision	Not approved. If State Government wants to create such facility they may send requisition to the Department of Commerce.
15	Name of the proposal F.No.27/17/07	Cultivation & processing of plums in Nagaland
	Promoter	Khrokolo Foundtion, Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	259.12 lakhs
	Promoters Share	112.93 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	146.19 lakhs
	Decision	It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
16.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., Kigwema Village, Kohima.
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs

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	Decision	It was agreed that 1% processing fee demanded by the NBB will be borne by the promoter and subsequently included in the cost of the project if recommended. It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
17	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Changtongya Village Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce.
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakh
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	It was agreed that 1% processing fee demanded by the NBB will be borne by the promoter and subsequently included in the cost of the project if recommended. It was decided that recommendation from State Government on the assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by the DOC. The project was deferred.
18	Name of the proposal F.No.27/21/07	Anthurium green house cultivation, processing fresh cut flower and export marketing' to be set up in Sovima village, Dimapur District and Kigwema village, Kohima district.
	Promoter	Kenere Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	224.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	24.27 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. APEDA to obtain the comments on financial strength of promoter and bankability of the project and furnish the same to DoC.

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19	Name of the proposal F.No.27/22/07	Anthurium green house cultivation (Hi-Tech) Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s. the Blossoms Florost Society (BFS) in Nagalagnd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	262.94 lakhs
	Promoters Share	62.94 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. APEDA to obtain the comments on financial strength of promoter and bankability of the project and furnish the same to DoC.
20	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/24/06	Expansion of cymbidium, anthurium and creation of hitech infrastructure for export production
	Promoter	M/s Sikkim Flora Ltd., Gangtok. Project forwarded by APEDA under ASIDE Scheme
	Recommended by	Government of Sikkim, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department
	Total Cost of the Project	309.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	60.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	149.00 lakhs
	Decision	Approved in principle subject to Resident Commissioner furnishing the documents showing that project is joint venture of State Government, and give details regarding composition of Board of Directors equity holding, funding patterned. Final decision would be taken on file.
21.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/13/06	Cultivation of Cashew Nuts Bomi Romko Multipurpose Society
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce, Itanagar
	Total Cost of the Project	128.20 lakhs
	Promoters Share	38.46 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	89.74 lakh
	Decision	The proposal was Not Approved. Feasibility of Cultivation of Cashew may be ascertain from Ministry of Agriculture/Cashew EPC.
22.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/39/05	Project proposal for resource cum training centre for exportable high value medicinal and aromatic plants.
	Promoter	Northeast Agriproducts (P) Ltd., Guwahati
	Recommended by	Industries and Commerce Department, Govt. of Assam
	Total Cost of the Project	149.78 lakhs
	Promoters Share	51.79 lakhs

	Grant sought under EDF	97.99 lakhs
	Decision	The proposal was Not Approved.
23.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/07	Cashew processing unit, Meghalaya
	Promoter	Megha Cashew Private Ltd.
	Recommended by	Government of Meghalaya, Industries Department
	Total Cost of the Project	493.09 lakh
	Promoters Share	96.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	100.00 lakh
	Decision	Approved in principle as IDBI/EXIM Bank have reportedly approved financing of this project. State Govt. may provide details of commitments made by IDBI / EXIM bank and also provide balance sheet of the company. Final decision would be taken on file.
24.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/06	Plantation & production of Passion Fruits.
	Promoter	People Advance in Social Services (Pass), New Mata Churachandpur Dist.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Secretariat Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Imphal.
	Total Cost of the Project	44.97 lakhs
	Promoters Share	30.33 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	14.64 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. Reference may be made to DC (Horticulture). APEDA may ascertain financial strength of the promoter and also bankability of the project.
25.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/14/06	Organic cultivation of Chudi(king Chilli) for export
	Promoter	Akami Hills Farmers Associatio, Phek District
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries and Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	76.17 lakh
	Promoters Share	Land cost plus Rs. 10 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	66.17 lakh
	Decision	This being a stand –alone project, the committee did not approve.
26.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/03/07	Export of Organic Products from NE Region
	Promoter	M/s. Naga Indigenous Foods, Kohima

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	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	876.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	123.29 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	601.28 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. APEDA to examine the cost of components involved in equity participation proposed by State Government. It was decided that recommendations from State Government on assessment of viability gap, financial strength of promoter and linkage of exports from State may be obtained. The proposal may thereafter be assessed by APEDA based on agreed criteria for consideration by DOC.
27.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/05/07	Setting up of Sikkim's 1 st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom
	Promoter	Parvatiya Vvikash Sansthan
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Govt. of Sikkim
	Total Cost of the Project	250.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	25.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	225.00 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. State Government to re-examine the proposal and also associate with the promoters to form a joint venture.
28.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/09/07	Rubber wood based door manufacturing unit by Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Promoter	Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Recommended by	Government of Tripura, Department of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	508.40 lakh
	Promoters Share	Not indicated
	Decision	Approved. State Govt. may provide physical and financial phasing of the projects before releasing the funds.
29.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/10/07	Setting up of a Trade Fair Ground at Agartala
	Promoter	Govt. of Tripura
	Recommended by	Government of Tripura, Directorate of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	272.40 lakh
	Promoters Share	
	Grant sought under EDF	272.40 lakh

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	Decision	Proposal was dropped as the Trade Fair Ground has already been set up in Gawahati to cater to the needs of NE States.
30.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/14/07	Opening of Satellite Offices of Export Development Cells in 7 states of NE (excluding Sikkim)
	Promoter	Shellac & Forest Products EPC
	Recommended by	Government of Meghalaya, Forests & Environment Department, Shillong, Meghalaya
	Total Cost of the Project	95.00 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	95.00 lakh
	Decision	The proposal was Not approved as it involves funding of Personnel & Establishment of offices.

(B) Deferred proposals:

- (i) Project proposal on Integrated bee keeping development in Manipur. **Final decision would be taken after the matter is sorted out with NBB and MoA.**
- (ii) Export of silk products from Assam. **It was decided that JS(NKG) may convene a meeting with ARTFED and DC(handloom) and submit the proposal for consideration.**
- (iii) Project proposal for cultivation & processing of Gooseberry (total cost Rs. 115.97, financial assistance sought: Rs. 81.18 lakh.). **It was decided to obtain recommendation of the State Govt to consider the proposal.**

(C) Carried forward Proposals :

- (i) It was noted that Rs. 85 Lakh have been sought as additional funding under EDF for the ongoing project of M/s Patkai Labs Pvt. Ltd. It was decided that since 30% of the cost of the project has been shared by promoters, the cost of escalation should also be shared in that proportion. APEDA may work out the proportionate share of the promoters and the Government in the escalated cost. It was also decided that if promoter is not willing to contribute the proportionate share in

escalated cost then APEDA may consider taking over the Patkai Lab in conformity with the MoU signed by them with the promoters.

- (ii) Production of Canned Mushroom by M/s. Tyrannus (Rs. 89.53 lakhs were approved as financial assistance for this project and Rs. 44.00 lakh has already been released).
- (a) Approval sought for Rs. 10.71lakh i.e. Rs. 7.17 (incurred on unapproved items) and Rs. 3.54 lakh (incurred in excess to approved cost). It was decided that APEDA may examine the proportionate share of the government on component wise cost incurred in excess. They may also examine the desirability of creating the new components and why these were not included in the project proposal initially and send a report for taking a final view.
- (b) Revision of the project cost from Rs. 127.91 lac to Rs. 176.94 lac was not approved.

(D) Miscellaneous Proposals:

- (i) Continuation of Inland Transport Assistance Scheme (ITAS) for the financial year 2007-08. **The proposal was approved.**
- (ii) Allocation of Rs. 25 lakh to APEDA from EDF Scheme for settling pending claims under ITAS. **The proposal was approved.**
- (iii) Permission to utilize interest earned by APEDA on Rs. 1.00 crore released earlier under ITAS. **It was decided that APEDA should capitalize the interest earned on this account and utilize the same for settling the pending claims under ITAS.** The capitalize interest would be taken into account while seeking released to APEDA for the current year.

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- (iv) Minister, WPT & BC and Agriculture, Assam has made proposal to make the transport assistance available when goods are transported from any North East States to processing units located in North East for processing and export.

APEDA has stated that suggestions appears to be reasonable, Ministry of Commerce & Industry may consider making available the Transport assistance when goods are transported from any North East state to the processing unit located in North East for processing and exports.

It was decided that APEDA should examine the proposal and send the modalities of operation and rates of subsidies on such transportation for further consideration in the DoC.

6. Winding up the discussion, the Chairman emphasized on a uniform procedure being followed in the matter of project appraisal. He stated that a check list should be developed and referred to the State Government for making their recommendations to the Government in respect of project proposal received by them for assistance under EDF. Further, the project should be financially appraised by financial institution/ bank. As far as possible, the State Government or a body under the State Government should form a Joint Venture with the promoters for implementation of the project rather than the promoter implementing the project on stand alone basis. The promoter should also be made to contribute at least 20% of the cost of the project. In cases where cost of land is included in the promoters share by way of participatory funding, the cost of land should be certified by the State Government. APEDA should consolidate the recommendations made by the State Government/other agency and make criteria based recommendation to Department of Commerce for obtaining a decision of the Empowered Committee on EDF.

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

List of Participants

- 1) Sh. O P Arya, Additional Secretary, DoC -Chairman
- 2) Sh. N K Gupta, JS, DoC
- 3) Shri S.G. Raut, Jt. Advisor, Planning Commission
- 4) Sh. S K Tuli, Dir, DoC
- 5) Shri. V. D. Alam, Director, DoC
- 6) Sh. R.R. Jha, Director, MHA
- 7) Shri Anil Ganeriwala, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Sikkim
- 8) Shri Orsnthuna Lotha, Assistant Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland
- 9) Shri. W.L. Hangshing, Commissioner, Government of Manipur
- 10) Shri Lerchit Kr. Das, ARC, Assam House
- 11) Sh. D K Verma, US, DoC
- 12) Shri Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA
- 13) Shri Tarun Bajaj, Deputy General Manager, APEDA
- 14) Shri. O.P. Mishra, National Medicinal Plants Board
- 15) Shri Parhlad Rai, Dy. Secretary, National Medicinal Plants Board

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A list of the participants is at Annex-II.

2. Welcoming the participants, Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary informed that in pursuant to decision taken in 3.12.2007 a format for screening the projects received under EDF scheme has been prepared for discussion. The main objective of the screening format is to secure the information about the techno- economic feasibility, stake of the promoters and financial viability of the project so that more focused approach could be adopted while considering the projects. The State Government while forwarding the application would be required to comment on the aspects mentioned in the format. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that screening format as given at Annex. I would be used for examination of projects and henceforth State Governments, APEDA and all other concerned agencies take this format into account while recommending and appraising the project proposals under EDF. He further informed that despite commitments made by representatives of State Governments/ APEDA/ concerned agencies, the requisite details have not been furnished as per decision taken during 3.12.07 meeting.
3. Sh. O P Arya, Additional Secretary pointed out that APEDA who has been designated as apex agency under the scheme are not examining and appraising the proposals in professional manner and making Empowered Committee unable to take decisions. He urged that since APEDA is charging fee @ 2% they should provide matching services also. He stated that for facilitating decision on the projects , APEDA should prepare appraisal report on each project. For such purpose they may engage some consultant. He directed APEDA to carry verification of all projects sanctioned under the scheme, compile it and furnish to Department of Commerce. He also directed APEDA to consolidate and obtain details about the projects as per decision taken during 3.12.2007 EDF meeting. Details so obtained should be sent to Department of Commerce He further stated that the role of the State Government is crucial for the scheme and before recommending the projects under the scheme, concerned States must ensure that project they are recommending would be beneficial for the state and the funds sanctioned would be utilized properly.
4. Shri OP Arya informed the participants that regarding the honey and bee keeping projects, a letter to Secretary Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has been already sent and the issue of charging appraisal fee by National Bee Board would be resolved soon. It was decided that the decision on bee keeping projects should be deferred till the response on this issue is firmed up. In the meantime APEDA in

consultation with State Government carry out assessment of viability gap, financial strength of the promoters and linkage of exports from state.

5. The projects included in the agenda were taken up for consideration as under:-

(A) The Current Proposals considered in the last meeting held on 3rd Dec. 2007:

1.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/06	Bee Keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	M/s Jonts Charitable Society Ltd. (JCS), Yupia, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.93 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	85.05 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
2	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/06	Bee keeping & Honey processing
	Promoter	M/s Jarkum & Yania Charitable Society, Senki Park, Itanagar, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
3	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh.
	Promoter	Arunachal Pradesh Hilly Region Welfare and Charitable Society
	Recommended by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakh
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
4	Name of the proposal F.No.27/23/07	Anthurium green house cultivation, processing fresh cut flower and export marketing in Arunachal

	Promoter	Talars Foundation Society, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	244.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	44.27 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred. In the last EDF meeting held on 03.12.07 it was decided that certification about financial strength of promoters, bankability of project may be obtained from State Government. A letter to Chief Secretary was sent however responses awaited. A reminder to Chief Secretary may go.
5	Name of the proposal F.No.27/25/07	Bee keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	The Tribal Areas Development Society
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
6	Name of the proposal F.No.27/16/06	(i) Construction of collection Sheds (ii) Purchase of two trucks for transportation of Passion Fruits from Churachandpur to Mao
	Promoter	Passion Fruits Grower's Association
	Recommended by	Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	03.18 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	Entire amount
	Decision	It was observed that this is a general transportation project. The clear linkage with export is required for considering the project further. It was decided that State Government's categorical response on this aspect may be obtained.
7	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/06	Organic cultivation/plantation and production of passion fruit.
	Promoter	Social Development Organisation Sanapati Distt.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Horticulture & Soil conservation Department
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 63.00 lakh

	Promoters Share	Rs. 42,50,400/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.20,49, 600/-
	Decision	Project was approved in principle in the last EDF meeting held on 3.12.07 subject to clarification of Department of Horticulture and soil conservation, Govt. of Manipur about promoter's financial strength and bankability of project. As no further details have been received, APEDA should coordinate and obtain the requisite clarification/information urgently.
8	Name of the proposal F.No.27/08/07	Ethnic Garments & Handicrafts for export in , Manipur
	Promoter	Phaibung Sahnamai Development Association, Senapati
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Government of Manipur, Imphal. Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	114.96 lakhs
	Promoters Share	34.97 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	80.47 lakhs
	Decision	ADC(Handloom) stated that the project is not commercially viable and no bifurcation between aspects related to Handicrafts and Hanloom sectors has been made in the project. The project was rejected.
9	Name of the proposal F.No.27/17/07	Cultivation & processing of plums in Nagaland
	Promoter	Khrokolo Foundtion, Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	259.12 lakhs
	Promoters Share	112.93 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	146.19 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred comments of state government on assessment of viability gape, financial strength of promoter and linkage of export from state is pending. RC Nagaland stated that the issue is under consideration of State Government. RC may expedite the response.
10.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., Kigwema Village, Kohima.
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce

	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
11	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Changtongya Village Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce.
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakh
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
12	Name of the proposal F.No.27/21/07	Anthurium green house cultivation, processing fresh cut flower and export marketing' to be set up in Sovima village, Dimapur District and Kigwema village, Kohima district.
	Promoter	Kenere Multipurpose Co-operative Society ltd., Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	224.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	24.27 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision	In the last meeting of EDF held on 3.12.2007 the proposal was deferred and it was decided that APEDA to obtain the comments on financial strength of promoter and bankability of the project and furnish the same to DoC. Not approved as no detail has been furnished by State Government.
13	Name of the proposal F.No.27/22/07	Anthurium green house cultivation (Hi-Tech) Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s. the Blossoms Florost Society (BFS) in Nagaland
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	262.94 lakhs
	Promoters Share	62.94 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs

	Decision	<p>APEDA has informed that UCO Bank, Kohima have disbursed a term loan of Rs. 140 lakh for the society. The Government of Nagaland has recommended the project to be considered as it has been examined by them and found to be technically feasible and economically viable.</p> <p>It was pointed out that since UCO bank has already committed term loan of Rs 140 lac therefore the share under EDF would come down to Rs 60 lac.</p> <p>The project was approved as per following scheme: Total cost of project: Rs 262.94 lac Promoters share : Rs 62.94 lac Loan from UCO bank: Rs 140 lac EDF assistance: Rs 60 lac Funds would be released only after loan from Uco bank is released.</p>
14	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/24/06	Expansion of cymbidium, anthurium and creation of hitech infrastructure for export production
	Promoter	M/s Sikkim Flora Ltd., Gangtok. Project forwarded by APEDA under ASIDE Scheme
	Recommended by	Government of Sikkim, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department
	Total Cost of the Project	309.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	60.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	149.00 lakhs
	Decision	<p>Project was approved in principle in the EDF meeting held on 03.12.07 subject to Resident Commissioner furnishing the documents showing that project is joint venture of State Government, and give details regarding composition of Board of Directors equity holding, funding patterned. Final decision would be taken on file.</p> <p>Details from the Resident Commissioner are yet to be received. APEDA to coordinate and obtain the requisite information.</p>
15.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/07	Cashew processing unit, Meghalaya
	Promoter	Megha Cashew Private Ltd.
	Recommended by	Government of Meghalaya, Industries Department
	Total Cost of the Project	493.09 lakh
	Promoters Share	96.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	100.00 lakh

	Decision	<p>In the last EDF meeting held on 03.12.2007, the proposal was approved in principle as IDBI/EXIM Bank have reportedly approved financing of this project. State Govt. was to provide details of commitments made by IDBI / EXIM bank and also provide balance sheet of the company. It was decided that the Final decision would be taken on file.</p> <p>However, Some information/documents have been furnished by the State Govt., further following have also been sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The flow of funds from IDBI & EXJ Bank. ii. Stages of the promoter's contribution. iii. Details of the assets to be created with EDF. <p>Resident Commissioner should obtain and furnish information in 15 days.</p>
16.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/06	Plantation & production of Passion Fruits.
	Promoter	People Advance in Social Services (Pass), New Mata Churachandpur Dist.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Secretariat Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Imphal.
	Total Cost of the Project	44.97 lakhs
	Promoters Share	30.33 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	14.64 lakhs
	Decision	APEDA to re-examine the proposal as per approved screening format.
17	Name of the proposal F.No.27/03/07	Export of Organic Products from NE Region
	Promoter	M/s. Naga Indigenous Foods, Kohima
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	876.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	123.29 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	601.28 lakhs
	Decision	It was decided that promoter should reduce the size of grant sought under EDF scheme and State Government should form joint venture in substantial way. The project may be considered thereafter.
18	Name of the proposal F.No.27/05/07	Setting up of Sikkim's 1 st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom
	Promoter	Parvatiya Vvikash Sansthan

	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Govt. of Sikkim
	Total Cost of the Project	250.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	25.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	225.00 lakhs
	Decision	In the last meeting of EDF held on 03.12.2007 this proposal was Deferred. State Government is to re-examine the proposal and also associate with the promoters to form a joint venture. No further details have been received. APEDA to coordinate and obtain the requisite information.
19.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/09/07	Rubber wood based door manufacturing unit by Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Promoter	Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Recommended by	Government of Tripura, Department of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	508.40 lakh
	Promoters Share	Not indicated
	Decision	This proposal was Approved in the last meeting of EDF held on 03.12.2007. It was decided that State Govt. provide physical and financial phasing of the projects before releasing the funds. State Govt. have been requested to provide physical and financial phasing of the projects. RC Tripura should obtain and furnish information in 15 days.

(B) Deferred proposals:

	Project	Decision taken in the last meeting held on 3 rd dec. 2007
i.	Project proposal on integrated bee keeping development in Manipur.	Deferred as decided at Para 4 above.
ii.	Export of silk products from Assam	In the last meeting of EDF held on 03.12.2007, it was decided that JS(NKG) convene a meeting with ARTFED and DC(handloom) and submit the proposal for consideration. JS(NKG) convened a meeting with ARTFED and DC(handloom) on 14.1.2008. ARTFED has submitted a revised proposal. As the representative from DC(Handloom) could not attend the meeting, it was decided that formal comments of DC(H) may be

		obtained to take final view.
iii.	Project proposal for cultivation & processing of Gooseberr by M/s Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd., in Pern District, Nagaland (total cost Rs. 261.78lakh financial assistance sought: Rs. 181.74 lakh). F.No. 27/15/2005-Infra-II	Rejected as no response of State Government was received.

(C) Carried forward Proposals :

	Project	Decision
i.	Additional funding of Rs. 85.00 lakh to M/s Patkai Labs Pvt. Ltd, Assam. (F.No. 27/6/2007-Infra-II)	APEDA has recommended the proposal of funding the escalated cost upto 70%. It was decided to grant Rs 59.50lac (70% of Rs 85 lac) for meeting escalated cost as Government's share. Balance 30% of the escalated cost should be met by the promoter.
ii.	Releas of 2 nd installment to M/s. Tyrannus (F.No. 27/8/2003-Infra-II)	During 3.12.07 meeting It was decided that APEDA may examine the proportionate share of the government on component wise cost incurred in excess. They may also examine the desirability of creating the new components and why these were not included in the project proposal initially and send a report for taking a final view. APEDA has informed that Rs. 89.53 lakh were approved under the project and Rs. 44 lakh have already been released. The beneficiary has spent Rs. 10.71 lakh on the unapproved items and in excess to the approved cost of the project, which may be deducted while sanctioning the release of 2 nd installment It was decided that Rs10.71 lac spent on unapproved items will be may deducted from the 2 nd installment.

(D) Miscellaneous Proposal:

Minister, WPT & BC and Agriculture, Assam has made proposal to make the transport assistance available when goods are transported from any North East States to processing units located in North East for processing and export.

APEDA has stated that suggestions appears to be reasonable, Ministry of Commerce & Industry may consider making available the Transport assistance when goods are transported from any North East state to the processing unit located in North East for processing and exports.

In the last meeting held on 3rd Dec. 2007, it was decided that APEDA should examine the proposal and send the modalities of operation and rates of subsidies on such transportation for further consideration in the DoC.

As Response of APEDA on the issue is awaited –APEDA to provide modalities of operation and rates of subsidies on such transportation.

(E) All the following proposals have been approved ex-post-facto* by EC on EDF :

S.No.	Name of Project	State	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. Lakh)	Amount Released (Rs. Lakh)
1	Financial assistance to Govt. of Sikkim for meeting their pending liabilities arising out of infrastructure development works at the Border Trade Mart at Nathula. (F.No. 27/25/2006-Infra-II)	Government of Sikkim	106.24 + 5.72	111.96
2	Proposal of Indian Council of Social Science Research, NER, Centre for two days Seminar on Indo- China Border Trade. (F.No. 27/22/2006-Infra-II)	Indian Council of Social Science Research, Shillong, Meghalaya	2.55	2.55
3	Reimbursement of training cost to IIFT for conducting Training Programme for traders at Moreh	IIFT	6.78	6.78
4	Project on Export Promotion infrastructure for 2TPH passion fruit processing plant Mao, Manipur (F.No. No.27/03/03 Infra-II)	M/s Good Samaritan Social Services Association, Punanamei	250.00	166.00

*(It was noted that these proposals were approved earlier on files and inadvertently could not be placed before previous empowered committee meeting for ratification.)

6. Winding up the discussion, the Chairman emphasized that APEDA is acting as Apex body under the scheme therefore it should coordinate and obtain the requisite information. Based on these

information they should prepare appraisal note for each project which should be placed before Empowered Committee. It was noted that APEDA did not come fully prepared for this meeting.

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

Screening Format for the EDF Projects :

1	The projects should be enrouted through the concerned State Governments
2	Twelve copies of the project proposal are required.
3.	(a) Appraisal Report of the project by financing bank/agencies on techno financial viability of the projects. Estimation of viability gap if any. (b) Appraisal Report of the project by concerned state governments (c) Assessment of Techno-feasibility and recommendation by State Government
4.	Direct Export linkage - clearly indicate Export Markets
5.	Financial details i. Total Cost implications ii. Source(s) of finance ii. Capital Cost iii. Working Capital Requirements iv. Contribution by the promoters to the project. v. Name of the financing institutions / banks providing working capital or term loan. vi. Flow of funds by financing agency/banks & promoters vii. Financial strength of promoters with audited Balance sheets if any or other relevant documents
6.	The economic viability of the project- Promoter's assessment of Strengths and risks.
7.	Details of assets to be created with the assistance of EDF
8.	Assessment of Technology certification
9.	Assured availability of raw material and cost
10.	Extent of State support through at least free land for the project
11.	The project to be taken up by the State Government should be long-lasting, sustainable and with assured benefits.
12	Projects should aim at capacity building of existing entrepreneurs, producers and traders so that they can look at export market.

List of Participants

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- 1) Sh. N K Gupta, JS, DoC
- 2) Shri. V. D. Alam, Director, DoC
- 3) Sh. R.R. Jha, Director, MHA
- 4) Shri. W.L. Hangshing, Commissioner, Government of Manipur
- 5) Shri Sanjeev Ranjan. Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Tripura
- 6) Shri D K Bhalla, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland
- 7) Ms. S R Marak, ARC, Govt. of Meghalaya
- 8) Sh. D K Verma, US, DoC
- 9) Shri Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA
- 10) Shri Tarun Bajaj, Dy. General Manager, APEDA
- 11) Shri. Prahlad Rai, Dy. Secy., National Medicinal Plants Board
- 12) Sh. S.K Sharda, Addl. DC O/o DC(Hnadlooms)

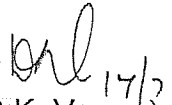
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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 17th July, 2008

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund-
NER - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region held on 14.07.2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, and Department of Commerce on the above cited subject for information/necessary action.


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- 9) Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries, Government of Manipur, Secretariat, Imphal

- 10) Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 11) Secretary, Commerce & Industry Department, Government of Nagaland, Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland
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Minutes of the meeting of EC on EDF held on 14.07.2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, DoC.

A list of the participants is at Annex-I.

2. Welcoming the participants, Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary informed that the recommendation/ reports on most of the projects considered during Empowered Committee meeting held on 15.01.2008 are still awaited from APEDA/State Governments. He further added that wherever the comments/recommendations has been furnished by State Governments/ APEDA, they are not as per the 12 point screening format devised for examination of proposal(Annex. II). He underlined the fact that only those proposals may be considered under EDF scheme which are financially appraised for viability gap funding and specifically sported by State Governments as per the guidelines. Chairman, APEDA has informed that they have appointed a consultant for scrutiny and appraisal of EDF proposals. He also informed that they have made referencé to all concerned States, however, their responses are awaited.

3. Sh. P K. Chaudhery, Additional Secretary appreciated the views of JS(NKG) and urged that recommendation of the States strictly as per the screening format would be pre-requisite criteria for consideration of a proposal under EDF-NER Scheme. He further emphasized that States must ensure that proposals they are recommending would be helping growth of exports from the state and the funds sanctioned would be utilized properly. He stated that we can fix the viability gap in terms of percentage of total cost of project and suggested that we may consider funding up to a maximum of 30% of the viability gap in case of private promoters and up to 50% gap in case of Govt. sponsored bodies including PSUs/Boards etc. and same can be released in exceptional case where enough justification is available.

4. In response to this Department's request, M/o Agriculture has conveyed that NBB will continue to charge 1% processing charges as it is an autonomous body and it has to manage its affairs and sustain on its own by raising funds from such sources. Keeping in view of the above it has been decided that promoters should provide for this processing cost and subsequently include the same in the project cost. If the project is subsequently approved by Empowered Committee, the cost can be shared between promoter, lending institution and EDF. Accordingly for the honey and bee keeping projects, at Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10 and 17 of item - A of the agenda, it was decided that APEDA would seek comments of Promoter/State Governments within 30days time. Similarly in case of projects at Sr No. 4,6,7,8,12, 14,15 and 16 of item - A of the agenda, it had been observed that these are pending for long for want of specific comments from APEDA/State Governments despite the reminders from DoC. Therefore, it was decided that APEDA/ concerned State Governments will furnish their comments within 30days

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time. It was also decided that in all above cases, if no response is received in the stipulated time, projects will be treated as rejected in the present form. Promoters may apply afresh with revised project specifically conforming to the guidelines and procedure laid down for EDF support.

5. After detailed deliberations the projects included in the agenda were taken up for consideration as under:-

A. Deferred Proposal - The projects proposals considered in the meeting(excluding rejected proposals) of EC on EDF held on 15.01.2008):-

Sr No	Details	
1.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/06	Bee Keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	M/s Jonts Charitable Society Ltd. (JCS), Yupia, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.93 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	85.05 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
2	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/06	Bee keeping & Honey processing
	Promoter	M/s Jarkum & Yania Charitable Society, Senki Park, Itanagar, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
3	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh.
	Promoter	Arunachal Pradesh Hilly Region Welfare and Charitable Society
	Recommended by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakh
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
4	Name of the proposal F.No.27/23/07	Anthurium green house cultivation, processing fresh cut flower and export marketing in Arunachal

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	Promoter	Talars Foundation Society, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	244.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	44.27 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
5	Name of the proposal F.No.27/25/07	Bee keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	The Tribal Areas Development Society
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Deferred as decided at Para 3	As decided at Para 4 above.
6	Name of the proposal F.No.27/16/06	(i) Construction of collection Sheds (ii) Purchase of two trucks for transportation of Passion Fruits from Churachandpur to Mao
	Promoter	Passion Fruits Grower's Association
	Recommended by	Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	03.18 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	Entire amount
	Decision	In the last meeting held on 15.01.2008 it was observed that this is a general transportation project. The clear linkage with export is required. It was decided that State Government's categorical response to this aspect may be obtained. As decided at Para 4 above.
7	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/06	Organic cultivation/plantation and production of passion fruit.
	Promoter	Social Development Organisation Sanapati Distt.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Horticulture & Soil conservation Department
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 63.00 lakh
	Promoters Share	Rs. 42,50,400/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.20,49,600/-

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	Decision	<p>Project was approved in principle in the last EDF meeting held on 3.12.07 subject to clarification of Department of Horticulture and soil conservation, Govt. of Manipur about promoter's financial strength and bankability of project.</p> <p>In the last meeting held on 15.01.2008 it was decided that APEDA should coordinate and obtain the requisite clarification/information urgently.</p> <p>As decided at Para 4 above.</p>
8	Name of the proposal F.No.27/17/07	Cultivation & processing of plums in Nagaland
	Promoter	Khrokolo Foundtion, Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	259.12 lakhs
	Promoters Share	112.93 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	146.19 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
9.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., Kigwema Village, Kohima.
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
10	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Changtongya Village Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce.
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakh
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.

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11	Name of the proposal F.No.27/22/07	Anthurium green house cultivation (Hi-Tech) Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s. the Blossoms Florost Society (BFS) in Nagalaqnd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	262.94 lakhs
	Promoters Share	62.94 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	200.00 lakhs
	Decision of the last meeting	<p>APEDA has informed that UCO Bank, Kohima have disbursed a term loan of Rs. 140 lakh for the society. The Government of Nagaland has recommended the project to be considered as it has been examined by them and found to be technically feasible and economically viable. It was pointed out that since UCO bank has already committed term loan of Rs 140 lac therefore the share under EDF would come down to Rs 60 lac.</p> <p>In the last meeting the project was approved as per following scheme: Total cost of project: Rs 262.94 lac Promoters share : Rs 62.94 lac Loan from UCO bank: Rs 140 lac EDF assistance: Rs 60 lac Funds would be released only after loan from Uco bank is released.</p>
Decision	APEDA to furnish their recommendation on aspect related project cost and financial appraisal for assessment of viability gap and thereafter the proposal would be examined on file.	
12	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/24/06	Expansion of cymbidium, anthurium and creation of hitech infrastructure for export production
	Promoter	M/s Sikkim Flora Ltd., Gangtok. Project forwarded by APEDA under ASIDE Scheme
	Recommended by	Government of Sikkim, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department
	Total Cost of the Project	309.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	60.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	149.00 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
13	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/07	Cashew processing unit, Meghalaya
	Promoter	Megha Cashew Private Ltd.
	Recommended by	Government of Meghalaya, Industries Department
	Total Cost of the Project	493.09 lakh

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	Promoters Share	96.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	100.00 lakh
		In the last EDF meeting held on 03.12.2007 and 15.01.2008, the proposal was approved in principle subject to some information/clarification. The information submitted by M/S Mega Cashew (P) Ltd indicates that they are getting assistance from Ministry of Food Processing Industry. As they were getting assistance from M/o Food Processing Industry, they became ineligible for getting any assistance from EDF. Therefore the earlier approval/sanction given in principle has been withdrawn. The State Government has been informed accordingly vide letter dated 26th March, 2008.
	Decision	Empowered committee approved the decision to cancel the approval.
14.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/06	Plantation & production of Passion Fruits.
	Promoter	People Advance in Social Services (Pass), New Mata Churachandpur Dist.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Secretariat Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Imphal.
	Total Cost of the Project	44.97 lakhs
	Promoters Share	30.33 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	14.64 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
15	Name of the proposal F.No.27/03/07	Export of Organic Products from NE Region
	Promoter	M/s. Naga Indigenous Foods, Kohima
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	876.27 lakhs
	Promoters Share	123.29 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	601.28 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above..
16	Name of the proposal F.No.27/05/07	Setting up of Sikkim's 1st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom
	Promoter	Parvatiya Vvikash Sansthan
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Govt. of Sikkim

	Total Cost of the Project	250.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	25.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	225.00 lakhs
	Decision	As decided at Para 4 above.
17	Project proposal on integrated bee keeping development in Manipur. (F.No. 27/40/2005-Infra-II)	
	Decision:	As decided at Para 4 above.
18	27/34/2004-Infra-II Export of silk products from Assam by ARTFED	<p>In the last meeting of EDF held on 03.12.2007, it was decided that JS(NKG) convene a meeting with ARTFED and DC(handloom) and submit the proposal for consideration.</p> <p>JS(NKG) convened a meeting with ARTFED and DC(handloom) on 14.1.2008. ARTFED has submitted a revised proposal.</p> <p>As the representative from DC(Handloom) could not attend the meeting, it was decided that formal comments of DC(H) may be obtained to take final view.</p> <p>DC(Handloom) has conveyed their no objection to the release of Rs.90.85 lakh or eligible amount to M/s ARTFED for promotion & Development of Exportable Hand-woven Silk Products at Sualkuchi, Assam under EDF subject to the condition that monitoring of the project on periodical basis will be borne by the Department of Commerce for proper implementation of the programme.</p> <p>The then AS(OPA) has directed on the file to take up the matter in the next meeting of EC of EDF.</p>
	Decision	The proposal was approved.
19.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/09/07	Rubber wood based door manufacturing unit by Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Promoter	Tripura Forest Dev. & Plantation Corporation
	Recommended by	Government of Tripura, Department of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	508.40 lakh
	Promoters Share	Not indicated

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Decision	<p>The proposal was approved in the last EC meeting on EDF. In a meeting held on 2nd July 2008 in Cabinet Secretariat reg. priority areas of Tripura, RC, Tripura has informed that the 1st installment for the project is yet to be received.</p> <p>APEDA to release the funds immediately without any further delay.</p>
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B. New proposals

Arunachal Pradesh

1.	Name of the Project F.No.27/01/08- Infra-II	Anthurium Green House Cultivation and Processing Fresh Cut Flower for export Marketing under the scheme of Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region (EDF-NER)
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Applicant	Aab Epa Welfare Society, Dem Village, Pistana Circle, PO/PS-Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs.276.50 lakhs
	Promoter's Share with Land value	Rs.66.50 lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.210.00 lakh
	Profit: PAT I year II year III year	38.20 lakh 80.86 lakh 129.17 lakh
Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.	
2.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/02/08- Infra-II	Ginger Oil Extraction Plant By Arunachal Institute of Resource Management, Naharlagun Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh
	Recommended by	Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.333.58 lakh
	Promoters Share	NIL
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.333.58 lakh
Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.	

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3.	Name of the Project F.No.27/21/07- Infra-II	Anthurium Green House Cultivation, Processing Fresh Cut flowers and Export Marketing
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	M/s Kenere Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Kohima, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 224.27 lakhs
	Promoter's Share with Land value	Rs. 24.27 Lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 200.00 lakh
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate to obtain the comments of Horticulture Department, M/o Agriculture, Govt. of India and also the comments of State Govts. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
4.	Name of the Project F.No.27/24/07- Infra-II	Cultivation of Anthurium and Garbera Cut Flower under Hi-tech Green House and Controlled Atmosphere
	Forwarded by	Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Tongpok Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dimapur, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 279.02 lakhs
	Promoter's Share without cost of Land value	Rs. 66.75 lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 200.26 lakh
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
5.	Name of the proposal F.No.27/29/07- Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export, Nagaland by Rangchholiba Multipurpose Society, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoters Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the projects	-
	IRR (ON PAT)	-

	IRR (ON PBT)	
	Export Market	-
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
6.	Name of the Project F.No.27/30/2007- Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export by Keze Society, Kohima, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoter 's Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the Project	Not indicated
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
7.	Name of the Project File No.27/32/07 Infra -II	Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for Export
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Ruozie Society, Chedema, Kohima, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.41.29 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 10.00 lakhs (as Labour)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 31.29 lakhs
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis)	33.62%
	(PAT Basis)	35.89%
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
8.	Name of the Project File No.27/31/07- Infra -II	Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for Export
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Wizieru MPCs Ltd. Tsiiepfu Tsiiephfe, Kohima, Nagaland.

	Cost of Project	Rs.2,47,86,639/-
	Promoter 's Share	
	As land	Rs.8000000
	As labour	Rs.6460000
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 1,03,26,639/-
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis)	86.31%
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
9.	Name of the Project File No.27/13/07- Infra -II	Ginger Cultivation and Export by M/s Nagaland Development Outreach, Dimapur
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.1,91,64,320/- (Rupees One Crores Ninety One Lakh Sixty four thousand three hundred twenty only)
	Promoter 's Share	NIL
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Entire cost of project
	IRR of the Project	
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt. to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.

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10.	Name of the Project File No.27/7/07- Infra -II	Cultivation of Ginger for Export by M/s Social Action for Rural Environment and Economic Development Services
	Forwarded by	Promoters directly submitted the proposal to this Department.
	Cost of Project	506.53 Lakh
	Requested amount as grant assistance	506.53 Lakh
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with state Govt, to obtain the comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
11.	Name of the Project File No.27/26/07- Infra -II	Cultivation of Ginger for Export Under Export Development fund for the District Churachandpur, Manipur by M/s health Integrated Ministries Regnkai
	Forwarded by	Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs.506.53 lakhs

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		(five crore Six lakhs fifty three thousand)
	Requested assistance	Rs.506.53 lakhs
	Decision	APEDA has been asked to obtain the revised proposal along with comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
12.	Name of the Project File No.27/03/08- Infra -II	Project proposal for promotion of Pat Chauli Oil export and training in NEI by The Hills Development Agency, Grace Cottage Solitary Colony Touibung, Churachandpur, Manipur
	Forwarded by	Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs.1,62,00,000/- (Page 7 of proposal) or Rs.1,62,56,000/- (Page 23 of proposal) Clearly not indicated
	Promoter's Share with Land value	Land only. Land valuation certificate is of year 1997(page 5 or proposal)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.1,62,00,000/-(at page 7 of Proposal)
	Profit: PAT I year II year III year	Not indicated
	Direct Export linkage - clearly indicate Export Market	The promoters has not clearly indicated the export market .
	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with State Govt./Promoter to obtain the revised proposal along with comments/recommendations of State Govt. as per the conditions mentioned in the screening format.
13.	Name of the Project File No.27/04/08- Infra-II	Promotion of Ethnic Handlooms Products for Export by Phaibung Sahnamai Development Association
	Forwarded by	Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs..126.96 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 34.49 lakhs (Rs. 8.51 lakh in year 08-09 Rs.25.98 lakh in year 09-10)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 92.47 lakhs (in year 09-10)
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis) (PBT Basis)	31.15% 35.15%

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	Decision	APEDA to coordinate with DC(Handloom), DC(Handicraft) and State Govt and obtain the comments/recommendations.
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C. Proposal requiring ratification by the Empowered Committee on EDF which were approved on the file by then AS(OPA) in his capacity as chairman of EC on EDF.

1. Inland Transport Assistance Scheme (F.No.27/17/2002-Infra-II)

As proposed by APEDA for extension of the ITAS scheme for the year 2008-09, the proposal was considered on the file and was approved. AS& FA has also concurred in the proposal.

Decision: EC on EDF-NER has accorded its approval.

D. Policy issues

(i) Assistance under ITAS for Transport of produce from the farm to the processing Unit anywhere in North East. (F.No.27/17/2002-Infra-II)

As per existing Inland Transport Assistance Scheme, the transport assistance is allowed @ Rs. 2 per kg or actual freight paid whichever is less, for the goods transported from the North Eastern states by rails through ICD, Guwahati to any place in west Bengal for processing and export. A proposal has been received from the APEDA that transport assistance scheme may be extended to give financial assistance for transport of their produce from the farm to the processing units anywhere in North East, which is primarily meant for exports. In support of their proposal APEDA has urged that this will provide relief to the Growers and also to the processing units who are facing problem of getting produce at right place.

Decision: It has been decided that APEDA may take up this issue with DIPP to consider this proposal under their existing Transport Assistance Scheme for the North East Region if it is already not covered.

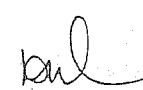
(ii) Inclusion of some more activities under EDF as admissible

In its report of "Performance audit of ASIDE Scheme" of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 2006 had pointed out that Activities like seminars, workshops, conferences, training programmes, expositions etc. were not covered under the scope of the guidelines of EDF for North East including Sikkim. Empowered Committee may accord approval for inclusion of Preparation of DPR/Feasibility reports, seminars, workshops, conference, training programme, exposition aimed to boost export from NER including Sikkim as permissible activities under EDF so that same can be notified.

Decision: Empowered Committee on EDF-NER has approved to notify the above activities as permitted activity under EDF-NER..

6. Winding up the discussion, the Chairman emphasized that APEDA which is an Apex Body should coordinate and obtain the requisite information within a period of one month. Based on the information, they should prepare appraisal note for each project which should be placed before the next Empowered Committee meeting.

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



List of Participants

1. Sh. P K Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, DoC -Chairman
2. Sh. N K Gupta, Joint Secretary, DoC
3. Shri. V. D. Alam, Director, DoC
4. Shri A. K. Lahiri, Dy. Secretary, DoC
5. Shri D.K. Verma, Under Secretary, DoC
6. Sh. Asit Tripathy, Chairman, APEDA
7. Sh. Suresh Chandra Sharma, Director, Ministry of DoNER
8. Sh. R.B. Prasad, Liaison Officer, North Eastern Council
9. Sh. W.L. Hangshing, Resident Commissioner Manipur, Govt. of Manipur
10. Sh. S. Dubey, Officer on special Duty, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
11. Sh. Ravi Capoor, Commissioner & Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Department , Govt. of Assam
12. Sh. D K. Shukla, Resident Commissioner Nagaland, Government of Nagaland
13. Sh. Arvind Kumar, Resident Commissioner Sikkim, Govt. of Sikkim
14. Sh. Ashok Sehgal, Assistant Development Commissioner (Handicraft), Office of Development Commissioner (Handicraft)
15. Sh. Parhlad Rai, Dy Secretary, National Medicinal Plant Board
16. Ms. Meenu Kumar, ADC(Handloom), O/o DC(Handloom)
17. Sh. Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA
18. Sh. Vijendra Kumar, Consultants, APEDA
19. Sh. Harpal Singh, APEDA

Annexe-II

Screening Format for the EDF Projects :

1	The projects should be enrouted through the concerned State Governments
2	Twelve copies of the project proposal are required.
3.	(a) Appraisal Report of the project by financing bank/agencies on techno financial viability of the projects. Estimation of viability gap if any. (b) Appraisal Report of the project by concerned state governments (c) Assessment of Techno-feasibility and recommendation by State Government
4.	Direct Export linkage - clearly indicate Export Markets
5.	Financial details i. Total Cost implications ii. Source(s) of finance ii. Capital Cost iii. Working Capital Requirements iv. Contribution by the promoters to the project. v. Name of the financing institutions / banks providing working capital or term loan. vi. Flow of funds by financing agency/banks & promoters vii. Financial strength of promoters with audited Balance sheets if any or other relevant documents
6.	The economic viability of the project- Promoter's assessment of Strengths and risks.
7.	Details of assets to be created with the assistance of EDF
8.	Assessment of Technology certification
9.	Assured availability of raw material and cost
10.	Extent of State support through at least free land for the project
11.	The project to be taken up by the State Government should be long-lasting, sustainable and with assured benefits.
12	Projects should aim at capacity building of existing entrepreneurs, producers and traders so that they can look at export market.

Minutes of the Meeting of EC on EDF held under the chairmanship of Shri P.K. Chaudhery, AS, DoC on 12.01.2009 in room No. 152, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi at 3.p.m.

A list of the participants is at Annex-I.

2. Welcoming the participants, Shri P.K. Chaudhery, AS {AS (PKC)}, DoC informed that it has been observed that in the most of the cases the projects proposals under EDF-NER, are not received as per the 12 point screening format devised for examination of proposal(Annex. II). He urged that henceforth only those proposals would be entertained under EDF scheme by DOC which are recommended by State Governments as per the guidelines and 12 points screening format. AS(PKC) further emphasized that States must ensure that proposals they are recommending would be helping growth of exports from the State and the funds sanctioned would be utilized properly. He directed that a letter to State Govt. in NER stating all above aspects should also be sent immediately.

3. After detailed deliberations the projects included in the agenda were taken up for consideration as under:-

A. Deferred Proposals:-

Sr. No	Details	
1.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/06	Bee Keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	M/s Jonts Charitable Society Ltd. (JCS), Yupia, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	Earlier cost-112.93 lakhs Revised cost - Rs. 262.66 lakh
	Promoters Share	Earlier share- Rs. 27.88 lakhs Revised-Rs78.80 lakhs (including Term Loan Bank of Rs.10.00 lakh)
	Grant sought under EDF	Earlier- Rs. 85.05 lakhs Revised- 183.86 lakh
	Decision	Deferred
2	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/06	Bee keeping & Honey processing
	Promoter	M/s Jarkum & Yania Charitable Society, Senki Park, Itanagar, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case

3	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh.
	Promoter	Arunachal Pradesh Hilly Region Welfare and Charitable Society
	Recommended by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	Earlier Rs. 212.76 Lakh Revised- Rs. 244.51 lakh
	Promoters Share	Earlier- Rs. 27.88 lakh Revised. 73.35 lakh (including Term Loan Bank of Rs.10.00 lakh)
	Grant sought under EDF	Earlier- Rs. 184.88 lakh Revised- Rs. 171.16 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
4	Name of the proposal F.No.27/25/07	Bee keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	The Tribal Areas Development Society
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	112.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	84.88 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
5	Name of the proposal F.No.27/16/06	(i) Construction of collection Sheds (ii) Purchase of two trucks for transportation of Passion Fruits from Churachandpur to Mao
	Promoter	Passion Fruits Grower's Association
	Recommended by	Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur
	Total Cost of the Project	03.18 lakh
	Promoters Share	-
	Grant sought under EDF	Entire amount
	Decision	Decided to close the case
6	Name of the proposal F.No.27/18/06	Organic cultivation/plantation and production of passion fruit.
	Promoter	Social Development Organisation Sanapati Distt.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Horticulture & Soil conservation Department
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 63.00 lakh
	Promoters Share	Rs. 42,50,400/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.20,49,600/-
	Decision	It was decided that APEDA may advise promoters to apply under National Horticulture Mission Scheme (NHM) for such kinds of cultivation projects as NHM is providing assistance for cultivation.
7	Name of the proposal F.No.27/17/07	Cultivation & processing of plums in Nagaland
	Promoter	Khrokolo Foundtion, Kohima, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	259.12 lakhs
	Promoters Share	112.93 lakhs

	Grant sought under EDF	146.19 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
8.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., Kigwema Village, Kohima.
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	212.76 lakhs
	Promoters Share	27.88 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	184.88 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
9	Name of the proposal F.No.27/20/07	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing unit Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s Changtongya Village Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Directorate of Industries & Commerce.
	Total Cost of the Project	Earlier Rs. 212.76 lakh Revised- Rs. 262.66 lakhs
	Promoters Share	Earlier- Rs. 27.88 lakh Revised- Rs. 68.80 lakhs
	Bank Loan	10.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	Earlier- Rs.184.88 lakh Revised - Rs183.86 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
10	Name of the proposal F.No.27/22/07	Anthurium green house cultivation (Hi-Tech), Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s. the Blossoms Florist Society (BFS) in Nagaland
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	262.94 lakhs
	Promoters Share/UCO Bank	62.94 lakhs/140.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.60.00 Lakh
	Decision	APEDA gave justification before the committee. The project was approved with contribution from EDF as Rs. 60 lakh.
11	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/24/06	Expansion of cymbidium, anthurium and creation of hitech infrastructure for export production
	Promoter	M/s Sikkim Flora Ltd., Gangtok.
	Recommended by	Government of Sikkim, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department
	Total Cost of the Project	309.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	60.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	149.00 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
12	Name of the proposal F.No.27/15/06	Plantation & production of Passion Fruits.
	Promoter	People Advance in Social Services (Pass), New Mata Churachandpur Dist.
	Recommended by	Government of Manipur, Secretariat Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department, Imphal.

	Total Cost of the Project	44.97 lakhs
	Promoters Share	30.33 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	14.64 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
13	Name of the proposal F.No.27/05/07	Setting up of Sikkim's 1st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom
	Promoter	Parvatiya Vikash Sansthan
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Govt. of Sikkim
	Total Cost of the Project	250.00 lakhs
	Promoters Share	25.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	225.00 lakhs
	Decision	It was decided that APEDA would carry out financial appraisal of the project. It was also decided that grant only upto 30% would be considered. APEDA after their appraisal may suggest the cost of different component, restricted to 30% of the total cost of project, which may be considered for assistance from EDF. Final decision may be taken after above suggestion of APEDA is received.
14	Name of the proposal (F.No. 27/40/2005-Infra-II)	Project proposal on integrated bee keeping development in Manipur.
	Promoter	The Hill Area Tribal Development Society, Ukhrul, Manipur
	Recommended by	Horticulture & Soil conservation Department, Manipur
	Total cost of the project	93.74 lakhs
	Promoters Share	18.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	75.74 lakh
	Decision	Decided to close the case
15	Name of the Project F.No.27/01/08-Infra-II	Anthurium Green House Cultivation and Processing Fresh Cut Flower for export Marketing under the scheme of Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region (EDF-NER)
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Applicant	Aab Epa Welfare Society, Dem Village, Pistana Circle, PO/PS-Ziro, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh.
	Cost of Project	Rs.276.50 lakhs
	Promoter's Share with Land value	Rs.66.50 lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.210.00 lakh
	Profit: PAT	
	I year	38.20 lakh
	II year	80.86 lakh
	III year	129.17 lakh
	Decision	Decided to close the case
16	Name of the proposal F.No.27/02/08-Infra-II	Ginger Oil Extraction Plant By Arunachal Institute of Resource Management, Naharlagun Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh

	Recommended by	Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.333.58 lakh
	Promoters Share	NIL
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.333.58 lakh
	Decision	Deferred
17	Name of the Project F.No.27/24/07-Infra-II	Cultivation of Anthurium and Garbera Cut Flower under Hi-tech Green House and Controlled Atmosphere
	Forwarded by	Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Tongpok Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dimapur, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 279.02 lakhs
	Promoter's Share without cost of Land value	Rs. 66.75 lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 200.26 lakh
	Decision	Project was approved in principal with assistance from EDF restricted to 30% of total cost. Decision to release funds would be taken on file after the project is appraised by Bank and promoter submits the sanction letter from Bank granting loan for balance fund.
18	Name of the proposal F.No.27/29/07-Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export, Nagaland by Rangchholiba Multipurpose Society, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoters Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the projects IRR (ON PAT) IRR (ON PBT)	-
	Export Market	-
	Decision	Deferred
19	Name of the Project F.No.27/30/2007-Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export by Keze Society, Kohima, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoter 's Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-

	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the Project	Not indicated
	Decision	Deferred
20	Name of the Project File No.27/32/07 Infra -II	Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for Export
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Ruozie Society, Chedema, Kohima, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.41.29 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 10.00 lakhs (as Labour)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 31.29 lakhs
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis)	33.62%
	(PAT Basis)	35.89%
	Decision	It was decided that APEDA may advise promoter to apply under National Horticulture Mission Scheme (NHM) for such kind of cultivation projects as NHM is providing assistance for cultivation.
21	Name of the Project File No.27/31/07-Infra -II	Organic Passion Fruit Cultivation for Export
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Wizieru MPCs Ltd. Tsiepfu Tsiephfe, Kohima, Nagaland.
	Cost of Project	Rs.2,47,86,639/-
	Promoter 's Share <u>Earlier</u> As land As labour	Rs.8000000 Rs.6460000
	<u>As per Revised Proposal</u>	Rs. 154.00 lakh (alongwith Term Loan Rs.20.00 lakh)
	Requested amount as grant assistance <u>As earlier proposed</u>	Rs. 1,03,26,639/-
	<u>As per Revised Proposal</u>	Rs.93.00 lakh
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis)	86.31%
	Decision	It was decided that APEDA may advise promoter to apply under National Horticulture Mission Scheme (NHM) for such kind of cultivation projects as NHM is providing assistance for cultivation.
22	Name of the Project File No.27/13/07-Infra -II	Ginger Cultivation and Export by M/s Nagaland Development Outreach, Dimapur
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland

	Cost of Project	Rs.1,91,64,320/- (Rupees One Crores Ninety One Lakh Sixty four thousand three hundred twenty only)
	Promoter 's Share	NIL
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Entire cost of project
	IRR of the Project	
	Decision	Decided to close the case
23.	Name of the Project File No.27/07/07-Infra -II	Cultivation of Ginger for Export by M/s Social Action for Rural Environment and Economic Development Services
	Forwarded by	Promoters directly submitted the proposal to this Department.
	Cost of Project	506.53 Lakh
	Requested amount as grant assistance	506.53 Lakh
	Decision	Decided to close the case
24.	Name of the Project File No.27/26/07-Infra -II	Cultivation of Ginger for Export Under Export Development fund for the District Churachandpur, Manipur by M/s health Integrated Ministries Regnkai
	Forwarded by	Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs.506.53 lakhs (five crore Six lakhs fifty three thousand)
	Requested assistance	Rs.506.53 lakhs
	Decision	Decided to close the case
25.	Name of the Project File No.27/03/08-Infra -II	Project proposal for promotion of Pat Chauli Oil export and training in NEI by The Hills Development Agency, Grace Cottage Solitary Colony Touibung, Churachandpur, Manipur
	Forwarded by	Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs.1,62,00,000/- (Page 7 of proposal) or Rs.1,62,56,000/- (Page 23 of proposal) Clearly not indicated
	Promoter's Share with Land value	Land only. Land valuation certificate is of year 1997(page 5 or proposal)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.1,62,00,000/-(at page 7 of Proposal)
	Profit: PAT I year II year III year	Not indicated
	Direct Export linkage -- clearly indicate Export Market	The promoters has not clearly indicated the export market .
	Decision	Decided to close the case
26.	Name of the Project File No.27/04/08-Infra-II	Promotion of Ethnic Handlooms Products for Export by Phaibung Sahnamai Development Association
	Forwarded by	Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Manipur

Cost of Project	Rs..126.96 lakhs
Promoter 's Share	Rs. 34.49 lakhs (Rs. 8.51 lakh in year 08-09 Rs.25.98 lakh in year 09-10)
Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 92.47 lakhs (in year 09-10)
IRR of the Project (PAT Basis)	31.15%
(PBT Basis)	35.15%
Decision	Deferred

B. New proposals received after EDF meeting held on 14.07.2008

Arunachal Pradesh

1.	Name of the Project File No.27/09/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal for Bamboo Shoot Cultivation & Processing unit by M/s Mosen Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade and Commerce Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs.430 lakh
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.129 lakh (30%) (alongwith Term loan Rs,10.00 Lakh)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.301 lakh (70%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

2.	Name of the Project File No.27/10/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal for Ginger Cultivation and Processing Unit by M/s UKU UNA Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade and Commerce Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs.200 lakh
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.60 lakh (30%) (alongwith Term loan Rs. 10.00 Lakh)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.140 lakh (70%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit revised fresh proposal as per screening format.

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Manipur

3.	Name of the Project File No.27/12/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal Organic Turmeric for Export Promotion in Ukhrul District of Manipur by M/s Buffalo Society
	Forwarded by	Horticulture & Soil Conservation Department , Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs.498.465 lakh
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.124.616 lakh (25%) (out of this Rs.50 lakhs is being financed by UBI, Ukhrul as credit support on term loan)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 373.849 lakh (75%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit revised fresh proposal as per screening format.

Nagaland

4.	Name of the Project File No.27/06/08-Infra-II	Project proposal for Passion Fruit Plant by M/s A. Tuccu Organic Plant, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.50,34,235/-
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.15,10,270/- (i.e.30% of total cost)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 35,23,965/- (i.e. 70% of total cost).
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit revised fresh proposal as per screening format.
5	Name of the Project File No.27/07/08-Infra-II	Project proposal for Ginger Cultivation/Farming by M/s A.Iloka Organic Plant, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.49,95,000/-
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.14,98,500/- (i.e.30% of total cost)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 34,96,500/- (i.e. 70% of total cost).
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

6.	Name of the Project File No.27/08/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal for Passion fruit Plants by M/s Akum Organic Plant, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.50,01,760/-
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.15,00,528/- (i.e.30% of total cost)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 35,01,232/- (i.e. 70% of total cost).
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

7.	Name of the Project File No.27/13/08-Infra-II	Project proposal Ginger Cultivation & Processing Unit by M/s Tribal Women Society, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	The means of financing given by The State Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Nagaland and The State Government Horticulture Department, Nagaland shows the difference.
	Promoter 's Share	
	Requested amount as grant assistance	70-75%
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

8.	Name of the Project File No.27/14/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal on Orange Cultivation & Processing Unit by M/s Holistic Rural Development Society, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.410.00 lakh
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.123.00 lakh (30%) (alongwith Term loan Rs. 10.00 Lakh)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.287.00 lakh (70%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

9.	Name of the Project File No.27/15/08-Infra-II	Project Proposal Turmeric Cultivation & Processing Unit by M/s Kiyeto VDB MPCs Ltd., Dimapur, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	The information regarding means of financing and products provided by The State Industries & Commerce Department, Govt.

Promoter 's Share	of Nagaland in Screening format and Appraisal Forms shows the difference
Requested amount as grant assistance	70%
Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

10.	Name of the Project File No.27/16/08-Infra-II	Project proposal on Cultivation and Value - Additional of the World Hottest Chilly(Naga King Chilly)-100%export programe by M/s Naga Fragrance Pvt. Ltd.
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.446.70 lakh
	Promoter 's Share	Rs.109.9 lakh (25%)
	Loan for working capital (from the Nagaland State Co-operative Bank Ltd, Dimapur Branch, Nagaland)	Rs.95.93 lakh (21%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.241.27 lakh (54%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

11.	Name of the Project File No.27/17/08-Infra-II	Project proposal of Export Oriented Intensive Cultivation & Processing Cashew Nuts by M/s Tribal Welfare Society, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 2,50,00,000/-
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 65,00,000/- (26%)
	Term Loan for working capital (from the Nagaland State Co-operative Bank, Head Office, Dimapur, Nagaland)	Rs. 10,00,000/- (4%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 1,75,00,000/- (70%)
	Decision	Decided to close the case. APEDA to advise State Govt./promoter that they may submit fresh proposal as per screening format.

C. Proposal requiring ratification/Ex-post facto approval by the Empowered Committee on EDF which have been approved on the file:

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Name of the proposal F.No.27/03/07	Export of Organic Products from NE Region
Promoter	M/s. Naga Indigenous Foods, Kohima

Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department																
Total Cost of the Project	296.44 lakhs																
Promoters Share	44.47lakhs + bank loan 59.3 lakh																
Grant sought under EDF	193.00 lakhs																
<p>The project proposal was approved on file with the total EDF Grant of Rs. 88.00 lakh and 1st installment of Rs.44.00 lakh has been released vide O.M. dated 29.08.08. As this proposal was approved on file, so it requires Ex-post facto approval of Empowered Committee.</p> <p>Further it may be mentioned that after release of 1st installment of Rs.44.00 lakh out of total approved EDF assistance Rs.88.00 lakh, Promoter submitted the revised cost structure as given in table below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Means of finance</th> <th>earlier proposed</th> <th>Re-adjusted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Central Government Assistance</td> <td>Rs. 192,69,182.00</td> <td>Rs.88.00 lakh (approved under EDF)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Loan</td> <td>Rs. 59,28,979.00</td> <td>Rs. 60.00 lakh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Promoter's Share</td> <td>Rs. 44,46,734.00</td> <td>Rs. 30.40 lakh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Project Cost</td> <td>Rs 2,96,44,895.00</td> <td>Rs.178.40 lakh</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Comments from APEDA, State Govt., Resident Commissioner have been sought vide letter dated 26th November, 2008. This issue also requires consideration of Empowered Committee.</p>			Means of finance	earlier proposed	Re-adjusted	Central Government Assistance	Rs. 192,69,182.00	Rs.88.00 lakh (approved under EDF)	Bank Loan	Rs. 59,28,979.00	Rs. 60.00 lakh	Promoter's Share	Rs. 44,46,734.00	Rs. 30.40 lakh	Total Project Cost	Rs 2,96,44,895.00	Rs.178.40 lakh
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Decision	Spices Board/RC Nagaland has stated to furnish comments on viability of re-adjusted project in 15 days. On basis of their comments APEDA to make recommendation thereafter issue shall be considered on file.																

2. The Project for Export Promotion Infrastructure for 2 TPH Passion Fruit Processing plant in Manipur (27/03/03-Infra-II). This project proposal was approved during 2005-06 with an assistance of Rs. 250.00 lakh under EDF-NER. Rs. 166.00 lakh has been released. M/s Good Samaritan Social Services association (GSSSA), Manipur (the actual promoter) has transferred liabilities to M/s Exotica Juices Ltd.

In this regard, Finance Division has advised that the second installment be released only after getting the ex-post- facto approval of EC for change of promoter, as this is a major deviation in the project.

Decision: Approved

D. Policy issue:

So far APEDA has been deducting 2% processing fees on the projects approved under EDF. This time APEDA has deducted 5% processing fees in the case of the following approved projects proposals under EDF:

(i) Rubber Wood based door manufacturing unit by M/s Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited was approved in the EC-Meeting of EDF held on 15.01.2008 with a total assistance of Rs.508.40 lakh. 1st installment of Rs.200.00 lakh was released by this Department vide letter of 07.03.2008 (F.No.27/09/07).

(ii) Project proposal for setting up Centre for Promotion & Development of Exportable Hand-woven Silk Products by ARTFED at Sualkuchi, Assam was approved in the last meeting of EC on EDF held on 14.07.2008 with the total assistance of Rs.90.85 lakh. Ist installment of Rs.52.80 lakh was released vide letter of 29.09.2008 (F.No.27/34/2004-Infra-II).

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In this regard APEDA had stated that vide letter no.1/7/2008-EP(Agri-IV) dated 11th July, 2008 has conveyed sanction to levy processing fee @ 5% by APEDA on all applications for financial assistance under its plan scheme.

In this regard vide letter of 25.11.2008 and reminder dated 17.12.2008 APEDA/EP(Agri) has been requested as following:

“From the letter No.1/7/2008-EP(Agri IV) dated 11.07.2008, it seems that authorization for deduction of 5% processing fee on all applications by APEDA is restricted to APEDA's Plan Scheme whereas the EDF is operated as per a corpus and further contribution to it is granted from ASIDE Scheme, a Plan scheme of Department of Commerce. Kindly clarify the position as to whether the aforesaid EP(Agri) Division letter dated 11.07.2008 authorises the deduction @5% as processing fee from EDF scheme also.”

In this regard it is also mentioned that vide letter dated 25th August, 2004, EP(Agri) Division had authorized the APEDA to augment additional internal resources to meet the short fall in the Non-Plan expenditure through levy of Processing fee @2%.

Decision: it was decided that APEDA should charge processing charges on approved projects @ 2% only. Such charges may be notified as permitted activity under EDF guidelines after soliciting approval of Competent Authority.

E. Diversion of fund of Rs.11 lakhs for participation in International fair by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) (F.No.27/25/2002-Infra-II)

A project proposal of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) for aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts was approved in the EC meeting on EDF held on 3.1.2003 (Total Cost of project was Rs. 4.15 crore and this reduced to Rs. 4.04 crore).

The Comptroller & Auditor General in their Performance Audit report of ASIDE Scheme vide para 6.2.3 had pointed out the case of EPCH for diverting Rs.11 lakhs for participation in International fair, which was not an approved item of the project approved with the financial assistance from EDF. Keeping in view of the comments of office of Principal Director of Audit this Department had requested vide letter No. 27/25/2002-Infra-II, dated 08.10.2008 EPCH to refund Rs.11.12 lakhs along with the interest to this Department. Response is awaited.

Decision: Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has submitted further clarification during the meeting. It was decided that the same shall be considered on file and if found appropriate the matter would be taken up with Audit.

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

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Annex-I

List of Participants

1. Sh. P K Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, DoC -Chairman
2. Sh. N K Gupta, Joint Secretary, DoC
3. Sh. Dinesh Sharma, JS, DoC
4. Shri. V. D. Alam, Director, DoC
5. Shri D.K. Verma, Under Secretary, DoC
6. Sh. Asit Tripathy, Chairman, APEDA
7. Sh. D K. Bhalla, Resident Commissioner, Government of Nagaland
8. Sh. M. Bagra, Asstt. Resident Commissioner, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
9. Sh. Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA
10. Sh. Harpal Singh, Dy. GM, APEDA
11. Sh. Vijendra Kumar, Consultant, APEDA
12. Sh. Rajiv Jain, D/o Agriculture
13. Sh. Om Prakash, O/o D.C. Handloom
14. Sh. Parhlad Rai, Dy. Secy. NMPB
15. Sh. V V Sadasivam, Spice Board, New Delhi
16. Sh. R K Verma, EPCH
17. Sh. Rajesh Jain, EPCH

Screening Format for the EDF Projects :

1	The projects should be enrouted through the concerned State Governments
2	Twelve copies of the project proposal are required.
3.	(a) Appraisal Report of the project by financing bank/agencies on techno financial viability of the projects. Estimation of viability gap if any. (b) Appraisal Report of the project by concerned state governments (c) Assessment of Techno-feasibility and recommendation by State Government
4.	Direct Export linkage - clearly indicate Export Markets
5.	Financial details i. Total Cost implications ii. Source(s) of finance ii. Capital Cost iii. Working Capital Requirements iv. Contribution by the promoters to the project. v. Name of the financing institutions / banks providing working capital or term loan. vi. Flow of funds by financing agency/banks & promoters vii. Financial strength of promoters with audited Balance sheets if any or other relevant documents
6.	The economic viability of the project- Promoter's assessment of Strengths and risks.
7.	Details of assets to be created with the assistance of EDF
8.	Assessment of Technology certification
9.	Assured availability of raw material and cost
10.	Extent of State support through at least free land for the project
11.	The project to be taken up by the State Government should be long-lasting, sustainable and with assured benefits.
12	Projects should aim at capacity building of existing entrepreneurs, producers and traders so that they can look at export market.

Most Urgent

No.27/05/2010-Infra.II
 Government of India
 Ministry of Commerce & Industry
 Department of Commerce
 (Infra-II Section)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi,
 Dated the 13th September, 2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund-NER - reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the minutes of meeting of Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region (EDF-NER) held on 26.08.2010 at 3.00 PM at Administrative Staff College, Khanpara, Guwahati under the Chairmanship of Shri A.K. Mangotra, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce.

It is requested that APEDA/State Governments/ respective Agencies may ensure timely action on decisions taken and send compliance report on priority.

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 - 9) Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries, Government of Manipur, Secretariat, Imphal
 - 10) Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Meghalaya, Secretariat, Shilong
 - 11) Secretary, Trade & Commerce Department, Govt. of Mizoram, Secretariat, Aizwal
 - 12) Secretary, Commerce & Industry Department, Government of Nagaland, Secretariat, Kohima, Nagaland

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MINUTES OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) , EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) FOR NORTH EAST REGION (NER) MEETING CHAIRED BY SHRI A.K. MANGOTRA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (AS), DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DoC) AT ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI, ASSAM AT 3.00 P.M. ON 26TH AUGUST, 2010

A meeting of the EC, EDF, NER was held on 26.8.10 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam at 3 PM under the chairmanship of Shri A.K. Mangotra , AS, DoC . List of participants is at Annexure-1.

2.1 Shri Ravi Capoor, Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Govt of Assam welcomed the participants and requested that EDF funds should be utilized to support larger, techno-economically feasible projects with export prospects. He felt that for awareness programs as have been organized by FIEO, other organizations can also be roped in to organize such programs for the North East.

2.2 Shri AK Mangotra, AS DoC and Chairman, EC extended a warm welcome to participants in the first ever meeting held in a State Capital of the NER. He added that the motive is to ensure that funds under the EDF are appropriately utilized. Noting the absence of representatives from DoNER and MHA at the meeting, Chairman mentioned that close monitoring of the assisted projects through agencies like NERAMAC, NEDFI, NEITCO is proposed, especially prior to release of the second installment. In all such monitoring exercises representatives of APEDA would also be included.

2.3 Dr. Shyam Agarwal, Joint Secretary, DoC mentioned that all efforts are being made to streamline the EDF. Liberal attitude to fund bonafide entrepreneurial efforts with strict enforcement is envisioned. Procedures are being simplified and faith is being reposed in banking institutions who have a larger stake and the State Governments and other institutions like NERAMAC, NEDFI, NEITCO, North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd (NEHHDC) with their participation and close supervision / monitoring would give credence to the efforts in NER. He further invited regular feedback from participants. He mentioned that EDF is a part of ASIDE scheme under which funds are earmarked for EDF.

2.4 Shri Asit Tripathy, Chairman, APEDA stated that overall functioning of EDF has been improved recently and good proposals are being considered. He emphasized the need for Export Commissioners (who are designated as nodal agencies within State Government) of the respective NER states to attend EC EDF meetings regularly so that there is clarity in both understanding and implementation of the EDF scheme. Mentoring and monitoring mechanism has been put in place. Objective of EDF scheme is to promote value added processing industry with market linkage and not agricultural production. Assistance under EDF is primarily to support capital expenditure rather than working capital and margin money etc. Different projects received have been categorized as:

- (a) Credit linked projects where bank/financial institutions would have appraised the projects . Such projects can be submitted directly to APEDA
- (b) Non term loan (credit) linkage projects can come through State Governments and the Export Commissioner will do due diligence and send the project through nominated institutions.

2.5 Shri AK Mangotra, Additional Secretary, DoC & Chairman, EDF mentioned that more awareness programs on the lines of the one organized in Manipur should be conducted. He stated that if export oriented facilities like quarantine laboratories, quality control laboratories etc are required by the State Governments, funding support under EDF can be sought.

3. The agenda items were then taken up for discussion.

A. Policy Issues :

1. Nomination of Export Commissioners (EC) (State Official so designated) in a state Government

Decision:

It was decided that for Assam, Commissioner (Industries & Commerce) will be the Export Commissioner. For other states, concerned States Commissioner / Director of Trade & Commerce would be nominated as Export Commissioners unless already nominated.

2. Screening format: APEDA and State Govt. to send their comments/feedback on simplified screening format. Final view on this be taken thereafter

Decision:

APEDA, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Tripura have furnished their agreement with the format. Arunachal Pradesh and Assam had requested for enhanced level of subsidy. Assam requested that assistance to State PSUs be 100%.

It was clarified that while State Governments have recourse to a larger number of schemes, EDF is primarily an entrepreneurial assistance scheme with term loan linkage and 30% is the ceiling limit viability gap funding under EDF. State Government implemented projects are provided upto 50% assistance as a special case.

The simplified screening format (Annex 2) was finalized to be adopted. With this the standard operating procedure (Annex 3) would also stand implemented.

3. APEDA would formulate a paper on role of other agencies / State Government in EDF scheme and submit to DoC for approval. APEDA developed format was explained.

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Decision:

The format (Annex 4) was approved for implementation with addition of North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd (NEHHDC) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurs (IIE), Guwahati added to list of intuitions like NERAMAC, NEITCO and NEDFI. Their active cooperation would be solicited for implementation of EDF-NER in the concerned areas of expertise.

4. APEDA would submit details of interest income accrued on EDF amount lying with them from the very beginning of EDF for NER

Decision:

Response from APEDA is yet to be received. Hence deferred.

5. Guidelines for monitoring issued so far by CAPART, NABARD and NAPCONS may be looked into for finalizing monitoring MIS. (Management Information System). APEDA would develop necessary formats and would communicate to DoC by 30.6.10 (in soft copy as well). A final decision by DoC in this respect would be taken and put up in next EC, EDF meeting.

Decision:

APEDA developed format Annex 4) was approved. With experience the format can be further improved.

Apart from this, appraisal report format (as adopted presently by NEDFI) would also be used especially for those projects where the appraisal process has been felt to be weak.

6. Extension of Inland Transport Subsidy: EC approved continued implementation of ITA coterminous to 11th five year plan that is upto 31.3.2012. However, a review of the scheme may be undertaken by a reputed institute from the North East.

Decision:

The scheme already extended upto 31.3.2012. APEDA informed that they have identified agencies in NER and has formulated terms of reference. Details of the same would be sent to DoC by 15.9.10.

7. Issue of finalization of term, conditions and fee payable to monitoring agencies : EC may consider taking decisions in respect of issues of terms, conditions and fees payable to monitoring agencies. It was broadly suggested that this fee would be subject a ceiling of overall limit of 5% of EDF component including amount payable to APEDA. List of agencies appoint along with project details as.

Decision:

Out of 5%, 3% will accrue to concerned monitoring agency to start with. APEDA would release the funds after reports (also in approved monitoring format Annex 4) are received from each of them. EC would nominate monitoring agency at the stage of approval itself. In case of a proposal has been mentored by any agency, a different agency would be nominated for monitoring. While APEDA would receive processing fee of 2% of the amount approved, maximum upto 3% of approved cost would be earmarked for both mentoring and monitoring agency.

EC would decide the amount at approval stage for each project. Monitoring agency would submit summary of funding in monitoring format (Annexure 4) besides a detailed report highlighting benefit viability projects alongwith their recommendation for continuation of projects under the scheme.

It was further decided that 8 workshops (1 in each state) would be conducted by each of the above agencies for monitoring of entrepreneurs. Possibility of involving FIEO in this exercise may be explored.

Prime responsibility of mentoring and monitoring agencies is hand holding effort. While NEITCO and NEDFI affirmed that they are already doing monitoring for various projects, NERAMAC mentioned that they have not been in the monitoring activity thus far but can perform this role. NEHHDC mentioned that they are working on cluster development and can also participate in inspections. These mentoring and monitoring agencies should also be helpful in Entrepreneurship development. Each Mentoring and Monitoring agency should take up at least one project proposal in each state and help the entrepreneurs to formulate proper proposals.

B. Deferred proposals of last EC meeting (15.4.10) : (₹in lakhs)

1. F.No. 27/22/07 - Infra-II: Anthurium green house cultivation (hi-tech) by The Blossoms Florist Society (BFS) Nagaland.

Cost of the Project	262.94
Promoters Share	62.94
Bank Loan from UCO Bank	140.00
EDF assistance	60.00

Decision:

It was mentioned that the project received in 2002 is already fully completed and most expenditure is billed as pre operative expenditure. The unit has been inspected by Nagaland Government whose representative requested if the expenditure can be re-cast. It was decided that pre-sanction expenditure cannot be

considered as a matter of principle and, therefore, the project could be recast and expanded EDF assistance could be sought afresh for further development / expansion.

2. F.No. 27/05/09 -Infra-II : Integrated Bee Keeping And Honey Processing Unit By Page Nalo Farmer Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh.

Cost of the Project	470.00
Promoters Share	122.10
Term Loan	162.80
EDF assistance	122.10

3. 27/08/09 -Infra-II : Orange Cultivation and Processing Unit by KDB's Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh

Cost of the Project	427.65
Promoters Share	128.29
Term Loan	171.06
EDF assistance	128.30

4. 27/09/09 -Infra-II : Bamboo shoot cultivation by Mosen Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh -EDF - NER Assistance

Cost of the Project	430.00
Promoters Share	129.00
Term Loan	172.00
EDF assistance	129.30

5. 27/10/09 -Infra-II: Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit by Tribal Area Development Society, Arunachal Pradesh

Cost of the Project	262.66
Promoters Share	78.80
Term Loan	105.06
EDF assistance	78.80

Decision (on 2,3,4 & 5 above):

Monitoring agency (NEDFI and APEDA) shall visit project site afresh and amongst other things discuss with financing institutions regarding project financial viability. Appraisal report from Financing institution should be furnished in the NEDFI format. They would specifically examine whether the term loan from Financing institution and support from EDF are for separate items.

The proposal was considered in- principle but final decision will be taken only after the monitoring Agency (NEDFI) /APEDA/Director, Industries & Commerce, Arunachal Pradesh discuss with the bank providing term loan and

make their recommendation on funding pattern viability. The meeting with bank can be done on 8.9.10 along with the FIEO workshop at Itanagar .

6. 27/17/09 -Infra-II : Cultivation processing and Turmeric by Charn MPCs Ltd., Nagaland

Cost of the Project	204.53
Promoters Share	61.36
Term Loan	81.81
EDF assistance	61.36

Decision:

The proposal was approved in principle. Appraisal report from the Financing institution should be furnished in the NEDFI format. Final decision would be taken thereafter.

7. 27/03/09-Infra-II: Setting up of R&D Center-cum-Training Institute-cum-Food/Fruit Processing Unit at Aizwal, Mizoram.

Cost of the Project	500.00
EDF assistance	500.00

Decision:

It was decided that since the proposal is for development of infrastructure for R&D and Training, the State Government can apply for funding ASIDE scheme where it will be considered.

8. Stevia Extraction Plant at Mao, Senapati District, Manipur by Intouch Natural Pvt. Ltd.

Promoters Share	175.00
Term Loan	75.00
Assistance From TDB, M/o S & T	270.00
EDF Assistance	177.99
As per NEITCO's Report, It has been stated that the additional funding will be bring by promoter from their own sources.	45.01
Proposed Cost of the Project	743.00
Initial Proposed EDF assistance	223.00
Total eligible project cost suggested by APEDA	593.29
EDF assistance recommended by APEDA (30% of 593.29)	177.99

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Decision:

NEITCO has confirmed the viability of the project and submitted a detailed viability report. Moreover, the union Home Secretary has also written to Commerce Secretary and strongly recommended this project. JS(NE) / MHA also strongly supported this case in the last EDF meeting. The proposal was approved for grant of ₹177.99 lakhs from EDF.

NEITCO will be the Monitoring agency for this project, with 3% of EDF assistance as monitoring cost. It was also decided that Director (Industries & Commerce) Government of Manipur will monitor this project and report to DoC about export objective achieved.

9. F.No. 27/22/09 - Infra-II : Cultivation of Passion Fruit in respect of Kezekevi Krotho Farming Co-operative Society Ltd., Seiyhama village, Nagaland

Total Cost of the Project	79,66,230
Promoters Share	23,89,870/-
EDF assistance	55,76,360/

Decision:

It was mentioned that though EDF guidelines are silent about support to projects entailing production activity only, it was decided that purely plantation projects cannot be supported under EDF.

Project proposal was accordingly, rejected. It may be submitted (after re-casting) with a new DPR with export linkages.

10. F.No.27/04/10-Infra-II: Project Proposal for cultivation of the World Hottest Chilly (Naga King Chilly) by Naga Fragrance Pvt. Ltd., Nagaland.

Cost of the Project	351.17
Bank Finance	140.47
Promoters Share	105.35
EDF assistance	105.35

Decision:

Since the project is purely for cultivation of chillies it cannot be considered under the scheme and was accordingly rejected.

11. F.No.27/19/09- Infra-II: Organizing 5 two days Export Awareness Workshop on Scope and Opportunities from NER for Exports by FIEO

The workshops would be at Guwahati, Shillong, Gangtok, Kohima and Aizwal during April - July, 2010.

Decision:

Approved. Such Workshops by FIEO may also be organized in Nagaland and Sikkim.

12. F.NO. 27/24/07- Infra-II : Cultivation of Anthurium and Gerbera Cut Flower under Hi-tech Green House and Controlled Atmosphere by Tongpok Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dimapur, Nagaland.

Cost of the Project	279.02
Promoters Share	66.75
EDF assistance	200.26

Decision:

Approved for release of second installment of ₹ 43.71 lakh after submission of inspection report in the monitoring format.

C. New proposals :

1. Setting up Food Testing laboratory and Mizoram Food Plan with an estimate of ₹ 13.13 Crores.

Decision:

It was appraised by APEDA that an amount of ₹ 10.10 Cr was in the nature of recurring expenditure and only ₹ 3.08 Crs was the capital expenditure. EC approved ₹ 3.08 Cr grant from EDF for setting up of a testing laboratory. APEDA would monitor implementation of the project and submit quarterly report to DoC.

2. Orange production and processing Unit at Kodat by M/s Abotani Welfare Society, Kodak, Arunachal Pradesh.

Project Cost	350.00
Promoter's Share:	105.00
Term loan	140.00
EDF Assistance	105.00

Decision:

Since evidence of release of first instalment of bank term loan has been received by APEDA, the proposal was approved for ₹ 105.00 lakh grant from EDF. With sanction of the project. Bank appraisal in the NEDFI format would be provided NEDFI and APEDA would monitor the project. (With 2% as monitoring cost to NEDFI).

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3. Project proposal for setting up a commercial cultivation of turmeric and processing unit at Gangni Nyapin Circle, Arunachal Pradesh by Karsingsa Women Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.

It has been informed that the project has been appraised by both the bank and the State Govt. and found it technical feasible and commercially viable.

Project Cost	204.53
Promoter's Share:	61.63
Term loan	81.81
EDF Assistance	61.63

Decision:

Since evidence of release of first instalment of bank term loan has been received by APEDA, the proposal was approved for ₹ 61.36 lakh grant from EDF. With sanction of the project. Bank appraisal in the NEDFI format would be provided.

NERAMAC and APEDA would monitor the project (with 2% as monitoring cost to NERAMAC).

4. Project proposal for setting up a Unit for Naga Chilly Cultivation and Processing by M/s Siang Foundation Society, Mebo Circle, Arunachal Pradesh.

Project Cost	400.00
Promoter's Share	120.00
Term loan	160.00
EDF Assistance	120.00

Decision:

Proposal was approved for ₹ 120.00 lakh grant from EDF. (It is only a processing unit).

NERAMAC and APEDA would monitor the project. (With 2% as monitoring cost to NERAMAC)

5. Mushroom cultivation and processing Unit at Taliha by Kasturba Welfare Society, Taliha circle, District Upper Subansiri and Arunachal Pradesh

Project Cost	260.00
Promoter's Share	78.00
Term loan	104.00
EDF Assistance	78.00

Decision:

Case deferred since clarifications from State Government about bank loan amount is awaited. NEDFI would re-appraise the project and report.

6. Proposal for cotton, acrylic and polyester twisting and dyeing project by Orient Processors Pvt Ltd Unit II, Guwahati, Assam.

Project Cost	552.53
Promoter's Share	36.77
Term loan	350.00
EDF Assistance	165.76

Decision:

Since the project is already implemented it was decided that the promoter may move for EDF fund support for next stage expansion project afresh. JS(SA), and US(DKV), DoC visited the project site on 27.8.10. It was found that plant is operational and viable on its own. The promoter and present MD, Mr. Bargohain stated that competitiveness of the unit can be increased with expansion of plants and installation of automated machinery. For this purpose promoter may submit fresh proposal for expansion of the factory and the request may be considered thereafter as per EDF provisions.

7. Project for ginger cultivation and processing at Papumpare, Arunacha Pradesh by Uku Una Welfare society

Project Cost	200.00
Promoter's Share	60.00
Term loan	80.00
EDF Assistance	60.00

Decision:

Case deferred. Details from Nagaland government is to be received.

8. Proposal for orange cultivation and processing by M/s Unesco Club Zunheboto, Nagaland

Project Cost	410.00
Promoter's Share	113.00
Term loan	10.00
EDF Assistance	287.00

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Decision:

Case Deferred. Proper bank appraisal in the new format to be obtained . Also response from Government of Nagaland must be available.

9. Model cultivation and processing of Jatropha Carcus by M/s Akivi MPCS Limited, Nagaland

Project Cost	250.00
Promoter's Share	25.00
MoA	225.00
EDF Assistance	Not specified

Decision:

Case was rejected, as about 90% project cost is already funded by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

10. Proposal for turmeric cultivation and processing unit by Prodigals' Home, Nagaland

Project Cost	97.85
Promoter's Share	18.00
Term Loan	39.00
EDF Assistance	31.00

Decision:

The cultivation component of the project will not be considered under the scheme. For the processing part , it was decided to sanction the project subject to bank appraisal in the NEDFI format following which formal letter will be issued.

D. Other Agenda Items.

1. Proposal from APEDA: Participation of NER entrepreneurs with funding support from EDF, in 2nd International Summit for Packaging Industry with a theme of "Packaging Innovations & Sustainability" in Mumbai during 1-2 October, 2010 being held concurrently with the Indiapack 2010.

Decision:

EC approved the expenditure of maximum ₹ 25,000/- per participant with 2 participants from each NER state . The expenditure would include registration fee and to and fro economy class fare , boarding/lodging etc. The total expenditure on the activity would be restricted to ₹ 10 lakhs only.

2. Proposal for 600 MT ready-to-eat energy food manufacturing unit at EPIP, Byrnihat, Meghalaya by Orion Health Food Private Limited

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Project Cost	226.11
Promoter's Share	67.83
Term Loan	90.44
EDF Assistance	67.83

Decision:

EC approved proposal for ₹ 67.83 lakhs grant from EDF subject to confirmation of bank loan disbursal. It was decided to sanction the project subject to bank appraisal in the NEDFI format.

NEITCO and APEDA to monitor the project. (with 2% to NEITCO as monitoring cost).

3. Proposal for 500 MT fruit processing unit at EPIP, Byrnihat, Meghalaya by Bethelam Bells Food Products, Shillong, Meghalaya

Project Cost	264.78
Promoter's Share	79.44
Term Loan	105.91
EDF Assistance	79.44

Decision:

EC approved the proposal for ₹ 79.44 lakhs grant from EDF subject to confirmation of bank loan disbursal. The unit has already applied for bank loan. It was decided to sanction the project subject to bank appraisal in the NEDFI format.

NEITCO and APEDA to monitor the project. (with 2% to NEITCO as monitoring cost)

4. Shri Ravi Capoor, Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Assam mentioned that FIEO is conducting workshops in NER states. He suggested the workshops be conducted in Districts with the help of DIC with assistance of Rs 50,000/- each program. It was decided that the same would be taken up after the present set of FIEO organized workshop and agencies organized entrepreneurs mentoring workshops in each of the States. However, specific request may be submitted by any State Government in this respect.

5. Shri Ravi Capoor suggested that the non credit linked project proposals should be appraised by SIDBI outfit existing in NER. It was clarified that this may not be practical since for projects from far flung areas dependence on State government would be relied upon. It was decided that the decision about appraisal may be left to State governments and FIs.

The meeting concluded on a cordial note with thanks to the Chair.

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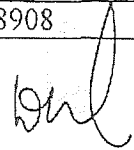
Annexure 1

List of Participants for the Empowered Committee of Export Development Fund (EDF) on North Eastern Region (NER) Meeting chaired by Shri A.K. Mangotra, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, At Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati, at 3.00 P.M. on 26.8.10

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Annexure 2

Revised screening format**1. Project objective & Location**

1.1 Project Period: Date of start & Completion of project -

Date of start of marketing products -

1.2 Product / Output Description:

2. Inputs

2.1 Land requirement

Land area (in acres)	Survey No. / Property Description	Ownership

2.2 Other Inputs

Sl. No.	Item	Description	Local Sourcing	Out of State Sourcing
2.2.1	Raw material (in value Rs. lacs / yr)			
2.2.2	Machinery and Equipment (in value Rs. Lacs)			
2.2.3	Skilled / Technical manpower requirement (in no. of persons)			

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3. Output (Product) & its Marketing

3.1. Output Description

3.2 Target Market

3.3 Proposed export linkage

4. Funding

4.1. Total project cost

4.2 Funding sources

(Amount in Rs. lacs)

S.No.	Financial institution	Amount	Percentage	Remarks
1.	Banking / Financial Institutions			
2.	State Govt. / PSU*			
3.	Central Govt. / PSU*			
4.	Self financing			
	Total			
5.	Proposed funding under EDF			
	Grand Total			

* In case of FIs / PSU please indicate the agency name and address in remarks column.

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Annexure 2

5. Calculation of Viability gap : (All amounts in Rs. lacs)

5.1 Project cost (As per DPR)

5.1.1 Total cost:

5.1.2 Of 5.1.1 fixed capital cost:

5.1.3 Subsidy sought:

5.1.4 Net loan / Self-financing (Total amount - (5.1.1 - 5.1.3) - Rs. Lacs)

Loan component

Self financed Component _____

Total _____

5.2 Returns expected (Estimates from DPR)

5.2.1 Annual Gross Income

5.2.2 Annual Net Income

5.3 Capitalization (based on return)

5.3.1 Discount rate for viability calculation:

5.3.2 Present Value of capital (based on return) $[(5.2.2 / 5.3.1) * 100]$

5.4 Viability Gap

5.4.1 Viability gap (5.1.4 - 5.3.2)

5.4.2 In % terms (5.4.1 / 5.1.1)

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Annexure 2

An Illustration to calculate Viability Gap :**5.1 Project cost**

5.1.1 Total cost	Rs. 10 lacs
5.1.2 Of 5.1.1, fixed capital cost	Rs. 5 lacs
5.1.3 Subsidy funding	Rs. 3 lacs
5.1.4 Net loan / self financing (5.1.1 - 5.1.3)	Rs. 7 lacs

5.2 Returns expected

5.2.1 Annual gross income	Rs. 2 lacs
5.2.2 Annual net income	Rs. 1 lac

5.3 Capitalization (based on return)

5.3.1 Discount rate for viability 20%

5.3.2 Present value of capital (based on return)

$$[(5.2.2 / 5.3.1) * 100] = \frac{1.00 \times 100}{20} = \text{Rs. 5 lacs}$$

5.4.1 Viability gap (5.1.4 - 5.3.2): Rs.7.00 - Rs.5.00 = Rs. 2 lac

5.4.2 In % terms (5.4.1 / 5.1.1): Rs. 2 lacs / Rs. 10 lacs = 20%

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Annexure 3

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP Chart

Sl. No.	Description	Project Funding Source		
		Financial Institution (FI)	Central Govt. / State Govt. subsidy (over & above EDF)	Self-financed
1.	Techno Economic Feasibility	By concerned FI	State Govt. / Agency and APEDA	To be assessed by APEDA in consultation with State Govt.
2.	Release of funds / Subsidy under EDF	As per Schedule of FI	Back-ended with 'No collateral' needed	Back-ended through Export Commissioner, State Govt.
3.	EDF funding Quantum	Maximum 30% from EDF subject to a subsidy ceiling of 70% from all sources and EDF put together.	Maximum 30%* from EDF subject to a subsidy ceiling of 70% from all sources and EDF put together.	Maximum 30% from EDF
4	Physical verification	FI (periodical reports to APEDA) upto repayment of loan by promoters.	State Govt. upto two years after commissioning of project.	APEDA/ DGFT/ DoC upto 2 years after commissioning of project.

*In case, the project is implemented by a Central / State PSU, ceiling for EDF subsidy can be upto 50%.

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Annexure 3

Explanatory note:

- (1) If the amount of EDF funding is:
 - (a) Less than Rs. 50 lacs, release would be in two installments.
Second installment would be released only after physical verification / inspection report after midway progress.
 - (b) More than Rs. 50 lacs, release would be in three installments or more.
(Each installment should not be normally more than Rs. 25 lacs).
 - (c) In case of institutional – financing linkage, lump sum release can be done while purchasing machines and equipments.
- (2) **Collateral security**

In case of loan from FI, no collateral would be required by APEDA and the premium for upfront guarantee fee charged by FI would be met from EDF within the overall limit of 30%. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is running a scheme titled Collateral Free Credit to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) on payment of upfront guarantee fee and annual service charges. (As per details attached at Annexure 3A)

- (3) **Purchase of Machinery and Equipments**

If cost of Plant & Machinery (P&M) is less than or equal to proposed funding under EDF, EDF funds would be used for payment towards purchase of P & M and funds would be released to beneficiary on receipt of invoice and physical delivery from supplier.

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Annexure 3 A

COLLATERAL FREE CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR MSEs

Entrepreneurs in the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) sector face problems in availing finance required for their projects due to their inability to provide collateral security / third party guarantee. In order to alleviate this problem as also to facilitate increased credit flow to MSEs in the country, Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) was established by Government of India and SIDBI in August 2000 to facilitate collateral free credit to this sector. CGTMSE extends guarantee for credit facility upto Rs. 1 crore extended by its Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) to MSEs (both in the manufacturing and service sector).

Under Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS), CGTMSE shall cover credit facilities (Fund based and / or Non Fund - based) extended by MLIs to a single eligible borrower in MSEs for credit facility

- (i) upto Rs. 50 lacs (Regional Rural Banks / Financial Institutions) and
- (ii) upto Rs. 1 crore (Scheduled Commercial Banks and select Financial Institutions)

by way of term loan and / or working capital facilities. Lender should extend credit without any collateral security and / or third party guarantee. Credit facility guaranteed under the scheme carry zero percent risk weight / provision for the MLIs for the guaranteed portion.

Cost of Guarantee Cover

Credit facility	Upfront Guarantee Fee NER (incl. Silkim) (%)	Annual Services Fee (%)
Upto Rs. 5 lacs	0.75	0.50
Above Rs. 5 lacs upto Rs. 50 lacs	0.75	9.75
Above Rs. 50 lacs upto Rs. 1 cr.	1.50	0.75


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Annexure 3A

Extent of Guarantee: The Trust shall provide guarantee as under:

Category	Maximum extent of Guarantee where credit facility is		
	Upto Rs. 5 lacs	Above Rs. 5 lacs & Upto Rs. 50 lacs	Above Rs. 50 lacs & Upto Rs.100 lacs
Micro Enterprises	85% of the amount in default subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.25 lacs	75% of the amount in default subject to a maximum of Rs. 37.50 lacs	Rs.37.50 lacs plus 50% of amount in default above Rs. 50 lacs subject to overall ceiling of Rs. 62.50 lacs
Women entrepreneurs / Units located in North East Region (incl. Sikkim) (Other than credit facility upto Rs. 5 lacs to micro enterprises)	80% of the amount in default subject to a maximum of Rs. 40 lacs		Rs. 40 lacs plus 50% of amount in default above Rs. 50 lacs subject to overall ceiling of Rs. 65 lacs
All other category of borrows	75% of the amount in default subject to a maximum of Rs. 37.50 lacs		Rs. 37.50 lacs plus 50% of amount in default above Rs. 50 lacs subject to overall ceiling of Rs. 62.50 lacs

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Annexure 3A

Availing of Guarantee Cover

Entrepreneurs in the Micro and Small enterprises sector may contact any of the Members Lending Institutions are registered as MLIs of CGTMSE. All public sector banks, major private sector banks and select Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) / FIs are registered as MLIs of CGTMSE.

Proposal

It has been observed that majority of applicant seeking assistance under EDF are under MSE sector and they may be eligible to avail Credit Guarantee Scheme facility of SIDBI.

It is proposed their premium of upfront guarantee fee to entrepreneurs of MSE sector from NER taking loan for export linked projects may be subsidized from EDF scheme. Promoters seeking EDF grant with loan from financial institution also as one source of funding may avail of CGS facility.

Premium payable on account of upfront guarantee may be subsidized from EDF. However this would be subject to overall ceiling of 30% grant under EDF.

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Member Lending Institutions of CGTMSE***PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS:**

- * Allahabad Bank
- * Andhra Bank
- * Bank of Baroda
- * Bank of Maharashtra
- * Bank of India
- * Central Bank of India
- * Canara Bank
- * Corporation Bank
- * Dena Bank
- * Indian Bank
- * IDBI Bank
- * Indian Overseas Bank
- * Oriental Bank of Commerce
- * Punjab National Bank
- * Punjab & Sind Bank
- * Syndicate Bank
- * United Bank of India
- * UCO Bank
- * Union Bank of India
- * Vijaya Bank

SBI AND ITS ASSOCIATE BANKS:

- * State Bank of India
- * State Bank of Hyderabad
- * State Bank of Mysore
- * State Bank of Travancore
- * State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur
- * State Bank of Indore
- * State Bank of Patiala

PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS:

- * Axis Bank
- * City Union Bank
- * HDFC Bank
- * ING Vysya Bank
- * ICICI Bank
- * Indust Ind Bank
- * Kotak Mahindra Bank
- * Karnataka Bank
- * The Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- * The South Indian Bank
- * The Federal Bank
- * The Dhanalakshmi Bank
- * The Nainital Bank
- * The Bank of Rajasthan
- * Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- * YES Bank

FOREIGN BANKS:

- * Deutsche Bank
- * Standard Chartered Bank

REGIONAL RURAL BANKS:

Select RRBs

OTHER LENDING INSTITUTIONS:

- * Delhi Financial Corporation
- * National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.
- * North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd
- * Small Industries Development Bank of India
- * The Tamilnadu Industrial Investment Corp Ltd.
- * Kerala Financial Corporation

* For full list of MLI please visit our website

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FORMAT FOR MONITORING OF THE PROJECTS

1.1 Project Name	
1.2 Project Location	
1.3 Entrepreneur : Name & Address	
1.4 Contact Details	Tel : Fax : Mobile : Email :
2.1 Monitoring Agency Details	
2.2 Date of Monitoring visit	
2.3 Monitoring Officer who visited site	
2.4 Work commencement Date	
2.5 Projected project completion : Duration & Date	
3.1 Total project Cost	Rs lakhs
3.2 EC Approval Date	
3.3 EC Approved Amount	Rs lakhs
3.4 Sources of finance	(i) Term Loan: Rs lakhs (ii) Promoter Contribution: Rs lakhs
3.5 Date of release of term loan installment	
3.6 Term loan released amount	
4.1 Details of physical work in progress	i) Civil Work: ii) Plant and machinery iii) Working Capital iv) Others (specify) 

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4.2 Status of actual project implementation vis-à-vis projected implementation	(i) Description	(ii) Projected	(iii) Actual
4.3 Any difficulties faced by the entrepreneur in implementation.			
4.4 Corrective action suggested			
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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi;
Dated the 13th September, 2012

Office Memorandum

Subject: Meeting on the Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund – NER
held on 06.09.2012 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi– regarding..

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of Empowered Committee on Export Development Fund for North Eastern Region (EDF-NER) held on 06.09.2012 at 2.30 PM at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Madhusudan Prasad, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce.

It is requested that APEDA/State Governments/respective Agencies may kindly ensure for taking timely action on decision taken and respond on priority to this Department.

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ANNEX-I
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(Meeting of EC on EDF-NER on 06.09.2012)

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minutes of the EC-EDF meeting held on 06.09.2012

Empowered Committee (EC) on Export Development Fund for North East Region (EDF- NER) met with Shri Madhusudan Prasad Addl. Secretary (Infrastructure) to the Govt. of India, Department of Commerce (DoC) in chair, on 06.09.2012 in Conference Room No. 141, Udyog Bhavan. A list of participants is at Annex.-I

2. Chairman, Shri Madhusudan Prasad, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce welcomed the participants who have travelled all the way from NE Region of the country.

3. Shri J.K. Dadoo, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce informed that the comments/reports and Utilisation Certificate of most of the projects remain pending with APEDA/State Government which are required for Empowered Committee meeting to take decisions. APEDA being the Apex body for the implementation of projects under EDF-NER, it is supposed to examine each and every project proposals in a professional and focused manner and give recommendations about their techno-economic feasibility, stake of the promoters and financial viability of the project so that EC on EDF-NER can take a clear decision on the approval of new Projects.

4. Chairman, Shri Madhusudan Prasad, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce and reiterated to the representatives of the State Governments to furnish pending UCs and Completion Certificates before the next EC-EDF meeting, expected to be held in Oct.-Nov., 2012. He reiterated the Role of APEDA and stated that it is APEDA which has to do the vetting of the new projects either with his own expertise or taking the help of other monitoring agencies. Also as the funds from the Department of Commerce are released to APEDA for monitoring and implementing of the projects, it is the responsibility of the APEDA to ensure that Utilisation Certificates from the State Govt./bodies/agencies are taken.

5. The Chairman also appreciated the efforts made by North Eastern States to facilitate exports. However he stated that the progress of the projects is not satisfactory and all the States/ Export Commissioners should send their reports of the ongoing projects, before we approve and sanction further projects.

6. It was decided that Department of Commerce will also send a letter to Chief Secretaries of all the 8 North Eastern States separately to provide UCs for their projects and updated Status Reports of their ongoing projects, recommendations of the Export Commissioner of the State in respect of new project proposals should be seen before the next EC-EDF meeting.

7. After detailed discussion on the projects of every State, following decisions were also taken on each project.

Arunachal Pradesh

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Projects Completed						
1	Pilot Project for handloom exports from Arunachal Pradesh	M/s Consulting, Ghaziabad	2001-02	121.00 92.00	UC for 1 st installment received. UC for 2 nd installment awaited.	Export Commissioner stated that their Department had no record in respect of this project Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. that will help State Govt. to respond.
Projects in progress						
1	Replication of Pilot Project for handloom exports in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh on the lines of project sanctioned at Bomdilla	M/s A P Handloom Development Services, Upper Siang Distt., Arunachal Pradesh	2003-04 2004-05	121.00 92.00	UC for 1 st installment received. UC for 2 nd installment awaited.	Export Commissioner stated that their Department had no record in respect of this project Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. that will help State Govt. to respond.
2	Project for Handicrafts Artisans Export Infrastructure Training and International Marketing for Arunachal Pradesh	M/s A P Handicrafts Development Centre, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	2004-05	137.00 81.50	UC for 1 st installment received. UC for 2 nd installment awaited.	Export Commissioner stated that their Department had no record in respect of this project Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. that will help State Govt. to respond.
New Projects						

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Date of Receipt	Project Amount / EDF assistance (Rs. In lakh)	Remarks	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
1	Large cardamom cultivation and processing	Tani Koo Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh	February, 2011/received by APEDA	450.00/135.00	Documents not received. APEDA and DoC recommend that case may be considered later.	EC did not recommend the project. Decision : Rejected
2	Citronella Grass Cultivation and distillation	Sunshine Aromatic Pvt Ltd, Arunachal Pradesh	January, 2011/ by APEDA	1200.06/360.00	Export Commissioner, APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	Export commissioner stated that the project developed by this society was in Siang district and 500 farmers were beneficiaries. The output was used in making perfumes. He also said Rs 11.67 cr was required for the project, and promoter had contributed Rs.4.47 cr. Plant & Machinery cost was Rs.3.6 cr. It was further stated that Citronella had a very good prospects of the export to Bangladesh. Decision : It was decided that expenditure breakup of the total cost of the project i.e. land, building, equipments etc would be provided by the Export Commissioner of the State Govt alongwith his recommendations. The project would be re-submitted to the Empowered Committee after re-appraisal by APEDA.
3	Organic Ginger cultivation and processing unit at East Siang Dist, Arunachal Pradesh	M/s Sagar Multipurpose Cooperative society	July, 2011 by APEDA	450.00 / 135.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later	EC did not recommend the project. Decision : Rejected

4	Anthurium poly green house cultivation and processing (2008-09)	AAB EPA Welfare Society Arunachal Pradesh (earlier rejected but revised and put up)	2011-12	224.27/67.28	APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	Not recommended by the Export Commissioner. Decision: It was decided that the Export Commissioner would examine the proposal and be placed before the EC only after he recommends.
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Assam							Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned(Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate		
Projects Completed							
1	IIFT proposal to organize seminar	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	2000-01	4.41	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	
2	International Conference on Trade and investment opportunities in North Eastern Region	State Government of Assam/Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry	2000-01	12.50	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	
3	Study and recommending for appropriate border policy measures for promoting trade with neighboring countries in North Eastern Region	Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC)	3.9.2001 7.2.2002 8.6.2007	1.00 2.00 5.00	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	
4	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Proposal for conducting the programme on WTO and the new trade regime at Guwahati	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	2002-03	0.978	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	
5	Pragati -11,2003 -- India's First Floating International Exposition to be held from March 25 - April 05,2004	North East Chamber of Commerce & Industry(NECC), Guwahati, Assam	2003-04	25.00	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	
Projects in progress							
1	Project Proposal on Safed Musli Cultivation & Processing for export in Assam	M/s R&K Fishing & Agro Based Ltd., Distt. Karimganj, Assam	2004-05	72.15	UC received but not in prescribed format	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.	

2	Project for setting up of Patkai Labs at Guwahati, Assam	M/s Patkai Herbs & Spices Private Limited, Guwahati, Assam	2004-05	207.37	UC received.	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.
3	Setting up Centre for Promotion and Development of Exportable Handwoven Silk Products at Sualkuchi Assam	Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd., Kamrup, Assam.	2007-08 2008-09 2010-11	(addl. fund) 59.50 52.80 37.87	UC not received UC received UC awaited	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt. Export Commissioner would report on the status of the project alongwith UC etc to DoC.
New Projects						
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Date of Receipt	Project Amount / EDF assistance (Rs. In lakh)	Remarks	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
1	For orchid and ornamental flower	NORTH East Biotech Pvt Ltd, Assam	July, 2011 by APEDA	386.92/125.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC does not recommend at present.	EC did not recommend the project. Decision : Rejected
2	Setting up centre for promotion and development of exportable handwoven Eri & Muga Silk	Bodoland Regional Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd., Assam	July, 2011	468.83/421.95	EC and APEDA's recommendation has not received at present. DoC may consider on the receipt of appraisal and recommendation from EC and APEDA.	Export Commissioner stated that project proposal was not received from the Federation. Decision: It was decided that details of the project would be sent to APEDA and Export Commissioner, Govt. of Assam by DoC for their examination.

Manipur

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned(Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Projects Completed						
1	Proposal for conducting workshops and seminar on border trade	Government of Manipur	2002-03	3.38	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. Govt. of Manipur would check and respond.
2	Proposal to conduct 5-day Training Programmes on Export Management and to Prepare State Specific Export Development Plans	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	2002-03	21.03	UC not received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. Govt. of Manipur would check and respond.
3	Area Expansion for organic Passion Fruit Cultivation Assistance under Export Development Fund for North East.	M/s Good Samaritan Social Services Association, Purnamai, Manipur	2003-04	103.266	UC received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt. Govt. of Manipur would check and respond.
4	Project Proposal for creation of integrated trade information and stay facility centre for traders at Moreh	Government of Manipur	2006-07 2009-10	185.00 185.00	UC received	Decision: State Govt. would furnish the completion certificate and details of the project to DoC.
5	Reimbursement of training cost to IIFT for conducting Training Programme for traders at Moreh	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	2006-07	6.78	UC received	It is decided that Completion Certificate would be provided by IIFT.
Projects in progress						
1	Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Manipur	M/s Isii Development Association, Distt. Senapati, Manipur	2004-05	37.66	UC received	Decision: It was decided that APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt.. State Government would furnish status report and completion certificate of the project to DoC.
2	Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Manipur	M/s Agri Exports C/o Pahari Store Dewlaland, Imphal, Manipur	2004-05	107.59	UC received	Decision: State Govt. will furnish the completion certificate and status report of the project to DoC. APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt.
3	Project Proposal on Integrated Bee Keeping Development for Export, Employment and Income Generation	M/s Chivalry Poverty Alleviation	2005-06 2007-08	38.00 37.55	UC received	Decision: State Govt. will furnish the completion certificate and status report of the project to DoC. APEDA would provide details

	in Manipur.	Development Association, Manipur				of the project to the State Govt.
4	Project Proposal on setting up of a Turmeric Processing Unit in Manipur.	M/s Rural Development Foundation Association, Manipur	2005-06	100.00/50.00 (Release)	UC received	Decision: State Govt. will furnish the completion certificate and status report of the project to DoC. APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt.
5	Project for Export Promotion Infrastructure for 2 TPH Passion Fruit Processing plant in Manipur.	M/s Exotic Juices Limited, Manipur	2005-06 2008-09	166.00 84.00	UC for 1 st installment received. UC for 2 nd installment awaited.	Decision: Status Report of the project and UC for Rs. 84.00 lakhs would be submitted by State Govt to DoC. APEDA would provide details of the project to the State Govt.
6	Stevia Extraction Plant at Mao	Intouch Natural Pvt. Ltd., Manipur	2010-11	177.99	UC not received	Export Commissioner stated that they had no idea what was going on in the project. NEITCO informed that Deptt. of Science and Technology has also funded the project. Decision : The DoC would request Deptt. of Science and Technology for the details of the project and also the status of release of balance of Rs.2 crores so that the project can be completed. D.O. letter from AS(M P) would be sent. State Govt. will also furnish the completion certificate and UC through APEDA. APEDA would provide greater details of the project to the State Govt.
7	Setting up of Food Testing Laboratory at Imphal (Manipur) under 90:10 pattern	Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Manipur (POST FACTO APPROVAL REQUIRED, the proposal has been approved by Commerce	2012-13	222.714	UC to be received within 31.03.2013	Export Commissioner informed that the project would be ready by the end of this financial year. Decision: It was decided that meanwhile the State Govt. would furnish the interim report to DoC and APEDA. APEDA would put up the details of the project to DoC. The approval would be taken on file after the receipt of the report.

		Secretary)				
New Projects						
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Date of Receipt	Project Amount / EDF assistance (Rs. In lakh)	Remarks	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
1	Common Facility Centre (CFC) for packaging at Food Park Nilakuthi Imphal	Government of Manipur		2416.54/2174.81	EC-ASIDE recommends that APEDA will implement this under EDF assistance of 5 crores in the beginning. While the ownership will remain with the State Government of Manipur. Balance amount may be sought from ASIDE.	The Export Commissioner stated that this facility is not only for Manipur, but would be availed by other North-Eastern states also. It is very important for the development for exports from N-E states. Decision: The project would be taken up for consideration in the next EC-EDF meeting. The reappraisal of the project will be done by EC of the state and submitted to APEDA for their vetting. APEDA with the help of its consultant will vet the project and submit it to DoC within a month.

Meghalaya

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of
Projects Completed						
1	Proposal of Indian Council of Social Science Research, NER, Centre for two days Seminar on Indo- China Border Trade.	Indian Council of Social Science Research, Shillong, Meghalaya	2006-07	2.55	UC not received	Decision: APEDA would send details to the State Govt. State Govt. would check and respond about UC and Completion Certificate.
Projects in progress						
1	Proposal for 600 MT ready-to-eat energy food manufacturing unit at EPIP, Byrnihat, Meghalaya	Orion Health Food Private Limited, Meghalaya (funds to be released)	2010-11	67.83	N.A.	State Government has informed that land has been allotted for the project and the project would be completed by April, 2013. They have informed DoC in respect of Land allotment. Decision: File to be submitted for taking a view.
2	Proposal for 500 MT fruit processing unit at EPIP, Byrnihat, Meghalaya	Bethellem Bells Food Products, Shillong, Meghalaya (funds to be released. Land issues still pending)	2010-11	79.44	N.A.	Decision: Export Commissioner would submit the details of the Land lease and bank loan to the DoC/APEDA in a month.
New Projects – No new projects received						

Mizoram						
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Projects Completed.						
1	Project for Integrated Bee Keeping Development in Mizoram	M/s Kejrival Bee Care India Pvt. Ltd.	2004-05	149.50	UC received	Decision: DoC will refer to State Government for UC of the project.
Projects in progress						
1	Project Proposal for Floriculture in Mizoram	M/s Zopar Export Pvt. Ltd. Chanmari, Aizawl (Approval for 2 nd installment)	2006-07	210.94 (1 st Install: Rs.105.47 lakh 2 nd Installment Rs.105.47 lakh)	UC received	Export Commissioner stated that floriculture had good prospects of exports to Bangladesh, Myanmar, Holland and N. Zealand. The progress of the project is very good. Promoter has contributed Rs.3.03cr. Export Commissioner has recommended the project. Decision: Interim Report to be submitted in 15 days. Decision for approval for 2 nd installment may be taken on file.
2	Setting up of Food Testing Laboratory and Mozoram Food Plan	Mizoram (Approval for Locational change)	2010-11	308	UC not received	State Government stated that the change of the location of the project from Zokhawthar to Thenzawl was far more suitable due to its central location so as to cover the other proposed sites of LCS/ICP at the borders of Myanmar as well as Bangladesh. Coordination Committee for implementation of Kaladan Multimodal and infrastructure development had recommended for the change of location. State Government had informed that building was ready. Plant & Machinery were to be installed. Decision: EC approved the change of location. A report on progress to be submitted by the State Government.
New Projects						

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Date of Receipt	Project Amount / EDF assistance (Rs. In lakh)	Remarks	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
1	For Bamboo charcoal kiln and bamboo vinegar.	Bamboo Development Agency(A Society under Govt. of Mizoram), Sairang	August,2010 by DoC	205.06/174.30	Export Commissioner, APEDA and DoC recommends the approval.	State Government was advised to prepare one big export unit with export linkage on bamboo chips instead of several small projects.
2	For setting up of an Export Promotion Industrial Park(EPIP) at Saiha, Mizoram.	Bamboo Development Agency(A Society under Govt. of Mizoram)	August,2010 by DoC	2753.26/1000.00	APEDA and DoC recommends the approval.	
3	For manufacturing of Bamboo chips	Daida Bamboo Chipping Mill ,Mizoram	March,2011 by DoC	158.20/32.97	EC, APEDA and DoC recommends the approval.	
4	For manufacturing of Bamboo chips,	Pandsons Bamboo Chipping Mill ,Mizoram	March,2011 by DoC	158.20/32.97	EC, APEDA and DoC recommends the approval.	
5	For manufacturing of Bamboo chips,	LH Bamboo Chipping Mill ,Mizoram	March,2011 by DoC	158.20/32.97	EC, APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	
6	For manufacturing of Bamboo chips,	Sena Bamboo Chipping Mill ,Mizoram	March,2011 by DoC	158.20/32.97	EC, APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	
7	For production of mechanized incense sticks	PK Bamboo Industry, Mizoram)	January,2011	250.50/66.66	EC, APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	Decision: APEDA will re-assess the project proposal and give the report within 15 days.

8	Construction of Trade Facilitation Centre at Lawngtlai, Mizoram	Govt. of Mizoram	February, 2012 in DoC	Total Project Cost: 920.97 EDF assistance; Not clear	The letter has been sent to submit the DPR. The Cabinet Secretariat had enquired about the development of case.	Export Commissioner, Mizoram informed that DPR was under preparation and would be submitted in one month. Decision: DoC decided that the DPR would be appraised and vetted by APEDA. Thereafter the decision may be taken up in the next EC-EDF meeting.
9	Construction of Recreational Centre for Indo-Myanmat border township, Melbuk Mizoram	Govt. of Mizoram	February, 2012 in DoC	Total Project Cost: 203.57 EDF assistance; Not clear	The letter has been sent to submit the DPR.	No export linkage. EC to reassess and send detailed DPR.
10	Expansion of Hnalhan Winery, Mizoram	Hnalhan Grape Growers' Society, Mizoram	05.09.2011 by APEDA	539.00/359.15	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later	Decision: Export Commissioner to reassess the proposal.
11	Expansion of Champhai Winery	Champhai Grape Growers' Society, Mizoram	05.09.2011 by APEDA	524.45/345.58	EC, APEDA and DoC recommend the approval.	The State Government informed that export of wine to Myanmar and Bangladesh had good prospects. Nearly 3.5 lakhs bottles will be produced. Decision: Approved for Rs. 50 lakhs. Interim report will be submitted for further approval.
12	Setting up of R&D Centre-cum-Training-cum-Food Processing Unit at Aizawl and construction of Trade Centre at Zokhathar LCS	Govt. of Mizoram		500 / 500	It was decided to be considered under the ASIDE scheme. The DPR is being vetted by APEDA. Since this issue has been taken up by Cabinet Secretariat, we may take this under EDF.	DPR is being vetted by APEDA. Decision: APEDA will give the report in one month's time. Project proposal would be placed in the next EC-EDF meeting.

Nagaland

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Projects Completed						
1	Setting up of organic cultivation of Passion fruit at Pfitsero	Project Development Board Pfitseromi Village, Nagaland	2001-02	25.64	UC received	Export Commissioner stated that the project was not known to him. Decision: APEDA will give details to the State Govt. to help the State Govt. to respond and send report.
2	Pilot Project Handloom Export Promotion from Nagaland	M/s Handloom Development Foundation of Sikkim, Nagaland	2002-03	121.00 84.00	UC for 1 st installment received UC for 2 nd installment not received	Export Commissioner stated that the project was not known to him. Decision: APEDA will give details to the State Govt. to help the State Govt. to respond and send report.
3	Project Report on Passion Fruit Cultivation	M/s Khonoma Organic Plant, Mission Compound, Kohima, Nagaland	2003-04	39.67	UC received	Export Commissioner stated that the project was not known to him. Decision: APEDA will give details to the State Govt. to help the State Govt. to respond and send report.

4	Proposal for grant of additional fund for the Pilot Project on Organic Cultivation of Passion Fruit sanctioned to Project Development Board, Pfitersomi Village Council, Nagaland	Project Development Board, Pfitersomi Village Council, Nagaland	2003-04	11.70	UC received but not in prescribed format	Export Commissioner stated that the project was not known to him. Decision: APEDA will give details to the State Govt. to help the State Govt. to respond and send report.
5	Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Nagaland	M/s Kenny Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Kohima, Nagaland	2004-05	43.04	UC received	Export Commissioner stated that the project was not known to him. Decision: APEDA will give details to the State Govt. to help the State Govt. to respond and send report.
Projects in progress						
1	Project for Integrated Bee Keeping Development in Nagaland	M/s Pusazo Luroo, Proprietor, Mission Compound, Distt. Phek, Nagaland	2004-05	49.00	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit reports to DoC.
2	Project on Bamboo Shoot Processing in Nagaland	M/s Global Welfare Society, Dimapur, Nagaland	2004-05	115.16	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit reports to DoC.
3	Project Proposal for production of canned mushroom for export in Nagaland	M/s Tyrannus Community MPCS Ltd. Pfitsero, Nagaland	2005-06 2007-08	44.00 34.82	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit reports to DoC.
4	Export of organic products	M/s Naga Indigenous Foods Kohima	2008-09 2010-11	53.52	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter

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						State Govt. will submit reports to DoC.	
5	Cultivation of Anthurium and Garbera Cut Flower under Hi-tech Green House and Controlled Atmosphere	M/s Tongpok Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dimapur, Nagaland		2008-09 & 2010-11	40.00 43.71	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit reports to DoC.
6	Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit	Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Co-operative society Ltd., Nagaland(sanctioned but funds not released)		2010-11	78.80	N.A.	Decision: Not approved.
7	Cultivation processing and Turmeric	Cham MPCPS Ltd., Nagaland (sanctioned but funds not released)		2010-11	61.36	N.A.	Decision: Not approved.
New Projects							
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Date of Receipt	Project Amount / EDF assistance (Rs. In lakh)	Remarks	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012	
1	For setting up of a spices processing unit,	NICHOLAS Spices Processing Industry, Nagaland(2010-11)	February, 2011 by APEDA	31.24/9.38	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later	Export Commissioner has not recommended the project proposal.	
2	For orange cultivation and processing unit	Sukhsbo Agri Allied Farming Cooperative Society, Nagaland	June, 2011 by APEDA	400.00/120.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later.	Decision: To be considered by EC-EDF only after recommended by Export commissioner.	
3	Project proposal for Organic Ginger cultivation and processing unit	M/s Likar Karling Multipurpose society, Nagaland	29.07.201 by APEDA	350.00/105.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later		
4	Project proposal for Large Cardamom and Processing Unit for	M/s Canal Pour Organization, Nagaland	July, 2011 by APEDA	150.00/45.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later		

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	Export market						Export Commissioner has not recommended the project proposal. Decision: To be considered by EC-EDF only after recommended by Export commissioner.
5	Project proposal for Organic Banana Cultivation and Processing for Export market at Phek District	M/s Riiprii Riidu Society, Nagaland	July, 2011 by APEDA	300.00/90.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later	Recommended by APEDA and DoC.	
6	For Cultivation and processing of World Hottest (Naga Chilly)	Naga Fragrance Pvt Ltd., Nagaland (earlier rejected but revised and put up)	2010-11	351.17/105.35	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later		
7	Cultivation and processing of cashewnut (2008-09)	Tribal Welfare Society Nagaland (earlier rejected but revised and put up)	2011-12	250.00/175.00	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later		
8	Cultivation of Passion fruit	M/s Kezekevi krotho co-operative Society, Nagaland	May, 2011	79.66/55.76	EC and APEDA has not recommended at present. DoC recommends that case may be considered later		

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Sikkim						
Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
Projects Completed						

1	Financial assistance to Govt. of Sikkim for meeting their pending liabilities arising out of infrastructure development works at the Border Trade Mart at Nathula.	Government of Sikkim	2006-07 2007-08	106.24 5.72	UC received	Decision: Physical progress report of the project will be submitted by APEDA and the State Government.
Projects in progress						
1	Project proposal for export of Orchids from Sikkim	M/s Sikkim Himalayan Orchids Ltd., Sikkim	2001-02	75.00	UC received	Decision: Physical progress report of the project will be submitted by APEDA and the State Government.
2	Setting up Sikkim's 1st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom	M/s Parvatiya Vikas Sansthan (PVS), Sikkim (Approval for 2 nd installment)	2009-10	1 st installment Rs. 66.50 lakh (2 nd installment Rs. 9.5 lakh)	UC received	Decision: Physical progress report of the project will be submitted by APEDA and the State Government.
3	100% Export Oriented Watch Jewels Manufacturing Unit	Sikkim Jewels Ltd., Sikkim (a Govt. of Sikkim Undertaking) (funds sanctioned but not released) (as per information from APEDA state Govt. has decided to close the project)	2010-11	550.17	N.A.	Decision: Not applicable.
New Projects – No new proposal received						

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Tripura Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012

Sr. No	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Status of Utilisation Certificate	Decision: State Govt. and APEDA will provide the UC. DoC will also write to IIFT..
Projects Completed						
1	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade to organise seminar on WTO and New Trade Regime at Agartala	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	2000-01	0.75	UC not received	Decision: State Govt. and APEDA will provide the UC. DoC will also write to IIFT..
2	Study of the locational matrix of exportable commodities in North Eastern Region	North Eastern Industrial Consultants Ltd.(NECON), Tripura	2000-01	1.50	UC not received	Decision: State Govt. and APEDA will provide the UC.
3	Seminar on Promotion of Trade and Investment between Tripura and Bangladesh	Government of Tripura	2002-03	3.00	UC not received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit UC, status report, Completion Certificate to DoC through APEDA.
4	Study on Export Potential of Tripura	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	2002-03	3.50	UC not received	Decision: State Govt. and APEDA will provide the UC. DoC will also write to IIFT.

Projects in progress

1	Integrated Marketing Programme for Handicrafts, Handloom, Carpet, Silk, Jute and other small scale & cottage products from Tripura	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts	2001-02	92.84	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit status report etc. to DoC.
2	Setting up of 100% Export Oriented Hydro-Carbon free Sale Yarn Project	Government of Tripura	2002-03	103.20	UC received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit status report to DoC.
3	Rubber wood based door manufacturing unit	Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Limited	2007-08	200.00	UC of first instalment received	Decision: Details to be provided by APEDA to State Govt. Thereafter State Govt. will submit status report to DoC.
						Approval for the release of 2 nd installment will be taken in next EC-EDF meeting after receipt of Physical Progress Report by Export Commissioner.

New Projects : No new proposal received

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Completed projects

Sr. No	Agency	Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	UC status	Record of discussion held in the meeting of 06.09.2012
1	National council of Applied Economic Research(NCAER)	Evaluation of the various projects sanctioned under Critical Infrastructure Balance scheme	2001-02	12.00	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
2	National Centre for Trade Information (NCTI)	Study the import basket of Myanmar and Bangladesh	2002-03	0.30	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
3	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI)	North East International Business Summit and Expo-New Delhi	2002-03	10.80	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
4	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts(EPCH)	(i) Project for Aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts (ii) For setting up of International Marketing Cell	2002-03 2005-06	404.00 106.06	UC received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.

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5	National Center for Trade Information	Proposal for conducting field studies for N E States of India, Bangladesh and Myanmar	2002-03	0.45	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
6	Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited(IL&FS)	Study related to Development of Export Infrastructure in North Eastern Region	2003-04	7.50	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
7	North Eastern Council	Proposal for sending a delegation to Amsterdam, Netherlands under the North Eastern Region Development of North Eastern Region	2003-04	1.23129	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
8	Central Warehousing Corporation	Preparation of Modal Map for the Land Customs Station building and related infrastructure	2003-04	0.75	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
9	M/s Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.	Project Proposal for Aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts.	2006-07	75.00	UC received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.

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14	Indian Institute of Entrepreneurs (IIE), Guwahati, Assam	Mentoring and Monitoring at workshop at Guwahati, Assam	2011-12	2.00	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
15	North Eastern Industrial & Technical Consultancy Organisation Limited (NEITCO), Guwahati	Mentoring and Monitoring at workshop at Shillong, Meghalaya	2011-12	2.00	UC received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
16	North Eastern Industrial & Technical Consultancy Organisation Limited (NEITCO), Guwahati	Mentoring and Monitoring at workshop at Agartala, Tripura	2011-12	2.00	UC received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
10	The workshops would be at 8 NER states by FIEO	Organisation of 8 one day Export Awareness Workshop on Scope and Opportunities from NER for Exports	2010-11	16.00	UC received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
11	Proposal for APEDA	Participation of NER entrepreneurs with funding support from EDF, in 2 nd International Summit for Packaging Industry with a theme of "Packaging innovations & Sustainability" in Mumbai during 1-2 October, 2010 being held currently with	2010-11	10.00	UC not received	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.

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12	North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation(NEHHDC)	Mentoring and Monitoring workshop at Dimapur, Nagaland	2011-12	2.00	Fund not released	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.
13	North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation(NEHHDC)	Mentoring and Monitoring workshop at Gangtok, Sikkim	2011-12	2.00	Funds not released	APEDA and DoC will follow up with the organization and send letter for UC.

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The Chairman of the Empowered Committee reiterated to the representatives of the State Governments to furnish pending UCs and Completion Certificates before the next EC-EDF meeting, expected to be held in Oct.-Nov., 2012.

The meeting ended with Thanks.
