

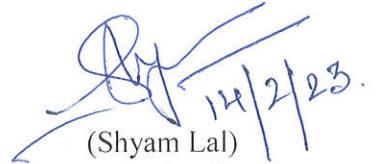
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Sub: 17th meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES – minutes - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 17th meeting of the Empowered Committee of Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary on 24th Januray, 2023 for information and further necessary action.

Receipts of minutes may kindly be acknowledged.



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Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' held under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary on 24.01.2023 (Tuesday) at 12:30 PM.

1. The 17th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' was held under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary on 24.01.2023 (Tuesday) at 12:30 PM in hybrid mode (physical + Virtual). The list of participants is in 'Annexure I'.

2. During the meeting, the progress of the ongoing projects was reviewed, and proposals received from various implementing agencies seeking second and subsequent instalments of TIES funding were examined for their conformance to the TIES guidelines. The Division made a detailed presentation regarding the proposals before the Empowered Committee.

A. Ongoing Projects for Review as directed in previous EC meeting

3. Agenda Item No. 1

Proposal: Expansion/Improvement (3 MLD Effluent Refractory Management and TDS Reduction) in CETP, Baddi, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh

Implementing Agency: Baddi Infrastructure

Project Cost: Rs. 28.51 crore

- TIES share Rs. 20 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 10 crore.

3.1. The EC was informed that the 1st instalment of the TIES grant for the project was released in August 2021. However, the implementation of the progress has remained the same. The EC was informed that during the last EC meeting held on 1.9.2022, IA was directed to expedite the implementation of the project, failing which the project would be considered for cancellation.

3.2 Representative of IA informed EC that in response to the tender floated initially for the project, only one bidder was technically qualified. However, the amount quoted by that bidder was 35% more than the expected cost quoted in the DPR. This has resulted in an escalation of the project cost. Also, State Pollution Control Board suggested that as per the NGT order, the facility to remove API residual is required to be set up. Therefore, the proposal has been revised, and the same has been submitted to the State Government and DoC for consideration under TIES. The revised project cost is Rs. 29.72 crores.

3.3 After due deliberation, the EC directed IA to expedite the implementation of the project. Further, the Implementing Agency will bear the escalation in the total project cost. The Division has been directed to scrutinize the revised DPR received from the Implementing Agency. The project shall again be reviewed by the EC in the first meeting to be held in the next Financial Year.

4. Agenda Item No. 2

Proposal: Upgradation of Quality Marking Centre, Faridabad

Implementing Agency: MSME Advancement and Nurturing Support

Council (MEANS)

Project Cost: Rs. 29.67 crore

- TIES share Rs. 12.12 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 6.06 crore.

4.1. The EC was informed that during the last meeting, the IA was directed to submit information on the quantum of funds released by the State Government for the project. The EC was informed that as per the information received, IA had received a total amount of Rs. 15.8927 crores from the State Government for the project.

4.2 After due deliberation, the EC directed IA to expedite the implementation of the project and submit Utilization Certificate for the 1st grant of the TIES instalment at the earliest.

5. Agenda Item No. 3

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

Implementing Agency: *Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.*

Project Cost: Rs. 5.49 crore

- TIES share Rs. 2.62 crore.
- Fund Released: NIL

5.1 The EC was apprised that the project was approved in July 2020 with the condition that 1st instalment of the TIES grant shall be released only after tendering process is completed; IA also has to commence the construction process and provide a pari-passu contribution. However, all conditions described above have yet to be met by IA, resulting in no progress in the project implementation.

5.2 Representative of IA informed that there had been a delay in the project implementation as the Bangladesh side has deferred the foundation stone laying of the project.

5.3 Representative of MEA informed the EC that Bangladesh is seeking dates for laying the foundation stone. However, the date shall be decided after the State elections are over.

5.4 Representative of IA also requested the EC to include components like approach road, agency charge, contingency and GST under eligible TIES grant as there has been a large-scale escalation in the cost of the components, which were based on 2019 estimates.

5.5 After deliberation, the EC decided that cost escalation in the project shall have to be borne by IA. Further, 1st instalment of the TIES shall be released only after tendering process is completed, IA does construction starts and pari-passu contribution.

6. Agenda Item No. 4

Proposal: *Setting up of Border Haat at Kamalpur, Dhalai, Tripura*

Implementing Agency: *Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.*

Project Cost: Rs. 5.30 crore

- TIES share Rs. 2.55 crore.
- Fund Released: NIL

6.1 The EC was informed that the Division, vide letter dated 29th August 2022 and subsequent e-mail reminders, has asked IA to complete its pari passu commitment to release 1st instalment of the grant under TIES. However, IA is yet to complete its pari passu commitment.

6.2 After due deliberation, the EC directed IA to complete its pari passu commitment and furnish the information to this Department for release of 1st instalment of the grant.

B. Ongoing Projects for Review

7. Agenda Item No. 1

Proposal: *Setting up of EMI/EMC Testing laboratory for the Medical Technology Sector*

Implementing Agency: *HLL Medipark Limited.*

Project Cost: Rs. 24.12 crore

- TIES share Rs. 11.76 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 5.88 crore.

7.1. The EC was informed that the Implementing Agency has requested to cancel the project. It was informed that the project had not been started due to divergent views of the State Government and Central Government on the mode of administration of the Implementing Agency. The EC was also informed that IA had refunded the 1st instalment of the TIES grant along with interest accrued to this Department.

7.2 After due deliberation, the EC accepted Implementing Agency's request for the project's cancellation as per TIES guidelines.

8. Agenda Item No. 2

Proposal: *Establishment of post-harvest, management, storage and market facility for pomegranate at Khargone, Madhya Pradesh*

Implementing Agency: *Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural marketing board (MPSAMB), Khargaon*

Project Cost: Rs. 8.27 crore (Revised 5.38 crore)

- TIES share Rs. 3.6 crore (Revised 2.34 crores)
- Fund Released: NIL

8.1. The EC was informed that the total project cost had been revised from Rs. 8.27 crores to Rs. 5.38 crores. The project cost has been reduced due to a change in the project scope, i.e. reduction in area/size. Accordingly, the eligible TIES project cost has been revised to Rs. 4.68 crores and the TIES share for the

project shall be revised from Rs. 3.6 crores to Rs. 2.34 crores.

8.2 After deliberation, the EC approved the change in project scope and reduced the TIES share from Rs. 3.6 crores to Rs. 2.34 crore. The TIES share of Rs. 2.34 crores for the project will be released in one instalment.

9. Agenda Item No. 3

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

Implementing Agency: *Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)*

Project Cost: Rs. 5.44 crore

- TIES share Rs. 2.72 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 2.72 crore.

9.1. The EC was informed that IA is yet to submit the utilization certificate for the TIES grant. A representative of IA informed the EC that the project is completed and there is a saving of Rs. 30 lakhs (approx.). Accordingly, IA shall refund the due amount as per TIES guidelines. It was further informed that the utilization certificate should be submitted to the Department within a week.

9.2 After deliberation, the EC directed IA to refund the unspent amount as per TIES guidelines to the Department and submit a utilization certificate at the earliest.

10. Agenda Item No. 4

Proposal: *Upgradation of Infrastructure at Land Custom Station, Muhurighat, Tripura*

Implementing Agency: *Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.*

Project Cost: Rs. 16.85 crore

- TIES share Rs. 12.29 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 6.15 crore

10.1. The EC was informed that the first instalment of the TIES grant for the project was released in February 2018; however, there has yet to be any progress.

10.2 Representative of IA informed the EC that due to objection from the Bangladesh side, the project had yet to start. IA, through State Government, has taken up the issue with Central Government and Bangladesh Government. However, there has yet to be any significant progress on the issue.

10.3 The Ministry of External Affairs representative informed the EC that this issue is a part of a larger set of issues that have been taken up at many levels

with Bangladesh. The construction issue within 150 yards of the Indo-Bangladesh border is being discussed at various levels with Bangladesh, including Bangladesh Border Guards. MEA is hopeful for a resolution of the issue.

10.4 After due deliberation, the EC decided that further decisions on the project's fate shall be based on the outcome of ongoing talks between India and Bangladesh.

C. ONGOING PROJECTS – RELEASE OF NEXT INSTALLMENT

11. Agenda Item No.1

Proposal: *Upgradation of existing STPs in the IFPs of Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Limited*

Implementing Agency: *Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Ltd. (PSIEC)*

Project Cost: Rs. 13.02 crore

- TIES share: Rs. 4.71 crore
- TIES grant released: Rs. 2.35 crore
- last instalment requested: Rs. 2.36 crore

11.1 EC was apprised that the financial grant of Rs. 4.71 crore under TIES was approved for the project. Accordingly, 1st instalment of the TIES grant was released for the project in May 2020. The utilization Certificate for the 1st instalment has been received from IA. A physical completion certificate for the project has also been received from IA.

11.2 After deliberations, the EC approved the release of the 2nd and final instalment of Rs. 2.36 crore of TIES grant to IA subject to the holding of the PMC meeting at the project site.

12. Agenda Item No.2

Proposal: *Quality Assessment & Value Addition Centre for the herbal industry in the North Eastern states of India*

Implementing Agency: *National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Guwahati*

Project Cost: Rs 22.62 crore

- TIES share: Rs. 15.02 crore
- TIES grant released: Rs. 7.51 crore
- last instalment requested: Rs. 7.51 crore

12.1 The EC was apprised that the financial grant of Rs. 15.02 crore under TIES was approved for the project. Accordingly, 1st instalment of the TIES grant of Rs. 7.51 crore was released for the project in two tranches (first in March 2020 & second in July 2020). The utilization Certificate for the 1st instalment has been received from IA. It was informed that IA had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 2.45 crores from its own funds, which is less than the pari-passu contribution of Rs. 3.80 crores.

12.2 Representative of IA informed the EC that they would incur Rs. 1.40 crores from their fund on the work related to internal partition within the building by the 3rd week of February 2023. After spending the amount described above, the total amount of Rs. 3.85 crores shall be utilized from their fund. Hence, their pari

passu commitment shall be completed by 3rd week of February 2023.

12.3 After deliberations, the EC approved the release of the 2nd and final instalment of Rs. 7.51 crore of TIES grant after fulfilling the pari passu commitment by IA and holding a PMC meeting at the project site.

D. CANCELLED PROJECTS – FOR RECONSIDERATION

13. Agenda Item No.1

Proposal: Establishment of Spices Complex in Sikkim

Implementing Agency: Spices Board

Project Cost: Rs. 26.51 crore

- TIES share Rs. 17.74 crore.
- Fund Released: Rs. 8.87 crore.

13.1 The EC was apprised that due to a delay in implementation, the project was cancelled by EC in its meeting held on 1st September 2022. However, a request has been received from IA for reconsideration of the decision to cancel the project.

13.2 Representative of IA informed the EC that the delay in starting construction at the site was unintentional and partly attributable to the difficulties associated with the COVID pandemic and inherent challenges in Sikkim due to climate/landslides, restrictions imposed as per Disaster Management Act during monsoon. CPWD had started the work, but due to the EC's cancellation of the project in September 2022, further activity was stopped. If the project is revived, the tendering process for phases 2 & 3 of the project shall be started within a month. A representative of IA requested the EC to consider the revival of the project as it is the only project under TIES in Sikkim and to grant an additional year from the date of this EC meeting to complete the project.

13.3 The EC was informed by the Division that after the fulfilment of committed financial liabilities for the ongoing/sanctioned project, Rs. 10 crores (approx.) of the additional fund should be available for the new project/revived project.

13.4 After deliberations, the EC decided to revive the project and grant an additional year from this EC meeting to complete the project.

14. Agenda Item No. 2

Proposal: Upgradation/strengthening / Modernization of existing laboratories of the Textile committee

Implementing Agency: Textile Committee

Project Cost: Rs. 28.61 crore

- TIES share Rs. 12.75 crore.
- Fund Released: NIL

14.1 The EC was apprised that due to a delay in implementation, the EC cancelled the project in its meeting on 1st September 2022. However, IA has received a request for reconsideration of the decision to cancel the project.

14.2 The Division informed the EC that due to the non-availability of funds under TIES, it should not be feasible to accede to the request of IA for the revival of the project

14.3 After deliberations, the EC decided not to accede to the request of IA for the revival of the project.

15. Lastly, given the decision of the Empowered Finance Committee (EFC), headed by the Finance Secretary, to merge ongoing TIES with the DEHs Scheme & not to approve fresh approval under TIES and also to keep in view the quantum of committed financial liabilities vis a vis the total financial outlay of TIES approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, the EC decided that no new proposal shall be taken up for consideration under TIES.

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

Annexure-I

List of Participants in the 17th Empowered Committee Meeting (Physical & virtual) on TIES held on 24.01.2023 under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary

	Name & Designation	Organisation
<u>Department of Commerce:</u>		
1.	Shri Sunil Barthwal, CS	In Chair
2.	Shri L Satya Srinivas, AS	DoC
3.	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, AS	DoC
4.	Shri Peeyush Kumar, AS	DoC
5.	Dr M. Balaji, JS	DoC
6.	Shri Vipul Bansal, JS	DoC
7.	Smt. Renu Lata, Economic Adviser	DoC
8.	Shri Shyam Lal, US	DoC
<u>Other Ministries/Departments/Organizations:</u>		
9.	Ms. Paulomi Tripathi, Dir(BM)	MEA – Online Mode
10.	Sh. A. K. Dhyani, Dir(NE)	MHA
11.	Dr. Janardan Rao	M/o Textiles
<u>Implementing/Proposing Agency:</u>		
12.	Sh. Kartikay Dhanda, Director	Textiles Committee
13.	Dr. U.S.N. Murthy, Director	NIPER, Guwahati
14.	Shri K.K. Duggal	GJEPC

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16.	Shri Amanpreet Singh	PSIEC– Online Mode
17.	Shri Siddhant Swamy	PSIEC– Online Mode
18.	Shri Rakesh Prajapati, Commissioner	Government of HP– Online Mode
19.	Shri Vijay Arora, CEO	Baddi Infrastructure– Online Mode
20.	Shri Tilak Raj Sharma, Addl. Director	Government of HP– Online Mode
21.	Shri D.K. Gupta, Executive Engineer	MPSAB– Online Mode
22.	Ms. Vishwasree B, Director	Government of Tripura– Online Mode
23.	Shri D. Sathiyam, Secretary	Spices Board– Online Mode
24.	Shri M.S. Ramalingam, Deputy Director	Spices Board– Online Mode