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Sub: Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES for the year 2017-18 -reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 4th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES for the year 2017-18 held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Rita Teaotia, Commerce Secretary in the Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 13th March, 2018 for information and further necessary action.

Receipt of the minutes may kindly be acknowledged.

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Minutes of the 4th meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) on ‘Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)’ for Financial Year 2017-18 under the Chairpersonship of Commerce Secretary held on 13.03.2018 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A.M. in Room No.141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

List of participants is annexed.

The proposals received from implementing agencies under TIES funding were appraised and presented by the Project Monitoring Agency which were deliberated in the Empowered Committee and following decisions were taken:

**Agenda Item No.1**

*Implementing Agency (IA) / Project details* – Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (MPSTDC), a State Government Agency  

*Proposal* – Establishment of Trade Promotion Centre at Minto Hall, Bhopal  

*Total project cost* - Rs. 49.39 Cr  

- TIES share requested - Rs. 17.67 cr.  
- MPSTDC (own resources) – Rs. 31.72 cr.  
- 1st instalment released – Rs 9.00 cr.

*Release of 2nd instalment sought* – Rs 8.67 cr

It was presented by PMA that MPSTDC has utilized Rs 9 Cr released as 1st instalment under TIES. MPSTDC has also utilized an amount of Rs 14.19 Cr for which it has provided proof of spending certified by the Head of MPSTDC. MPSTDC has provided the Utilization Certificate for TIES share of Rs 9 Cr. Till date, MPSTDC has made a cumulative expenditure of Rs 23.30 cr.

PMA mentioned that based on its visit conducted on 28-Feb-18, the renovation work of Minto hall has been awarded to multiple contractors. The work started on 30-Jan-16 and completion date as per original DPR is 30-Jun-18. During the visit it was noted that there is a slight delay in the physical progress in comparison to the planned progress as per the original timeline. PMA is working with MPSTDC to have a catch up plan for timely completion of the project.

The tenders for STP have recently been awarded and tenders for interior works are yet to be awarded. The planned duration for both the activities was 8 months. PMA observed that if the planned duration for these activities are not reduced, it will result in delay of the completion date. MPSTDC was advised to compress the timelines for the activities in order to adhere to the original schedule. Chief Engineer, MPSTDC responded that it has taken due care of the timelines in the works awarded.

AS(SC) observed that the original project schedule was 24 months which was already revised to 30 months at the time of approval under TIES. Chief Engineer, MPSTDC mentioned that the increase in timeline was due to conservation works, NGT clearances and shifting of some utilities lines.

PMA pointed out that cost for electrification has exceeded the cost proposed in original DPR. Chief Engineer, MPSTDC clarified that cost in respect of some components has been decreased due to which the overall project cost will not
increase. EC observed that any increase in the overall cost of the project will have to be borne by MPSTDC.

PMA observed that laboratory tests were being conducted for various civil items such as Lime Mortar / wood type, Coarse aggregate (20mm), sand, Fly ash bricks, Mix Design Material M30 among others. PMA observed that quality check test results are being verified as per the standard norms of MP, PWD Department which are then approved by Department’s Electrical Engineers. Laboratory tests were also conducted for Electrical items such as Insulated armored PVC Sheathed Cable and Conductor among others. Regular progress review meetings by the MPSTDC are also being conducted to monitor the construction progress at site. PMA pointed out that there was no safety supervisor/engineer present at site during their visit. Chief Engineer, MPSTDC clarified that as the PMA visit was close to Holi festival, the safety supervisor was on leave.

In addition, MPSTDC and PMA were directed to ensure that detailed quantity and resources wise plan for the balance activities should be prepared, work order and mobilization of the contractor for interior works needs to be expedited to complete the project within the stipulated time.

EC directed MPSTDC to address all quality and safety concerns and PMA needs to monitor the same while adhering to the timelines.

EC decided to approve the release of 2nd instalment of Rs.8.67 cr with the provision that PMA monitor the same and get the shortcomings addressed.

**Agenda Item No. 2**

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project details** – Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendriya Vikas Nigam (Indore) Limited [MPAKVN]

**Proposal** – Cold Chain at Pithampur, SEZ Phase II, Madhya Pradesh.

**Total project cost** - Rs. 32.16 Cr
- TIES share requested - Rs. 16.08 cr.
- MPAKVN (own resources) – Rs. 16.08 cr.

It was informed by MD, MPAKVN that Indore SEZ is a Greenfield multi product SEZ with MP AKVN as the developer. Out of the 35 operational units in the SEZ, 32 are pharmaceutical based industries. Another 13 units were allotted during FY 16-17 and FY 17-18 and are expected to be operational in next 3 years. The current exports of Indore SEZ Phase II stands at INR 8428 cr in 2016-17. The exports from the SEZ have grown at CAGR of 25% from 2003-04 to 2016-17. It was informed that major pharma companies had units in the SEZ.

Regarding the rationale for the project, the PMA and MD, MPAKVN mentioned that while there exist general warehousing facilities in the SEZ they surveyed the multinational companies operating in the area and the responses indicated requirements for infrastructure such as sewage treatment plant, plastic waste disposal, transportation facility/bus terminal, export facilitation cell and air conditioned warehouse for storage of finished goods. Survey results show that 37% of total responses received requested additional space for finished/raw material storage as their prime requirement. Currently the manufacturing capacity of companies are restricted due to limited space for storage of finished goods. If the companies have ample finished goods storage space, they can fulfill export orders in lesser time and bigger quantities. Based on the survey, MPAKVN has proposed taking up of the work of establishing 15 individual cold storage
warehouses each with area of 10,000 sq.ft., MD, MPAKVN informed that large multinational companies prefer their personalized storage facility as opposed to a shared storage. Therefore, the proposed cold chain consists of a group of individual A/C warehouses. This will keep the finished goods and information securely limited to the company operating a given warehouse.

PMA informed that primary interactions with the units indicate 8/13 companies need additional storage. Further to ascertain the demand, PMA had sought the Letter of Intents (LoI) from interested parties to support the demand for which LoI for 60% of storage space was received by them.

PMA informed that there was also a demand for non AC warehouse. It was informed by the PMA to EC that O&M of the warehouse would be done by an independent agency to be engaged by MPAKVN.

The PMA apprised the EC that land is in possession of the MPAKVN and additional space has been earmarked for further expansion keeping in mind the scalability of operations. The vetting of civil cost was done by Neelamnbhuj Structural Engineers. MP PWD has also vetted the civil cost.

The proposal has been recommended by Principal Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Madhya Pradesh and also by MPTRIFAC Ltd which is the parent company of MPAKVN. The proposal is recommended by EP (Pharma), DoC and the Export commissioner of the State.

JS(SM) enquired regarding how the existing units were presently handling the shortage of cold chain warehousing to which the IA replied that the shortage constrains the manufacturing capacity of the units to process bulk orders. The setting of the facility will enable the units to plan their manufacturing activity to handle such bulk requirements.

Commerce Secretary enquired about the benefits to the export based pharma units, where MD, MPAKVN mentioned that pharma units will be able to focus more on their core operations if cold storage facility is made available in SEZ. This would also likely result in the capital costs of the units that are in the construction phases.

PMA pointed out that rentals proposed are high compared to the likely operational expenses to be incurred. In reply to the query of the Commerce Secretary regarding the rental for the use of the facility, MD, MPAKVN mentioned that a rental of Rs 20/sq ft was proposed to be charged which however would be finalised based on a bidding process for the operation and maintenance. Commerce Secretary directed that the rates should not be a source of income but based on market rentals and enough to maintain the asset. It was further informed by the MD, MPAKVN to EC that MPAKVN works as a distribution company for units located in SEZ campus and is providing cheap electricity at Rs. 3.80 per unit for the units. DGFT mentioned that such projects need to be encouraged to boost exports.

EC decided to approve the proposal for TIES share of Rs. 16.08 Crore and release of first installment of Rs. 8.04 Crore.

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project details** – Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Proposal – Establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Mangalore SEZ.

Total project cost - Rs. 22.08 Cr
- TIES share requested - Rs. 10.04 cr.
- VTPC (own resources) – Rs. 12.04 cr.

It was presented by PMA that the proposal for Establishment of 3 MLD plant in MSEZ will be implemented by VTPC. PMA mentioned that MSEZ has already developed CETP for 3 MLD which is being utilized by the existing units. The additional capacity of 3 MLD is to be utilized by the fish processing units being developed which require an additional 2.5 MLD. It was highlighted by PMA that the new units are smaller in size and having their individual ETPs may not be economically viable. Stakeholder consultation by PMA suggested that new units will be operational by March 2019 and the construction and development schedule of the CETP is to be synchronized with the operationalization of the units. The overall capacity utilization of the CETP in such a case will be more than 70% from 1st year.

It was highlighted by PMA that the land free from encumbrances is in possession of MSEZ who has given its NOC for the project and agreed to lease 2.5 acre of land for the proposed project to VTPC on long term basis. It was suggested that the long term lease be synchronized with the codal life of CETP. VTPC will carry out the O&M of the facility created through MSEZ. On approval of the project by Ministry of Commerce, GOI under TIES, a detailed MoU will be signed between VTPC and MSEZ for operations of project.

The proposal has been recommended by Commissioner of Industries & Export Commissioner, Karnataka. The SEZ Division, DoC has also recommended the project.

It was informed by the PMA that VTPC has approached the Ministry as the CETP project is located in SEZ and has direct linkages to export. AS (SC) sought clarification as to whether the new units pertaining to fisheries need a CETP to treat their effluent. PMA clarified that the fish meat gets dissolved in either suspended or dissolved form and needs to be treated before releasing it into the seas. The effluent also contains fat, oil and grease and hence needs to be treated. JS (SKS) and Director(EIC) confirmed the need for fish processing units to have a CETP/ETP facility.

AS(SC) enquired whether MSEZ will charge lease rentals from VTPC for transferring the land and whether the work should be done by MSEZ themselves as part of their responsibility. Commissioner, Industries / Chairman, VTPC mentioned that the lease rentals charged by MSEZ will be very nominal like Rs 1/acre of land. PMA mentioned that the rental rates that will be charged will be same as for the current CETP facility and is similar to industry benchmarks. AS(SC) remarked that since the rates are similar to industry benchmarks, the exporting units may not get the inferred benefits from the funding by GoI.

CS remarked that the tariff structure needs to be decided so that exporters could benefit and MoU needs to be signed between MSEZ and VTPC. CS then enquired to the nature of funds from VTPC to be put in the project. IA mentioned that they have surplus fund in the account of VTPC as a result of interest accrual of various schemes handled by VTPC. CS directed that the tariffs for the use of the facility should be clarified before release of fund to ensure that the facility may not be operated on a commercial basis by MSEZ.
The proposal was accorded in-principle approval for funding TIES share of Rs 10.04 Cr. The release of 1st instalment of Rs 5.02 Cr is subject to submission of details of tariff to be levied and land lease rental charges proposed in the agreement between VTPC and MSEZ and its approval being processed on file to IFD.

**Agenda Item No. 4**

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project details** – Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Proposal** – Expansion of Tertiary Treatment Plant (TTP) Phase–2 at Mangalore SEZ.

**Total project cost** - Rs. 25.86 Cr
- TIES share requested - Rs. 11.75 cr.
- VTPC (own resources) – Rs. 14.11 cr.

It was presented by PMA that VTPC intends to take up additional infrastructure in MSEZ by establishing TTP of 5 MGD to support the export oriented units located in the zone. Water is crucial for units which are coming up in MSEZ and in order to meet the water demand of the export units, the establishment of TTP of 5 MGD is required. PMA mentioned that current water requirement for MSEZ is 25 MGD and they get river water of around 15 MGD from rivers and this additional capacity of 5 MGD would help in reducing the dependence on rivers. PMA mentioned that the TTP facility will utilize sewage water from Mangalore City Corporation and after treatment would provide water to the industrial units. Thereby MSEZL is reducing the water load and also environment load by avoiding discharging of secondary treated sewage water from natural bodies like river/ocean.

MSEZL has already constructed TTP of 5 MGD capacity in year 2011. Presently MSEZL is treating 4 MGD of Secondary Treated Sewage water received from Secondary Treatment Plant (STP) and further treated water is pumped to MSEZL units and MRPL. MRPL and Cardolite Specialty Chemicals are currently using water from existing TTP capacity. JBF Petrochemicals (commissioning is in progress) and new units such as Syngene and Anthea Aromatics which will be operational by end of the year 2018 will be utilizing the water from additional capacity being created.

It was highlighted by PMA that the land free from encumbrances is in possession of MSEZ who has given its NOC for the project and agreed to lease the land for the proposed project to VTPC on long term basis. It was suggested that the long term lease be synchronized with the codal life of TTP. VTPC will carry out the O&M of the facility created through MSEZ. On approval of the project by Ministry of Commerce, GOI under TIES, a detailed MoU will be signed between VTPC and MSEZ for operations of project.

The proposal has been recommended by Commissioner of Industries & Export Commissioner, Karnataka. The SEZ Division, DoC has also recommended the project.

AS(SC) enquired about the export linkage in the project and whether it would result in any lower costs to the exporters. It was informed by the PMA that VTPC has approached the Ministry as the TTP project is located in SEZ and has direct linkages to export. Commissioner, Industries / Chairman, VTPC informed that
MSEZ will charge lease rentals from VTPC on a nominal basis for transferring the land and the input costs of water supply to the units would be reduced.

CS enquired about the tariffs of water supply from TTP to the units. Commissioner, Industries / Chairman, VTPC mentioned that they will be charging Rs 32/kL which is lesser than Mangalore City Corporation's Rs 50/kL. Commissioner of Industries / Chairman, VTPC also mentioned that Mangalore city faces shortage of water during summer and hence this plant would help in conservation of water as they will be treating sewage water from the STP of Mangalore City and the industries are also ready to pay this amount to keep getting regular water supply. CS remarked that TTP is a good initiative to conserve water as sewage water can be reused.

JS(SM) enquired that whether MSEZ will depend on river water after construction of this additional capacity to which the Commissioner of Industries / Chairman, VTPC remarked that they still will be depending on river water but dependence will be lesser than at present.

The proposal was accorded in-principle approval for funding TIES share of Rs 11.75 Cr. The release of 1st instalment of Rs 5.87 Cr is subject to submission of details of tariff to be levied and land lease rental charges proposed in the agreement between VTPC and MSEZ and its approval being processed on file to IFD.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

**Implementing Agency (IA) / Project details** – Andhra Pradesh State Fisherman Cooperative Societies Federation Limited.

**Proposal** – Upgradation of Fishing Harbour, Vishakapatnam.

**Total project cost** - Rs. 40.00 Cr

- TIES share requested - Rs. 16.97 cr.
- Andhra Pradesh State Fishermen Cooperative Societies Federation Limited (AFCOF) – Rs. 23.03 cr.

It was presented by Commissioner of Fisheries and MD, AFCOF that the fishing harbour in Vishakapatnam is in deplorable conditions due to Hud Hud cyclone and upgradation work is required. Vishakapatnam is one of the hubs of marine exports and Andhra Pradesh contributes to 40% of marine exports and majority is exported from the Vishakapatnam port. PMA informed that there are around 20000 active fishermen & other ancillary activities like fish vending/trading, ice making and post harvest fishery who will be utilizing the harbour. PMA also informed that Andhra Pradesh exported 64% of total shrimp production in FY15. It is also major port for exports of sea food as 41% of total seafood in terms of value are exported from it. PMA’s stakeholder consultation also reveals that the fishing harbor lacks all the basic infrastructural facilities.

CS enquired from Commissioner of Fisheries and MD, AFCOF as to whether any funds were allocated as part of the relief compensation package from the Centre for the development of fishing harbour after the cyclone. CS enquired regarding the quantum of damage projected in the memorandum presented to the Centre seeking relief. Commissioner of Fisheries and MD, AFCOF mentioned that no funds have been received or spent on the Upgradation of fishing harbor. CS remarked that the memorandum for the same needs to be checked before approving the project.
PMA informed that the land of fishing harbour is in possession of Vishakapatnam Port Trust (VPT) and they have given no objection to the upgradation works as recorded in Minutes of the meeting chaired by Minister, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department, MD(AFCOF), Chairman VPT and other dignitaries. Chairman, VPT has provided no objection for undertaking upgradation works as per DPR. PMA mentioned that as per documents provided the fishery operations are managed by the Managing Committee chaired by Commissioner of Fisheries.

CS sought the confirmation of the Commissioner of Fisheries and MD, AFCOF if the proposed upgradation would match the facilities available at the model fish landing harbor developed at Munambam, Kerala. PMA also mentioned that comments from Export Inspection Council (EIC) had been sought regarding the proposed upgradation to fishing harbour. Director, EIC remarked that the fishing harbour needs to adhere to requirements such as raising of landing platform, boundary wall to prevent stray animals entering into the harbour, creation of lavatory facilities and supply of clean water, etc., to which Commissioner of Fisheries and MD, AFCOF remarked that these facilities will be implemented in the upgradation works. JS(SKS) enquired about the fund proposed to be spent on auction halls which is lesser than other upgradation works. CS remarked that PMA should look at the cost estimates of upgradation of Munambam Fishing Harbour in Kerala and compare it with the cost estimates of this proposal.

JS(SKS) suggested that a meeting between all the stakeholders i.e. DoC, VPT and AFCOF should be conducted so that modalities of work on upgradation of fishing harbour can be discussed.

EC decided to defer the proposal till the outcome of the meeting with the stakeholders.

Agenda Item No. 6

Implementing Agency(IA) / Project details – Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).
Proposal – Setting up of Quality Control Lab in Porbandar, Gujarat.
Total project cost - Rs. 2.78 Cr
  • TIES share requested - Rs. 1.39 cr.
  • MPEDA (own resources) – Rs. 1.39 cr.

PMA mentioned that the concerned Nodal Division of DoC i.e EP (MP) division had examined the proposal of MPEDA to establish QC Labs at Porbandar and not recommended the proposal for funding under TIES Scheme as it has already been approved in Department’s budget.

JS(SKS) remarked that EIC is the designated body for quality testing and export certification. JS(SKS) remarked that proposals for setting up of labs by Export Development Agencies like APEDA, MPEDA and other such authorities should be viewed from the perspective that these agencies may in future seek recognition as export certification bodies.

EC decided not to approve the proposal and drop the same.

Agenda Item No. 7 (Project in implementation stage – REVIEW)

Implementing Agency(IA) / Project details – Cochin SEZ
Proposal – Construction of SDF Building
It was presented by PMA that the proposal was approved in the 1st Empowered Committee Meeting held on 09/06/2017 and 1st installment of Rs 6.5 Cr was sanctioned on 28/06/2017. Based on the PMA visit conducted on 27-Feb-18, a delay was observed in commencement of civil construction work as against the planned timeline. DDC, CSEZ clarified that the delay was due to implementation of GST related issues. The construction is likely to be completed by 21st November, 2019 as per the contract awarded. PMA observed that 13% physical progress has been completed.

Cochin SEZ has engaged M/s Wapcos for various quality checks to be performed as per the IS Standards. Regular Progress Review meetings are also being conducted to monitor the construction progress at site. Safety Manual has also been prepared by the contractor which has been also approved and being implemented by the Cochin SEZ.

Based on site visit, PMA suggested to prepare detailed Bills of Quantities (BoQ), resource based plan (for physical and financial progress), catch up plan (if required), modify format for detailed Daily Progress Report and prepare and maintain Non Conformance Report (NCR) to handle any quality deviations of material during construction phase. PMA also highlighted that PMC meeting needs to be conducted as per the TIES guidelines.

EC took note of the site progress and directed DDC, CSEZ to take note and directed the PMA to follow up with Cochin SEZ to ensure corrective action.

Agenda Item No. 8

Implementing Agency(IA) / Project details – Export Inspection Council (EIC) Proposal – Construction of office cum Laboratory complex of EIA at Vishakapatnam

Total project cost - Rs. 16.52 Cr
- TIES share requested - Rs. 8.15 cr.
- EIC(own resources) – Rs. 8.37 cr.

It was presented by PMA that EIC is the official export inspection and certification body of India. EIC, Vishakapatnam is currently operating from a rented premise in Vishakapatnam with space constraints and limited scope for expansion to meet the growing needs of export fraternity. Presently there are no other Export Inspection Agencies located in state of Andhra Pradesh for analysis of residues and contaminants and the samples drawn during the official control are forwarded to the Export Inspection Laboratory in Chennai which is located at a distance of 800 kms away. There is an EIC certified MPEDA lab but it is for aquaculture products only. There are 2 NABL certified private labs but EIC has to provide certification to the exporters.

Andhra Pradesh is the hub of aquaculture production in India and fisheries products is one of the major commodities exported from the region. Andhra Pradesh contributes to 40% of the total marine exports of the country. The proposed laboratory will have the testing facility for analysis of the various commodities for chemical (antibiotic residues, pesticide residues, heavy metals etc.) as well as microbiological parameters for export commodities such as fisheries, spices, edible oils, cashew nuts etc. The lab will also be used for import sample testing by FSSAI for products such as fruits, vegetables, milk etc. Establishing a state of the art laboratory at Vishakapatnam itself will enable the
exporters to get export samples tested at Vishakapatnam which will reduce transaction turnaround time and cost to execute an export assignment.

EP(EI) Division, DoC has recommended the project. JS(SKS) recommended that the project be considered for approval as there is a need for more testing laboratories.

PMA mentioned that the construction of EIC laboratory would help in reducing rejections of exports. PMA also mentioned that construction for the laboratory is already in progress and the construction of interiors of the building and procurement of equipment is under progress which will be completed by the end of December 2018.

EC decided to approve the proposal with TIES share of Rs 8.15 Cr and release of 1st instalment of Rs. 4.15 Cr.
**List of Participants for the 4th Empowered Committee Meeting of TIES held on 13/03/2018 at 11:00 AM under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Rita Teotia, Commerce Secretary in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.**

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