

**Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Mission Operation Greens held over Webex  
(online meeting portal) on 06.10.2021**

**Agenda No. 1: M/s Banaskantha District Co-Op. Milk Producers Union Limited**

**PMA: Grant Thornton**

PMA informed that IMAC in its meeting held on 17.08.2021, directed the PIA to submit the request letter with regards to the change of location of FLI, which should be approximately 25 km to 30 km away from the main processing facility.

PMA further informed that in view of the IMAC decision, PIA vide its letter dated 11.09.2021 has requested for change of FLI location of Potato Cold Storage (10,000 MT) at post - Badarpura, Taluka - Palanpur, District - Banaskantha which is approx. 69 KMs away from the main processing facility.

PMA informed that PIA has not submitted the land documents along with CLU of the proposed location and a letter from the lending bank with regards to "No impact on viability of the project after changing the FLI location".

**Mission Decision:**

Mission recommended the request of the PIA to be placed before IMAC for change in location of FLI of Potato Cold Storage At & PO Badarpura, Taluka - Palanpur, District - Banaskantha and directed the PIA to submit land document, CLU and a letter from the lending bank with regards to "No impact on viability of the project after changing the FLI location".

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## Agenda No. 2: M/s Smartagri Agrovilla Producer Company Limited

### PMA: Grant Thornton

PMA informed that the PIA had uploaded the documents in 30 days compliance on 26.08.2021, however due to discrepancies in the documents i.e., Lands document (registered sale deed / lease deed), CLU and project implementation schedule, PMA had rejected the documents through Sampada Portal on 21.09.2021.

PMA further informed that the PIA vide letter dated 27.09.2021 has requested for extension of time to upload the document for 30 Days Compliance. The PIA has stated that they received CLU permission on 25.08.2021 and forwarded the application to Village Talathi who shall amend 7/12. As per the Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, there should be gap of 21 days between 2 consecutive mutation entries on the same 7/12 Extract. It is expected to be done by last week of October and mutation entry will fall in the month of November.

The PIA has further stated that they have informed the Bank regarding revised Implementation Schedule and expecting the same by 15 days' time.

### Mission Decision:

Mission recommended the request of the PIA to be placed before IMAC for extension of timelines to upload the 30 Days Compliance documents by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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*14/10/2021*

### Agenda No. 3: M/s Nedspice Dehydration India LLP

#### PMA: Grant Thornton

PIA vide letter dated 01.10.2021 has requested for re-assessment of the downward revision of grant from ₹2,52,16,700/- to ₹19,56,58,910/-.

In view of the PIA's request, Mission discussed the point wise comments of the PMA where grant deducted and observed the following:

#### A. Cold Storage:

**PMA's Observations:** As per the PMA site inspection report, the PIA has Installed HVAC system at main processing plant for cooling of an area of 2068.13 sq. mtr. [Height: 9 mtr.] [Storage + Storage outside receiving (Cold Storage)]. PIA has not constructed the cold storage of 3200 MT at marketing/consumption point as proposed in DPR and approved in approval letter dated 20.03.2021.

**PIA's submission:** PIA submitted that as per the DPR total civil cost for building was Rs. ₹2097 Lacs with total area of 16665 sq mt which includes the area of Cold store of 1029 sq. mt. as well. However, while drafting the DPR in line with OG TOP components, the cost of ₹475 lacs is allocated towards Marketing/ consumption point for cold storage, while the area for the same still remained in the overall civil cost resulting in lesser civil cost per sq. mt., which is a genuine clerical error.

PIA further informed that they have installed Cold Storage including compressors for refrigeration at the "**Main Processing Plant**" and have all the Invoices related to Cold Storage components i.e. Compressors, Condensers, Evaporators & Chillers.

**Mission's Observations and Recommendations:** Mission noted that Grant-in-aid on HVAC system, Storage and Storage outside receiving (Cold Storage) has already been considered under main processing facilities. Further, as per approval letter, Cold Storage was supposed to be created at Marketing/Consumption Point and eligible Grant-in-aid was worked out considering MIDH cost norms of Rs. 10,000 per MT.

PIA has not constructed Cold storage of 3200 MT as marketing/consumption point as proposed in DPR and approved in approval letter dated 20.03.2021, for which 7 marks has been awarded at the time of approval of the project.

In view of above facts, Mission recommended that Grant-in-aid on Cold Storage may not be considered.

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## B. Farming Yard:

### PMA's Observations:

During site inspection, PMA observed that PIA has constructed/proposed utilities and other miscellaneous machineries in Farming Yard. The details of utilities and other machineries created in farming yard were not provided in the DPR. During the initial discussion at the time of approval of the project, PIA had informed that the **Farming Yard will be used as model farm with the introduction of Hybrid Seeds for training of farmers.**

Farming yard was considered as one of the eligible component under Onion Dehydration facility with eligible grant of Rs. 180.59 lakh as a part of Onion Dehydration Facility as per approval letter. The facilities created/proposed under farming yard like Office ground, Office first floor, Road area, Fire Fighting (Hydrants & Sprinklers), Fire detection and alarm system, CCTV, Access control & PA systems, Internal and external signages, Lifts and hoists, Rodent, birds and pest control, any other miscellaneous items and Interiors and furniture's, lockers etc. are ineligible components in other schemes of Ministry as well except Mega Food Park.

**Mission's Observations and Recommendations:** Mission noted that facilities created/proposed by PIA under farming yard nowhere relates to the model farm with the introduction of Hybrid Seeds for training of farmers, therefore, Mission recommended farming yard as ineligible component.

### Mission Decision:

Mission recommends the downward revision in total eligible grant in aid from ₹2521.67 lakh to ₹1956.59 lakh, as a result of the following:

- (a) downward revision in grant of cold storage from ₹160 lakh to nil; and
- (b) downward revision in grant of onion dehydration facility from ₹2283.05 lakh to ₹1877.98 lakh [including farming yard from ₹180.59 lakh to nil].

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**Agenda No. 4: Implementation of Operation Greens - TOP to TOTAL Scheme by NAFED for Storage and Transportation of Apple in J&K - request for exemption/ replacement of documents for subsidy - reg.**

Ministry has entered into agreement with National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) on 15.12.2020; wherein NAFED has been designated as implementing agency for Apple crop from the UT of J&K under Operation Greens - TOP to TOTAL Scheme w.e.f. 27.11.2020.

- NAFED vide letter dated 11.08.2021 has requested for exemption of weighment receipts for release of ₹9,31,417.50 to 15 beneficiaries for storage of 677.37 MT apple in CA stores for 3 months. NAFED has been informed vide Ministry letter dated 18.08.2021 to release the claims in the cases where complete documents are available as per the scheme guidelines and relaxation provided vide Ministry letter dated 04.08.2021.

NAFED informed that as per the prevailing practice, Apple is packed in peti of 15 kg, which is standard packing size as per the standards followed in J&K and weighment is not done while storing the apple. Weighment is generally not available at farm levels and cold storage receipt consist details of boxes, petis converted into tonnage. The cold storages owners charge rent on the basis of peti stored. As such weighment slip is not available but the quantity stored and retrieved from the stores by the farmers is available.

Three sample applications for claiming storage and transport subsidy submitted by NAFED were discussed in the meeting w.r.t. exemption of weighment receipts.

- It was pointed out by Division that earlier exemption for Geo-tag photos at entry and exit point for storage subsidy claims on the request of NAFED was given by Ministry, subject to availability of weighment receipts as per the decision of IMAC dated 17.08.2021.
- Mission enquired from the Statement Government Officials from Horticulture Department of Jammu & Kashmir present in the meeting about the prevalent practice in the state of not weighing the apple before storing it in the CA stores and considering the weight of apple being stored by converting the petis into kg./tonnage and State Government endorsed the practice as informed by NAFED.
- NAFED further informed that the weighment receipts are available in respect of transportation claims and in this regard, Mission directed NAFED to expedite the release of subsidy against transportation claims which are complete in all respect.

**Mission Decision:**

Mission recommended that relaxation for weighment receipts may be given in respect of those storage subsidy claims wherein quantity stored can be mandatorily verified by NAFED from Sale Invoices of Apple and Bank Statement showing credit of sales proceeds in the applicant's Bank account besides other corroborative documents namely CA store receipt at entry and exit

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point; Bank Statement for payment of rent charges and any other documents as required in terms of MOU and scheme guidelines.

Further, Mission directed to place its recommendations before IMAC.

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