

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Pre-Bid Meeting held on 26.07.2017 with regard to Request for Proposal (RFP) issued on 14.07.2017 for appointment of Program Management Agency (PMA) for the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA**

**Q1. Whether applicant may deposit Bank Guarantee (BG) against Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 10 lakhs in place of online payment by RTGS / NEFT as mentioned in the RFP?**

**A.** Yes, Bank Guarantee (BG), from scheduled commercial banks / Nationalized Banks notified by RBI, against Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 10 lakhs will also be accepted apart from RTGS / NEFT. In such case, the applicants are required to submit BG valid for a period of 45 days beyond the validity of the proposal i.e. 135 days from the closing date of the RFP. Further, a Clause shall be mentioned in the BG that the applicant will submit / deposit performance guarantee of Rs. 10 lakhs in case of selection of their proposal, failing which Ministry will have right to encash the BG. The scanned copy of BG shall be attached with the proposal and original copy of the same should be submitted to the Ministry on or before the date of closing of RFP failing which the proposal will be treated as unresponsive.

**Q2. How many agro processing clusters are being setup in the country? Whether the proposals for setting up of these clusters will be invited in one go or in phased manner?**

**A.** Government has approved creation of infrastructure for 100 agro processing clusters in the country. In this phase, proposals for setting up of around 60 agro processing clusters are being invited. Proposals for remaining 40 agro processing clusters will be invited later on.

**Q3. Whether Ministry has identified agri-horti production clusters in the country?**

**A.** Yes, Ministry is in the process of GIS mapping of agri-horti production clusters in the country, which will be made available shortly at <http://geo-sampada.nic.in>. The promoters / investors interested in setting up of agro processing clusters may visit this website for identifying agri-horti clusters in the country. However, the indicative list of identified agri-horti production clusters (fruits & vegetables) has been uploaded on the Ministry's website: [www.mofpi.nic.in](http://www.mofpi.nic.in) for guidance of the promoters / investors interested in setting up of agro processing clusters as per the guidelines of the scheme.

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**Q4. RFP mentioned that the audited annual reports and balance sheets for last three financial years are required to be submitted. As per the Companies Act 2013 and Income Tax Act, the balance sheet of FY 2016-17 will be audited by September, 2017. Whether the balance sheet of FY 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 may be submitted in support of turnover claim of Rs. 20 crore?**

**A.** In case Balance sheet of FY 2016-17 has not been audited till the submission of RFP, the applicant may submit Balance sheets of FY 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16.

**Q5. Whether CA / Statutory Auditor's Certificate in support of numbers of feasibility studies, impact evaluations, base line surveys and food processing / infrastructure projects executed for Central / State Government of at least Rs. 10 crore?**

**A.** The letter / documents / work orders etc. issued by the Contract Awarding Authority in support of claim for feasibility studies, impact evaluations, base line surveys and food processing / infrastructure projects executed for Central / State Government of at least Rs. 10 crore by the applicant is required to be submitted.

**Q6. What will be the frequency of the inspection per agro processing cluster project?**

**A.** Apart from the requirements mentioned in the terms of reference in the RFP, PMA has to at least conduct quarterly site inspections of each agro processing cluster project approved by the Ministry.

**Q7. What is the maximum time period of PMA assignment and deployment of resources for the implementation of the agro processing cluster projects?**

**A.** PMA assignment will be upto one year after the release of final installment of grant to the project.

**Q8. How to check the authenticity of the documents submitted by the applicant?**

**A.** It is the responsibility of PMA to verify the copies of documents submitted by the applicant with original documents as maintained by the applicant or the documents certified by the competent authorities like CA, CE, concerned Banks, Central / State Government Departments / Organizations.

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**Q9. Whether PMA is supposed to provide assistance to the Project Execution Agency (PEA) in achieving financial closure and obtaining necessary clearance from various authorities for the project?**

**A.** The PMA is supposed to guide the Project Execution Agency (PEA) in achieving financial closure and obtaining necessary clearance from various authorities for the project.

**Q10. What will be the PMA's liabilities in case of delay in implementation of the project on account of non-performance of PMA?**

**A.** Maximum liability of PMA will be limited to the refund of professional fee paid by the Ministry for acting as a PMA under the agro processing clusters. This will be reflected in the agreement being signed by PMA and the Ministry after selection of PMA.

**Q11. Whether consortium / joint venture are allowed to apply for PMA under the RFP?**

**A.** No.

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