

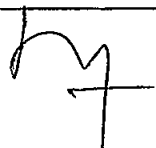
Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Food Testing Laboratory Division

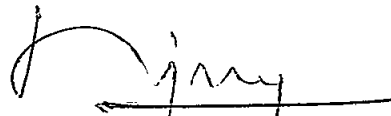
FAQS RELATED TO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FLOATED ON 27.06.2022 FOR APPLICATION UNDER SCHEME FOR SETTING-UP/UP-GRADATION OF FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES

Queries raised/clarification sought during the Pre-Bid Meeting held on 04.07.2022.

Sr. No	FAQ	Answer
1.	From which date the period of 15 years of lease for land will be counted?	The lease for land should be valid for a period of at least 15 years on the date of floating Expression of Interest i.e. 27.06.2022. In case land for the project has been taken on lease from State Government/ its entities, the policy of State Government in this regard will be followed.
2.	If being an entity/applicant, I have individual recognition of FSSAI and NABL each but not having integrated assessment of NABL and FSSAI, then will I be allowed to apply or not under this EOI because as per clause 6(e) of scheme guidelines dated 8.6.2022, for cases of Up gradation, entity/applicant can apply only after obtaining regulatory recognition under Integrated assessment?	Kindly read this clause with point 1.2 of Appendix A of scheme guidelines dated 08.06.2022. An applicant will be considered eligible even if it has only NABL accreditation/ FSSAI recognition in case the application is for up-gradation of existing FTL. There are different marking criteria for different levels of accreditation/ recognition.
3.	Is there any limit in terms of kilometres for catchment area from Food testing laboratory?	There is no such limit.
4.	Where the DD in favor of PAO, MoFPI, shall be submitted?	It needs to be sent to Under Secretary (FTL), Panchsheel Bhawan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, New Delhi-110049.
5.	Sometime the specifications of equipment given in cost norms doesn't match with the specifications of supplier? Specifications are very lengthy, they shall be restricted to make, model and purpose only, it will be beneficial for the procuring entity/ applicant.	Specifications and cost of each equipment have been decided after deliberation by Technical Experts. Applicants are free to apply as per their requirements and the Technical Committee constituted by the Ministry will assess the requirements of such equipment.



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6.	As procuring of equipment takes very long time, can we place orders for equipment before receiving approval letter from MoFPI? We will ensure that the equipment will be received and installed only after obtaining approval letter from Ministry?	Yes. However, grants-in-aid will be restricted to the expenditure incurred after issuance of approval letter by the Ministry, subject to fulfilling all the conditions of scheme guidelines.
7.	Being an entity/applicant, can I apply for two projects from different location?	No. Only one application will be accepted from one entity/ applicant under the scheme.
8.	Being a company, can I apply under this scheme?	Yes. But the company must have food testing as one of its objective in By-Laws/ Memorandum of Association. After implementation of the project, such company must use all the equipment for commercial purposes and providing food testing services to food industries and shall not be a captive unit of any organisation/Food Industry.
9.	We are renowned in the field of Milk products and now we want to start food testing. Are we eligible under the scheme and if yes, then under setting up or up gradation?	As per Note (ii) of Clause 5 of scheme guidelines dated 08.06.2022, captive food testing laboratories are not eligible to apply. The entity must use all the equipment for commercial purposes and providing food testing services to food industries and shall not be a captive unit of any organisation/Food Industry.


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