

NJB, National Jute Board, Kolkata, India

Annexure - 1

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Technical Committee of the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) held on 6th March, 2014 at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of National Jute Board (NJB), Kolkata.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Subrata Gupta, Jute Commissioner.

At the outset, Shri Arijit Banerjee, Secretary, National Jute Board and Convenor of the Technical Committee of Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) welcomed the participants in the meeting and initiated discussions on the agenda items.

The list of participants of the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-1.

Agenda : 1 Formation of the Technical Committee with inclusion of appropriate persons from beneficiaries / stake holder of the incentive scheme in the committee.

Decision has been taken that the technical committee of the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) will be chaired by the Jute Commissioner and looked into all aspects of the scheme including advising NJB on the modus operandi and on implementation of the scheme. Composition of the technical committee are as follows:

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| (i) Jute Commissioner | - Chairman |
| (ii) Secretary, NJB | - Convenor |
| (iii) Chairman, IJMA | - Member |
| (iv) Director, IJIRA | - Member |
| (v) Chairman, CJFSA | - Member |
| (vi) Secretary, Jute Shipper' Council, Cherthala | - Member |
| (vii) Representative of JDP Sector | - Member |
| (viii) Representative of Yarn/Twine Sector, Andhra Pradesh | - Member |

Secretary NJB will recommend the names of the members at serial (vii) & (viii).

Agenda : 2 Approval of the "Operating Manual" of the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants & Machinery (ISAPM)

A draft Operating Manual, almost similar to earlier subsidy scheme (Scheme No. 6.4 of MM-IV, JTM) was placed before the participants of the meeting. The committee members approved the manual subject to the following modifications :

- (i) A provision stipulating a Cap of incentive of Rs. Two crores & Fifty lakh per mill / unit or may be linked to the company drawing from RR-TUFS during the entire tenure of the scheme (2013-14 to 2016-17) shall be made.
- (ii) The committee recommended inclusion of the suggested changes as per subsequent agenda.
- (iii) The name of one technical representative from the O/o, Jute Commissioner to be included in the inspection team along with other listed member in the clause 3(m) of the proposed operation guidelines.

Agenda : 3 Principle for approving the list of machinery & vendor

- (i) Chairman opined that, out of the list of admissible machinery considered in the earlier subsidy scheme, Softener machine; 5½" V-roller drafting Spinning Frame; Conventional shuttle looms and Cop winding machine will be discarded.
- (ii) List of machinery recommended / rejected in the meeting held on 20.01.2014 at the O/o, Jute Commissioner under the Revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (RRTUFS) will be considered for incentive along with other listed machinery mentioned the manual.

- (iii) The revised list, following the above principles will be prepared and included in the Operational Guidelines, replacing the proposed list.
- (iv) In future, the list will be modified in consultation with IJMA and decentralized sector and placed in the Technical Committee meeting for approval.
- (v) The approved list of vendors as manufacturers of core jute machinery under the earlier machinery subsidy scheme, as applicable in case of funding from own source, shall be continued. However, the vendors in respect of the machinery specifically excluded, herein before, will also be excluded from the list eligible vendors.
- (vi) The revised list, following the above principles will be prepared and included in the Operational Guidelines, replacing the proposed list.
- (vii) Applications of new machinery manufacturers for enlistment under the scheme will be considered by following the on-going procedure and on payment of Rs.10,000/- to IJIRA for technical and physical evaluation and on submission of report to NJB. The committee will consider the recommendations for inclusion / addition / exclusion of the vendors.

Agenda: 4

To finalise the Technical Agency for undertaking Techno-economic-evaluation study (TEVs) including necessary fees to be paid to the selected Technical Agency by the applicants.

IJIRA will remain as the technical agency for undertaking Techno-economic-evaluation study (TEVs) under the scheme. The requisite fees for IJIRA to be paid by the applicant, seeking IPA for funding under own source or along with submission of claim of incentive in case of funding under bank finance will be as follows :

- (a) Mill / unit - Member of IJIRA - Rs. 25,000/- per application
- (b) Mill/ unit – Non-member of IJIRA - Rs. 50,000/- per application

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It has been also decided that mill / unit who have procured admissible new machinery after 31st March, 2013 and installed those machinery on or after 1st October, 2013 may avail incentive under the scheme in the current financial year (2013-14) subject to submission of complete (in all respect) incentive claim application within 31st March, 2014 under the new scheme. In this event, NJB will arrange for post-facto approval, as a special case for the current year.

There being no other matters, the Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.