

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee of the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014 at 4.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of National Jute Board ( NJB), Kolkata.

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

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

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

**Agenda : 1** Confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting of the Technical Committee of the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants & Machinery (ISAPM) held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at NJB.

The approved minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was circulated on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Since no comments were received from any members attended the meeting, the minutes was taken as confirmed.

**Agenda-2 :** Reporting on action taken on the decision of the first meeting of the Technical Committee of ISAPM held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

The committee noted the report on action taken.

Chairman advised to include Shri Dipankar Mahato, Dy. Jute Commissioner as a member in the technical committee and stated that he should be invited to attend in all future meetings of the committee. This was agreed.

**Agenda-3 :** Reporting of status on the progress of the scheme.

The committee noted the progress of the scheme.

Chairman advised that the benefits of the scheme should not be extended to any mill / jute processing units, which has violated any of the provisions / mandate of the Ministry of Textiles, the Jute and Jute Textiles Control orders and the JPM Act, 1987. A suitable clause will have to be included while forwarding approval to any of the proposals that their claims shall stand withheld, if any proceedings have been initiated by / pending in the Ministry of Textiles against them. Such list will be forwarded to NJB by the O/o, Jute Commissioner from time to time.

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**Agenda-4 : To consider the letter received from O/o, Jute Commissioner (copy enclosed) regarding inclusion of second hand imported looms in the list of approved machinery under ISAPM.**

A thread-bare discussion under the agenda item was held by the committee members present in the meeting. Shri N. Sengupta opined that, as per MoT's approval, incentive on second hand imported shuttleless loom is not admissible under ISAPM. If the committee agrees to include second hand imported shuttleless loom in the list of admissible machinery, then major changes in the guidelines of the scheme have to be made, subject to ratification by the appropriate authority. He also mentioned from the experience during the erstwhile capital subsidy scheme that availability of essential original spare parts for maintenance of the imported second hand shuttleless looms are not available with the supplier of the second hand machinery. Non-availability of the original spares created lot of problem to maintain the imported second hand shuttleless looms for the residual 10 years. It is even difficult to verify the vintage life certificate or residual life certificate submitted for the second hand imported shuttleless looms.

Chairman opined that the scheme can be extended to some specific branded second hand imported shuttleless looms, the details of which can be pre-decided since their information can be verified from the internet also.

Shri D. C. Baheti was requested to submit to the Chairman some details of imported second hand shuttleless looms for consideration under the scheme in future, if any. The information asked for should include :

- (i) Brand name of the loom;
- (ii) Name of the company (Supplier) ;
- (iii) Origin of manufacture ,
- (iv) Details specification/s of the machine ;
- (v) Year of manufacture etc.

**Agenda-5 :** To consider the letter received from Travancore Mats & Matting Co. (TMMC), Cherthala, Kerala (copy enclosed) regarding inclusion of power driven shuttle looms for manufacturing of floor covering in the approved list of machinery.

Subject matter of the letter along with sample of exhibit ( floor covering / rug ) were considered by the committee. Justifications in support of the content of the letter was placed before the committee by Shri Sajan B. Nair, Member Secretary of Jute Shippers' Council, Cherthala, Kerala. He stated that the products are exported to IKEA, Sweden and the quantum of exports of ( floor covering / rug ) are estimated to be worth of Rs. 1.50 crores monthly. Unless the power driven shuttle looms are included in the list of admissible machinery under ISAPM for incentive, the entire export demand of floor coverings / rugs will ultimately be captured by Bangladesh.

The Chairman agreed to consider the proposal for inclusion of this type of looms as mentioned in the agenda to be used to manufacture jute floor coverings / rugs only. This is subject to the conditions that

- (i) The diversified unit / mill claiming such incentive on Acquisition of above mentioned looms should have export of at least Rs.50 crores of jute floor coverings / rugs in the last 5 years ;
- (ii) The incentive claims can be made only under bank finance of funding.

There being no other matter for discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Annexure - A

Sl. No.	Name	Designation / Organisation
1	Dr. Subrata Gupta – Chairman Jute Commissioner	O/o, Jute Commissioner
2	Shri N. Sengupta – Convener Secretary, NJB	National Jute Board
3	Shri Dipankar Mahato	Deputy Jute Commissioner
4	Shri D. C. Baheti	Chairman, DPDEPC
5	Dr. P. Ray	Director, IJIRA
6	Shri Sajan B. Nair	Member Secretary, Jute Shippers Council
7	Shri Jayanta Sarkar	Accounts Officer, NJB
8	Shri Dipak Banerjee	Consultant, NJB
9	Shri Gopal Mukhopadhyay	IJIRA
10	Shri Debi Prosad Gon	IJIRA