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Subject: Minutes of Twenty Sixth meeting of the Empowered Monitoring Committee (EMC) of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) held on 22nd September, 2023 – regarding

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the 26th meeting of Empowered Monitoring Committee of MIDH held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Special Secretary, DA&FW on 22nd September, 2023 for kind information and necessary action.


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Minutes of the 26th meeting of Empowered Monitoring Committee (EMC) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) held on 22.09.2023.

Meeting of Empowered Monitoring Committee (EMC) of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Special Secretary (DA&FW) on 22.09.2023 to consider project proposals received from various State Governments.

List of participants is annexed at the end.

At the outset, Shri Priya Ranjan, Joint Secretary, Horticulture welcomed the Chairman, members of EMC and Officers of State Horticulture Missions. He gave a brief overview of various committees constituted under MIDH for sanction of projects and procedures of appraisal of project based proposals.

Thereafter, he informed that PAC in its meetings held on 31.08.2023 has considered a total of 6 projects comprising of 1 project of Integrated Cold Supply Chain, 2 projects for Cold Storage Type – II with add-on components, 2 projects for Centres of Excellence and 1 project for Food Processing unit. He also informed that these projects have been examined in the Division as per MIDH Operational Guidelines and recommendations of respective State Level Executive Committees (SLECs).

Based on the recommendations of SLEC, detailed examination of proposals were carried out by the MIDH Division and necessary clarification were sought from the State Missions. These proposals were then considered by the PAC which recommended five projects out of six projects to be submitted before the EMC for approval. PAC had observed that, the directors/promoters of two of the proposals submitted by the State of J&K were common (M/s Koh-E-Noor Cold Chain Pvt. Ltd & M/s Tufaah Agri Fresh Pvt. Ltd.), hence the PAC had recommended only one proposal from the state of J & K and deferred the proposal of M/s Koh-E-Noor Cold Chain Pvt. Ltd with an advice to the state to direct the promoters to submit the proposal to the National Horticulture Board for support.

Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Special Secretary (DA&FW) and Chairman of EMC stressed that the State should appraise the components of project proposals as per the extant rules and regulations of MIDH guidelines and recommend the component-wise financial costing under the project proposals with justification. He suggested that a set timeline/milestone with target date of completion for each infrastructure project should be sought from the State and projects should be completed in time.

The Chairman emphasized that the Center of Excellences will ensure that the technologies demonstrated in the Centers are disseminated in the neighboring villages.

Smt. Vinita Sudhanshu, General Manager, APEDA submitted that to ensured maximum utilization of export capacity of the proposed pack houses, the state should ensure that promoters follow the norms of APEDA and Plant Quarantine Department. For better utilization of the facility, State should also ensure that the project is used for multiple product instead of single commodity.

Based on the discussions and views expressed by members of EMC, recommendations of EMC in respect of each proposal are as under: