

**MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) UNDER
THE INCENTIVE SCHEME ON ACQUISITION OF PLANTS & MACHINERY
(ISAPM)**

Venue : Through Video Conference

Date and Time : 20th July, 2020, 11:30 A.M

Attendees: Annexure I

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Jute Commissioner. The Deputy Director (TT), NJB welcomed the members. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion. The list of attendees is enclosed at *Annexure I*.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th Technical Committee under ISAPM held on 29th January 2020

The Minutes of the 14th TC meeting under ISAPM held on 29th January, 2020 was circulated vide NJB's communication no. NJB/ISAPM/2019-20/14th TC Minutes/2449-2457 dated 21st February 2020 to all the members.

The minutes have been considered as approved.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report on 14th Technical Committee meeting

The Committee noted the action taken by NJB as directed in the 14th Meeting of the TC and some important issues are stated below:

i) Relocation / dispose of machinery within 5 years.

The Committee noted the action taken by NJB.

ii) Status of ISAPM Scheme.

The Committee noted the present status of ISAPM Scheme and it was also observed that the issue further discussed at length at agenda 3.

iii) Off-line claims - On line portal.

Representative from LJMA pointed out that the procedure for submitting on-line application for IPA has been kept suspended in spite of ISAPM being extended up to 31.03.2021, as a result of which Mills' representative(s) are facing difficulty in further processing of their claims.

In this respect, the Committee was briefed about the receipt of funds, expenditure incurred during last three years and outstanding liabilities position of the scheme as of now. The Chairman advised NJB to re-visit the matter in light of the Scheme guidelines, previous decision of the NJB Board and any other directives of MOI in this regard so as to take a final call regarding receiving further on-line claims or not. Till the time the same may be kept on hold as in vogue.

iv) Revised machinery price list.

The committee noted the present status and also observed that the scheduled joint inspection regarding inclusion of Rotary Gill Drawing machine could not be held due to the pandemic situation prevailing at present.

v) Regarding 10% credit linkage (Only on basic cost of the machinery).

The Committee noted the action taken by NJB and the Chairman advised NJB to pursue the matter in this regard.

vi) Action taken against M/s. Kamakshi Jute Industries Ltd. & M/s. Premchand Jute & Industries [P] Ltd.

The Committee noted the action taken by NJB in case of M/s. Premchand Jute & Industries [P] Ltd. and the Chairman advised NJB to further pursue the matter in case of M/s. Kamakshi Jute Industries Ltd. with Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai to sort out the issue at an early date

Agenda 3: Status of the ISAPM Scheme as on 01.07.2020

The status of ISAPM (on-going) Scheme was noted by the Committee. It was noted that at present, the pending inspection of plant and machinery under this scheme could not be carried out due to the on-going pandemic situation.

The Chairman advised NJB to look into the matter, and if possible the processing of the claims for inspection may be restarted in a phased manner in consultation with the Technical Section of the O/o the JC. It was also discussed to explore the possibility of carrying out the inspection in the mills during the weekly holidays if any, or on any other such day(s) so that the same can be held when presence of workers / staff in the jute mills is minimal.

Chairman, IJMA commented that most of the mills are running on 24 X 7 - basis, and only on National Holidays, e.g 15th August, the mills remain closed for maintenance related work.

Agenda 4: Claims pending for non- availability of bank documents:

The Committee agreed in principle to close the following cases subject to serving a final reminder with 15 days' time to reply by the mill. Non availability of any satisfactory response within 15 days, the claims will be closed without making any further reference to the mills.

1. Agarpara Jute Mills Ltd. (NJB - 01-AJM-03032018-89) [File No. 89/2017]
2. Shree Gouri Shankar Jute Mills Ltd. (NJB-01-SGH-12062018-31) [File No. 31/2018].

Agenda 5: Claims pending at IJIRA for preparation of TAR.

Representative(s) from IJIRA pointed out that several claims are pending at their end for disposal (i.e. preparation of TAR), due not non-submission of required documents / information by the jute mills' in spite of several reminders having been sent to these mills.

Chairman, IJMA requested IJIRA to furnish the list of such mills along with the deficiencies in each case, so that IJMA may take up the issue with these respective jute mills.

Chairman, TC advised IJIRA to share the said list of non-responders with both NJB and IJMA, so that the matter can be further pursued from both ends.

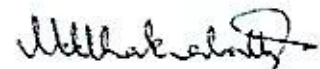
Agenda 6: Miscellaneous Issue

i) M/s. Sunbeam Vanijya [P] Ltd.

The Committee noted the above matter. The Chairman has also briefed the Committee regarding occurrence of such wrongdoings in some of the claims of Textile Mills under TUFS and agreed about the above instant case for rejection. The Chairman, however, advised NJB to put up the matter before his notice again for further verification considering the alleged irregularities happened in erstwhile JTM cases and consequence of CAG para / PAC matter in this regard. Regarding CAG para / PAC issue, it was further briefed to the Committee that NJB has started recovering from the defaulted mills from their claims submitted to NJB under various schemes and filed money suits also against the defaulters.

The Committee was also briefed that the ongoing re-inspection of the JTM claims has been presently kept on hold due to the ongoing pandemic of COVID - 19.

There being no other issues, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



Shri Moloy Chandan Chakraborty
The Jute Commissioner
&

Chairman, Technical Committee, ISAPM

List of attendees:

Following officials attended the meeting:

1	Shri Moloy Chandan Chakraborty, IDAS The Jute Commissioner, Secretary NJB & Chairman TC	O/o the Jute Commissioner & NJB
2.	Shri. U. S Sarma , Director	IJIRA
3.	Shri Raghavendra Gupta , Chairman	IJMA
4	Shri Mahadeb Datta, Deputy Director (TT)	National Jute Board
5	Shri Soumyadipta Datta, Assistant Director (T)	O/o the Jute Commissioner
6	Shri. Sandip Chattopadhyay, Assistant Director (TT)	National Jute Board
7.	Shri Partha Sanyal, Scientist	IJIRA
8.	Shri Palash Paul, Scientist	IJIRA
9.	Shri Pallab Das, T.A.	National Jute Board
10.	Shri. Sajan B. Nair, Member Secretary	Jute Shippers Council
11.	Shri. Dipak Datta, Consultant (Finance)	National Jute Board