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To

ALL JUTE MILLS / JDP UNITS / TWINE UNITS

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: Minutes of the 8th Technical Committee Meeting of Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants & Machinery (ISAPM).

The 8th Technical Committee Meeting of ISAPM was held on 28th December, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Jute Commissioner in the O/o the Jute Commissioner, Kolkata. The approved minutes have been uploaded on NJB website at <u>URL: www.jute.com/web/guest/schemes/isapm_scheme/scheme_details.</u>

This issue with the approval of Secretary, NJB.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Datta) Assistant Director (Tech.)

Copy to (i) The Jute Commissioner - For kind information please

(ii) All the Members of the Technical Committee of ISAPM

MINUTES OF THE 8^{TH} MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE INCENTIVE SCHEME ON ACQUISITION OF PLANTS & MACHINERY (ISAPM)

Venue: O/o The Jute Commissioner, Kolkata. Date and Time: 11:00 AM, 28th December, 2016.

Attendees : Annexure I.

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Jute Commissioner (Joint Secretary (Jute) and Jute Commissioner has nominated Dy. Jute Commissioner to chair the meeting vide his email dated 23/12/16). The Secretary, NJB welcomed the members thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda 1: Status of ISAPM Scheme

Status of Own Source cases as on 27.12.2016 was placed before the Committee.

SI. No.	Description			No. of cases
1	Ready For Inspection			_
2	Under process at NJB, after Inspection			5
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3	Under process at NJB before inspection			2
4	Waiting for Claim - IPA issued, claim yet to be received			9
	Settled Claim -			9
	Disbursed in 2013-2014		Nil	
5	Disbursed in 2014-2015	Amount - Rs.205.25 lakhs -	27.00	
	Disbursed in 2015-2016	Amount - Rs.338.65 lakhs -	14 cases	48
	Disbursed in 2016-2017		20 cases	
6	Special Case	Amount - Rs.153.82 lakhs -	14 cases	
7			1	
	Cancelled/ Rejected -			15
8	Under process at IJIRA -			0
)	Under revised procedure	e e		43
	₽¥.	Total		128

Status of Bank Finance cases as on 27.12.2016 was placed before the Committee.

Sl. No.		Description		No. of cases
, 1	Ready For Inspection			1
2	Under process at NJB, after Inspection -		4	
	Settled Claim -			
	Disbursed in 2013-2014	Amount - Rs.236.30 lakhs -	6 cases	
3	Disbursed in 2014-2015	Amount - Rs.156.93 lakhs -	3 cases	
	Disbursed in 2015-2016	Amount - Rs.16.92 lakhs -		18
	Disbursed in 2016-2017	Amount - Rs.455.32 lakhs - 8 cases		
4	Special Case		1	
5	Under process at IJIRA -			<u>, </u>
6	Under revised procedure			2
	procedure			13
		Total		39

The Committee noted the status report of ISAPM. Following decisions were taken by the Committee case-wise:

- i) M/s Sarada Jute Mills Pvt. Ltd. [BF 11]: Committee noted that the mill has applied for incentive under RR-TUFS for the same machines for which they have claimed incentive under ISAPM. Since the UID number has already been issued for their claim under RR-TUFS, the committee decided to sustain the decision of the 6th Meeting of the Technical Committee, that the mill is barred from availing any facility from any of the Schemes of NJB for the next five years because of wrong declaration. Their pending claim under Bank finance [BF 25] along with the claim under consideration may be rejected.
- ii) M/s Baranagar Jute Factory Plc. [BF 13]: Since the mill has not taken any initiative in order to comply with the direction of NJB in submission of necessary documents, the case was considered for rejection by the Committee.

Agenda 2: <u>Action Taken Report and online web portal for Claim Submission under ISAPM Scheme</u>

The Committee noted the action taken by NJB on specific cases viz. Gloster Limited [BF/15 and BF/22] and The Empire Jute Company Ltd. [BF 18] as directed in the 7th Meeting of the Technical Committee.

The commencement of online web portal for Claim Submission under ISAPM Scheme was also noted by the Committee.

Agenda 3: Issues related to Excise Installation Certificate under ISAPM Scheme.

It was reported that since the matter of inordinate delay in issuance of Excise Installation Certificate has been taken up by IJMA with Excise Department, it has been regularized except in a couple of cases viz. Birla Corporation Ltd. and Kamakshi Jute Industries Ltd., where the Committee advised NJB to request Excise Department.

Agenda 4: Enlistment of new vendors including foreign vendors under ISAPM Scheme.

The following vendors [including foreign vendors] were approved for enlistment under ISAPM for core jute machinery,

1. M/s Sharnam Tex-India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, India [Manufacturer: M/s Hangzhou Shuyuan Imp. Exp. Co. Ltd., China]

2. M/s Hongda Machinery Pte. Ltd., Singapore [Manufacturer: M/s Shandong Tongda Textile Machinery (Group) Limited, China]

3. M/s Golden India, Howrah, WB, India

4. M/s Rabatex Industries, Ahmedabad, India

Regarding the other foreign and indigenous vendors / agent viz. M/s Golden Eagle, China (manufacturer) and M/s Mechano (India), agent of M/s Shaoxing Textile Machinery Group Co Ltd, China, Director, IJIRA informed that these vendors have already submitted the relevant papers for enlistment and IJIRA will forward the report to NJB within a weeks' time. As such, the Committee approved the enlistment of M/s Golden Eagle, China (a manufacturing unit) based on the past performance of their machinery supplied to the jute industry. The Committee also provisionally approved the enlistment of M/s Mechano (India), agent of M/s Shaoxing Textile Machinery Group Co Ltd, China, subject to the submission of the necessary report by IJIRA to NJB.

The landed cost of the machines subject to the maximum price fixed for the same indigenous , machines would be considered for calculating incentive under ISAPM.

The Jute Mills who have already installed the machineries from the above-mentioned vendors and whose claims are under process at NJB will be eligible for availing incentive.

The Committee further recommended that any machinery engaged in manufacturing or converting jute fibre or jute stick into value added jute diversified products by MSME units may be considered to receive the incentive support under the scheme. NJB has also clarified that the list of machinery as outlined in the scheme for MSME JDP Sector is just an indicative list and also any other machinery which are needed for manufacturing and quality testing of JDPs are eligible for incentive under the scheme.

Agenda 5: Proposal for extension of ISAPM Scheme beyond March, 2017.

The Committee was informed of Ministry's approval of enhancement of the total outlay budget of the ISAPM Scheme from Rs.19.00 crores to Rs.38.00 crores and enhancing the rate of incentive from 20% to 30% for promoting jute diversification by MSME units manufacturing JDP for the period 2016-17. The Committee directed that the applicable date of enhanced rate of incentive will be 1st April, 2016.

Since, the existing ISAPM Scheme is valid till 31st March, 2017, due to the need of facilitating modernization in existing and new jute mills / JDP units and up-gradation of technology in existing jute mills, the Committee proposed that the Amended Scheme may be extended further for another 3 years. The Committee also proposed an increase of incentive to 40% for the MSME units manufacturing JDP and the units who have already obtained LOI under the current Scheme will be able to avail incentive under the Amended Scheme, in case their claims are not settled by 31st March, 2017.

As such, the Scheme may subsequently be placed in the ensuing Board Meeting before taking it up with the Ministry.

Agenda6: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

- i) The proposal of M/s Keshava Jute Mills Pvt. Ltd. was placed before the Committee for discussion. Since the mill has not followed the guidelines as laid down in the Scheme for application and subsequent settlement of claim, the case was considered for rejection.
- ii) The committee also advised Shri R. K. Roy, Consultant, O/o JC and Assistant Director (Tech), NJB to visit O/o the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai in connection with getting the access of the subsidy or incentive cases of the jute sector under RR TUFS for assessing UID and assessing claim submission.

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

(Dipankar Mahto) Dy. Jute Commissioner

for Chairman, Jute Commissioner

List of attendees

Following officials attended the meeting:

1	Shri Dipankar Makta D		
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2	Christian Chairman		
_	Shri Arvind Kumar M – Convenor &	National Jute Board	
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3	Shri Raghavendra Gupta -Chairman	Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA)	
4	Shri Sajan B. Nair - Member Secretary	Jute Shippers Council, (ACI & Shippers	
		Union Ltd. Chambels W. d.	
. 5	Dr. U. S. Sharma - Director	Union Ltd.), Cherthala, Kerala	
	- 10. Shaima - Director	Indian Jute Industries' Research	
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· ·	Shri Ajay Buchasia	Representative, of Chairman JPDEPC	
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8	Shri Gopal Saraf	Representative, of Chairman JPDEPC	
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8	Shri N. Sengupta - Chief Finance Officer	National Jute Board	
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	Shri M. Datta - Asst. Director (Technical)	National Jute Board	
10	Shri R.K. Roy - Consultant	O/o The late C	
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. 11	Shri P.K. Biswas - Asst. Director (Tech.)	O/o, The Jute Commissioner	
12	Shri S. Datta – Inspector (Technical)		
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13	Shri J. Kar – Executive Assistant	National Jute Board	
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14	Shri Nabakumar Halder - Inspector	National Jute Board	
15	Shri Partha Sanyal – Scientist		
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10	Shri Gopal Mukhopadhyay - Technical	Indian Jute Industries' Research	
	Officer	Association	
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17	Shri Nitin Jain	M/s Sarda Jute	
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Following members were absent in the meeting:

1	Shri Nirmal Pujara - Chairman	Calcutta Jute Fabrics Shippers Association (CJFSA)
2	Shri T. A. N. Gupta - Executive Director	Sri Sitarama Lakshimi Jute Mills Pvt. Ltd.
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