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Subject:- Minutes of the meeting held on 05.05.2014 under the Chairmanship of JS (MIDH) to assess pending liabilities of MIDH under Mini Mission – IV of HMNEH upto 31.03.2014.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith, Minutes of the meeting held on 05.05.2014 under the Chairmanship of JS (MIDH) on the above mentioned subject, for information and further necessary action.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 05.05.2014 under the Chairmanship of JS (NHM) to assess pending liabilities of MIDH under Mini Mission-IV of HMNEH upto 31.3.2014.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, JS (MIDH) to discuss the pending liabilities arising out of the proposals sanctioned/pending with Ministry of Food Processing Industries under Mini Mission-IV of HMNEH during 2013-14 or earlier, which stands subsumed under the umbrella of MIDH w.e.f. 1.4.2014.

List of participants is at Annexure.

Dr U. Venkateshwarlu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, listed out the following categories of cases:

- i) Proposals approved by FPI for the 3 Himalayan States already and first installment released.
- ii) Proposals from the 3 Himalayan States pending at various stages with MFPI.
- iii) Liabilities arising out of Technology Upgradation Scheme being implemented by MFPI in NE states.

JS (MFPI) clarified that Technology Upgradation Scheme under which funds were released by MFPI to the North Eastern States for implementing MM-IV has since been discontinued with effect from 2014-15. However, he assured that committed liabilities for North Eastern states to an extent of Rs 2.7 cr arising out of the scheme would be borne by MoFPI. It was also stated that henceforth provision for funding projects for North East needs to be included under MIDH.

States of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir sought clarification on the proposals which were lying with FPI.

After discussion with representatives of FPI, SFAC and State Governments following decisions were taken:

- a) Pending liabilities of all sanctioned MM-IV projects for North Eastern states will be borne by MoFPI.
- b) Pending liabilities of all sanctioned projects under MM-IV for the 3 Himalayan States are to be borne by DAC under MIDH.
- c) All pending proposals for the 3 Himalayan States which have not yet been sanctioned but have been referred to FPI with SLEC's approval would be considered afresh under MIDH.
- d) In the context above,a special meeting of Executive Committee would be held to consider these proposals wherein representative from FPI would be present.
- e) Since the Technology Upgradation Scheme has been discontinued by MFPI from where MM-IV proposals for North East were funded, DAC would initiate action to include proposals relating to food processing within the ambit of MIDH for North East States as well.
- f) Ministry of FPI will hand over all files along with details of pending/approved proposals to DAC.
- g) Shri S.K.Kaul, AD (NHM) would be the Nodal Officer for the purpose above.
- h) All the 3 Himalayan states would include the component of pending liabilities for release of  $2^{nd}$  installment /already issued sanction within their overall AAP 2014-15. As for the

pending projects which would be considered afresh by special EC under MIDH, the states will prioritise inclusion of pending proposals under the current year's AAP.

- i) The releases would be made as per the operational guidelines of MIDH viz. to the State Governments. State governments will ensure release of funds to the beneficiary after verification by the committee  $_{\wedge}$  will include representative of State government, representative of lending bank, District Horticulture Officer, expert from State Agriculture University, etc.
- j) For new projects, guidelines of MIDH would be followed and the State Governments would be responsible for the overall scrutiny and implementation of projects.
- i) The possibility of enhancing the AAP would be explored during mid-term review.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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