

**MINUTES OF THE PROJECT SCREENING COMMITTEE MEETING OF SFURTI
HELD ON 18.04.2016 AT COIR BOARD, COIR HOUSE, KOCHI-16.**

Attendance

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| 1. Shri.C.P.Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Coir Board | - Chairman |
| 2. Shri. M.Kumararaja, Secretary, Coir Board | - Member Convener |
| 3. Shri. P.R.Ajithkumar, Director (Mktg.) Coir Board | - Member |
| 4. Shri.G.Pradeep Kumar, Senior Accounts Officer | - Member |
| 5. Ms.Gayathri.VRP, Manager, Bank of Baroda | - Member |
| 6. Shri.V.Babu, Deputy Director, SFURTI | - Member |
| 7. Shri.V.S.Sukumaran, EDII, Thrissur | - Member |
| 8. Shri.A.Sravankumar Sharma, Foundation for MSME
Clusters | - Member |
| 9. Shri.T.Sekhar, Project Manager, ITCOT
Consultancy & Services Ltd. Chennai | - Member |
| 10. Shri.Sanjay Dash, APITCO Ltd., Hyderabad | - Member |
| 11. Shri.Pradeep P.N. EDII, Thrissur | - Member |
| 12. Shri.Gangashetty A.H., Foundation for MSME Clusters | - Member |

In Attendance

1. Dr.Das Anita Rabindranath, Director (RDTE), Coir Board
2. Shri.George Abraham, Section Officer, SFURTI Cell

The Project Screening Committee (PSC), constituted as per the modified guidelines of SFURTI for the scrutiny and evaluation of new cluster proposals so as to recommend the same to the Scheme Steering Committee for getting final approval, met on 18.04.2016 at 11.00 a.m. at the Conference Hall of Coir Board, Coir House, Kochi. The meeting chaired by Shri.C.P.Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Coir Board started with a silent prayer. Shri.P.R.Ajith Kumar, Director (Mktg.) welcomed all the participants into the meeting. Secretary, Coir Board, the Member Convener of the Committee introduced all the participants to the Committee.

The paramount importance for completion of activities like Setting up of CFCs with a definite timeline was highlighted by the Secretary and Director (Mktg.), Coir

Board since the projects finances have to be sourced and utilized by the end of September/October 2016 itself. Learning from the lessons of the first phase, the need for completing the CFCs within the prescribed timeline was also brought to the notice of all concerned. The Committee reviewed the progress of implementation of SFURTI in the 18 Clusters which were got final approval from the Ministry so far. The Technical Agencies concerned were described the action taken by them in those clusters.

The Implementing Agency of Vizag Coir Cluster M/s. APITCO reported that the SPV registration is under progress and within a week of time they will get registered and all the initial work of the cluster will be completed on or before 30th April 2016. Secretary explained that the Ministry has ordered to complete the entire work of the clusters within 6 months of time ie. on or before 30th September 2016. But the Technical Person from M/s. Foundation for MSME Clusters, the Technical Agency for the state of Karnataka has stated that it is impossible to complete the entire work within six months and it will take at least a period of 2 years, since most of the area is affected by severe drought. The Chairman accepted it and stated that in such cases the matter will be taken before the Ministry to give more time to establish the cluster in such areas.

Further, the Technical Agencies have reported following reasons for delay in submitting the DPRs of following clusters.

Sl. No	State	Name of Cluster	Name of cluster proposer	Name of the Technical Agency engaged for the preparation of DPR	Remarks/Reason for delay in submitting the DPR
1	Kerala	Kannur	Directorate of Coir Development, Coir Bhavan, Nandavanam, Palayam, Trivandrum,	M/s.Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Thrissur	The Technical Agency has reported that the cluster proposers of Kannur cluster have withdrawn from their interest for the formation of the cluster due to several reasons. Hence the TA

			Govt. of Kerala		is trying to identify a reputed Agency to be engaged as an Implementing Agency for the cluster for its implementation
2		Kodungallur			The Kodungallur cluster was placed before the 18 th SSC as a Major cluster. But due to the reason that the Major cluster category has already been exhausted, SSC has not accorded final approval. The TA has reported that due to so many reasons Kodungallur cluster is suitable for Major cluster only.
3	Karnataka	Hiriyur	Hiriyur Tq. Coir Industries owner's and coir products manufacturer's Association, C/o. Hotel Ranjith, 212, NH-4, Deviation Circle, Main Road, Hiriyur, Chitradurga, Karnataka	M/s.Foundation for MSME Clusters, New Delhi	The Technical Agency has reported following reasons: a) Stakeholders are not interested in spite of repeated discussions and group meetings b) Lack of any trust/ social capital among members c) Lack of any key leader who can influence the cluster members d) Limited net worth, unable to contribute for hard interventions e) Communication gap between IA President and stakeholders. f) IA want entire SFURTI grant for construction purpose, which was turned down
4		Mysore Coir Ply Modular	Karnataka State Coir Development Corporation Limited, V.I.T.C. Building, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001.		The TA has reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MD who proposed the cluster left and present MD is not keen to continue • Corporation assessed the situation and found that CFC is not feasible • Huge geographic spread in 4 districts • Lack of any interest among manufacturers • Corporation already having common facility in Mysore

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of trust among members
5		Coondapur	Karnataka state Coir Co-operative Federation Ltd., Bangalore, 953/A, 2nd Main, ivth Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010		<p>The TA has reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation felt that implementation of SFURTI in the area is not feasible due to presence of 2 to 3 operating units MD of the Federation rather requested to substitute it with Arisikere West and East Clusters where they have significant presence Coir activity and market is highly limited The area is not major coconut producing region
6	Andhra Pradesh	West Godawari	M/s. APITCO Ltd., # 5-9-58/B, 8th Floor , Parisrama Bhavanam Fateh Maidan Road Basheerbagh,Hyderabad, Telangana State, PIN:500 004	M/s. National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad	DPR is under preparation
7		Viziana-garam			DPR of Vizhianagaram cluster was placed before the 18 th SSC as a Major cluster and SSC has instructed to revise the project from Major to Mini. But, the TA has informed that the project is suitable for Major category only.
8		Chittoor			Since the current SPV is not co-operating for implementation of the scheme, an NGO named "REACH" is ready to undertake the activities of the cluster and the SPV will get full support from District Rural Development Authority (DRDA) for mobilization of artsians and provision of land. Therefore, the revised DPR is underway.
9	Tamil Nadu	Aranthangi, Pudukottai Dist.	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	M/s.ITCOT Consultancy & Services Ltd., Chennai	DPR is under preparation
10		Krishnagiri			DPR of Krishnagiri cluster was placed before the 18 th SSC seeking final approval as Major cluster and SSC has instructed to revise the proposal as Mini cluster. DPR is under preparation
11		Salem Coir Ply Board			DPR placed before the 18 th SSC seeking final approval as Major cluster and SSC has instructed to

					revise the proposals as Mini cluster. DPR is under preparation
12	Assam	Kaliabor	Chitralkha, Industrial Estate, Nattali, Bhumaragwi Subdid-Kalibor Dist. Nagaon (Assam)	M/s. IL&FS Clusters, NOIDA	The Technical Agency M/s.IL & FS clusters, Noida was entrusted with the preparation of DPRs of clusters belonging to Assam, Tripura and West Bengal. In spite of repeated reminders they have not yet submitted the reports. Hence as per the decision taken in the Project Screening Committee meeting of the Board, it was informed them that Board will forced to entrust the work to other empanelled Technical agencies, if they failed to respond in this matter.
13	Tripura	Teliamura	Society for Entrepreneurship Development (SOFED) Indranagar, ITI Road, Agaratala 799 006. Tripura (W)		
14		Dharmanagar	Society for Entrepreneurship Development (SOFED), Indranagar, ITI Road, Agartala-799 006, Tripura (W)		
15		Agarthala	Ganadoot, Social Welfare Centre, Bijoy Kumar Chowmuhani, Krishnanagar, Agartala, Tripura west		
16	West Bengal	Shyampur, Howrah	Baratala Human Welfare & Educational Society, Vill Baratala, PO Bahirkunja, Dist.South 24 Parganas, West Bengal 743 318		

After that, the TAs was invited to present the DPRs of the clusters which were entrusted with them. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared and presented by the following empanelled Technical Agencies were then considered by the committee for evaluation.

1. M/s. ITCOT Consultancy and Services Ltd., Chennai
2. M/s. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Thrissur
3. M/s. Foundation for MSME Clusters, New Delhi

The Committee has considered the following DPRs from the above empanelled Technical Agencies, which are detailed as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of cluster	Type of Cluster	Name of the Implementing Agency	Name of Technical Agency which engaged for the preparation of DPR
1	Kerala	Ambalapuzha	Mini	Coir Boucle Consortium, Alappuzha	M/s.Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Thrissur
2		Cherthala	Mini	Cherthala Small Scale Coir Fibre Mats and Manufactures Co-operative Society Ltd. No.740	
3		Muhamma	Mini	Labourers Coir Mats & Mattings Co.op. Society Ltd. No.A.733	
4	Tamil Nadu	Ethamozhy, Kanyakumari	Mini	Gandhi Kamaraj Educational And Rural Development Trust (Gkerd), Nagercoil	M/s. ITCOT Consultancy & Services Ltd., Chennai
5	Karnataka	Gundakanahalli	Mini	Karnataka State Coir Co-Operative Federation	M/s.Foundation for MSME clusters, New Delhi
6		Gandasi	Mini	Karnataka State Coir Co-Operative Federation	
7		Haralakkatta	Mini	Karnataka State Coir Co-Operative Federation	
8		Javagal	Mini	Karnataka State Coir Co-Operative Federation	

The representatives of Technical Agencies presented the Detailed Project Report of each clusters one by one. The Committee also given to understand that the four Clusters from the State of Karnatka and one cluster from Tamil Nadu have already accorded in principle approval by the SSC earlier. The Technical Agencies from the State of Tamil Nadu has submitted the revised DPR before the committee for consideration after modifications as instructed by the committee in the earlier meeting. After that, the activities of each Cluster have been evaluated one by one by the Committee.

On scrutiny, it was found out by the Committee that all the clusters have sufficient supporting documents required for according final approval from the SSC. Therefore, the Committee decided to recommend the DPRs of these eight clusters for seeking final approval from the SSC.

In the meeting it has been also decided to forward a final letter to M/s.IL & FS clusters, Noida for a reply and decided that if there is no reply, then remove them from the list of empanelled Technical Agencies and entrust the work of preparation of DPR in NE region to some other suitable agencies.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all present.

Minutes issues with the approval of, Coir Board.


Deputy Director (SFURTI)