

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

From

To

The Additional Chief Secretary /
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Director of Industries and Commerce,
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1. The General Managers,
District Industries Centre,
Coimbatore / Tiruppur / Dindigul /
Madurai / Dharmapuri / Tirunelveli /
Nagercoil / Salem / Thanjavur
/Theni/ Vellore / Cuddalore
2. The Secretary,
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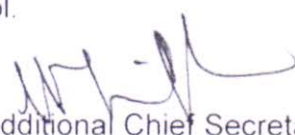
Rc.No.20541/ICH/2011 dated 14.03.2017

Sir,

Sub: Industrial Cooperatives - Coir Clusters – XIIth plan period - SFURTI and
MSE –CDP – Minutes of the Meeting held on 01.03.2017 communicated
–Regarding

Ref: Minutes of the Meeting held on 01.03.2017


A copy of Minutes of the meeting on the performance of Coir clusters under SFRUTI during XI and XII five year plan held on 01.03.2017 at the Commissionerate under the Chairmanship of The Additional Chief Secretary / Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce is enclosed for information and necessary action. The General Managers concerned are requested to communicate the same to the respective SPVs of the clusters under their control.


for Additional Chief Secretary /
Industries Commissioner and
Director of Industries and Commerce

Encl: As above

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- M. S.
15/3/17

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
COIR CLUSTERS UNDER SFURTI
HELD ON 01.03.2017**

A meeting to review the present stage of implementation of Coir Clusters under SFURTI was held on 01.03.2017 at the Commissionerate under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary/ Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce. The following Officers, SPV members, Implementing Agency and Technical Agency were present in the meeting

1. Additional Commissioner of Industries and Commerce
2. Secretary, Coir Board, Kochi
3. Additional Director of Industries and Commerce (Industrial Cooperatives)
4. Joint Director (Costing)
5. Technical Agency, ITCOT
6. General Manager, District Industries Centre, Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Dindigul, Madurai, Nagercoil, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Theni, Vellore and Sivaganga
7. Assistant Directors of District Concerned.
8. SPV members of SFURTI clusters.

At the Outset, It was informed that during XII Five Year Plan period, the Government of India has earmarked 9 Coir clusters under SFURTI to the State of Tamil Nadu, out of which only 7 Coir clusters had been accorded final approval. Besides, the Government of India also accorded final approval for other two coir clusters namely Mettur and Palladam under Phase-II.

While initiating the deliberations, the Technical Agency i.e ITCOT made power point presentation on the present status of implementation of 9 coir clusters in the State. The deliberations/observations made on each of these clusters are as follows:

1. KANGEYAM COIR CLUSTER:

It was informed that the Kangeyam Coir Cluster is coming under major cluster category with the activity of Coir Yarn Spinning, Coir Mattings and Geotextiles. The total project cost is 404.94 lakh, out of which the SPV contribution is Rs.115.75 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs.289.19 lakh. The construction of building is completed and out of 25 Nos of Automatic Yarn Spinning Machines, 15 machines have been delivered and erected. Balance 10 machines are expected to be delivered before 10th of March 2017. Similarly, the automatic looms are to be delivered before 15th of March 2017. For this cluster, it is planned to commence commercial production on or before 31.03.2017. At this juncture, the Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce requested to elaborate the Soft Intervention factors. Further, integrating this cluster with the schemes like PMEGP/ UYEGP may be thought of.

2. PALLADAM COIR CLUSTER:

Falling under major category, 4 activities namely fibre extraction, coir pith, grow bag and 25 kg bagger have been envisaged in this cluster. The total project cost is Rs.451.00 lakh, Out of which, SPV Contribution is Rs.161.10 lakh and SFURTI grant is of Rs.289.90 lakh. The building construction has been completed and machineries in respect of coir fibre extraction and grow bag have been delivered and erection completed. Balance machines are expected to be delivered before 10th of March 2017. For this clusters, timeline is fixed as 31.03.2017 to commence commercial production. Regarding sharing of profit, Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce suggested that the Coir Board may issue uniform direction on sharing the profit by all the clusters.

3. DINDIGUL COIR CLUSTER:

Being fallen under major category, its project cost is Rs.389.62 lakh. Out of this, the SPV contribution is Rs.60.40 lakh and the grant is Rs.90.60 lakh. Under Soft Intervention one awareness programme has been completed. The construction of building has come up to the level of basement and the machines for 650 gm pith brick and 5 kg pith block has been delivered. In respect of machineries for grow bag and coco peat disc, they will be delivered before 15th of March 2017 and bailing machine before 20th of March 2017. It is planned to commence commercial production on 31.03.2017.

4. TIRUNELVELI (TENKASI) COIR CLUSTER:

Falling under major category, with the activities of Coir Yarn Spinning, Geo-textiles and Pith based products, its total project cost is Rs.351.09 lakh out of which SPV contribution is Rs.77.38 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs.273.71 lakh. The SPV have contributed two instalments totalling to Rs. 51.99 lakh.

Under Soft Intervention one trust building and one awareness programme have been completed. The construction of building have also been completed. The power loom machine will be delivered before 20th March 2017 and remaining all other machines will be delivered before 15th of March 2017. It has also been programmed to commence the commercial production before 31.03.2017.

5. POLLACHI COIR CLUSTER:

Being heritage cluster, Pollachi Coir cluster is proposed to be involved in production of Coir Tufted Mats, Geo-textiles, Pith based products and Coir Yarn Demo & Training Centre with the total project cost of Rs.888.98 lakh. Out of this, the SPV contribution is Rs.238.33 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs.650.35 lakh. The SPV have contributed its first instalment of Rs.85.29 lakh. With regard to Soft Intervention one trust building programme, one awareness programme and one EDP programme have been completed.

With respect to construction of building, plan approval is obtained from DTCP along with temporary EB connection. Agreement has also executed with the consultant Civil Engineer and the building work will be commenced within a week's time. Regarding machinery, purchase order for tufted mats has been issued and for the remaining purchase order will be issued before 15th March 2017. It is planned to commence the commercial production before 15th March 2017.

6. SALEM (METTUR) COIR CLUSTER:

Falling under major category, it is envisaged only one activity i.e producing tufted mats. Out of total project cost of Rs 412.66 lakh, the SPV contribution is Rs.113.75 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs 298.91 lakh. The SPV have contributed two instalments for a sum of Rs.62.20 lakh. The construction of building is completed and machinery based civil works are only pending. Under Soft Intervention, one trust building and one awareness programme have been completed. With regard to purchase of machineries, purchase order for tufted mat machines has been issued and the delivery of the machine is expected before 15th of March 2017. Commercial production of this cluster is planned to commence on 31.03.2017.

7. DHARMAPURI COIR CLUSTER:

Falling under major category, its total project cost is Rs.203.50 lakh, out of which SPV contribution is Rs. 55.25 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs.148.25 lakh. The major activity of this cluster is the production of coir pith based products like grow bags, 5 kg pith block and 650gm coir bricks. So far the SPV have contributed two instalments totalling to Rs.25.00 lakh. Construction of building is completed and the final finishing work is in progress. With regard to purchase of machinery, purchase orders are issued and delivery is expected before 15th of March 2017. It has been informed that the commercial production of this coir cluster is slated on 31.03.2017.

While intervening in the deliberation, the Secretary, Coir Board informed that when he visited the coir cluster at Dharmapuri, it was seen that the building was surrounded with trees and bushes. Hence, he requested the SPV to take action to clean the area. He also requested to initiate action to get some more land for drying the coir pith as the present is insufficient to carry out the activity.

At this juncture, the Secretary, Coir Board also expressed his displeasure over the functioning of Implementing Agency, and stated that the Implementing Agency has not visited the coir clusters for more than 4 months. Hence, he instructed the Technical Agency (ITCOT) to remove the Implementing Agency and write to the Coir Board with the above facts and requesting permission to engage a New Implementing Agency. The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Dharmapuri was also requested to follow up the above and expedite to initiate action to bring this coir cluster into functioning at the earliest.

8. MADURAI COIR CLUSTSER:

Falling under major category, it has been envisaged to manufacture Coir Composite Panel. Out of the total project cost of Rs.477.72 lakh, the SPV

contribution is Rs 178.00 lakh out of which they have remitted the 1st instalment of Rs 31.20 lakh. The SFURTI grant is Rs 299.72 lakh. Under Soft Intervention one trust building, awareness programme, EDP Training and exposure visit have been completed. Construction of building is completed and machinery based civil works are pending. With regard to purchase of machineries, tenders have been finalized and purchase order will be issued before 5th of March 2017. The commercial production is expected to be commenced on 01.07.2017.

9. ETHAMOZHY COIR CLUSTER:

Falling under mini cluster category, it is envisaged to introduce Brush Manufacturing and Coir buffing wheel manufacturing activities. Out of total project cost of Rs.199.56 lakh, the SPV contribution is Rs.50.50 lakh and SFURTI grant is Rs.149.60 lakh. As far as the Soft Intervention is concerned one trust building and one awareness programme have been completed. With regard to construction of building, foundation and column works are in progress and it will be completed at the earliest. In respect of purchase of machineries, purchase order has been placed and delivery is expected by 5th April 2017. The purchase of Coir Buffing wheel is to be undertaken on the least quotation basis. The commercial production is expected to be commenced on 15.04.2017.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- The Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce requested the Coir Board to conduct one day seminar on the usage of coir geo-textiles.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce advised to organize a meeting with the officials of Government Departments for the purpose of marketing the coir products for the Government Offices.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce instructed to adhere statutory provisions like EPF and other mandatory requirements and suggested to see that necessary funds are generated by the clusters to meet out the above.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce also instructed to ensure for the insurance coverage for the entire assets before the trial run.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce advised all the coir clusters to arrange working capital requirements with the other financial institutions / banks well before the commencement of production.