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### Corrigendum

With reference to the EOI published on 17/04/2025 for inviting proposals for selection of Implementing Agencies (IA) for development of High-value multi commodity horticulture clusters and Peri-urban Vegetable clusters under Cluster Development Programme (CDP) of the National Horticulture Board (NHB) and the pre bid meeting was held on 07/05/2025 under the chairmanship of Mr. Priya Ranjan, Managing Director, National Horticulture Board. The queries have been addressed and appended below:

Sl. No.	Query	Reply
<b>Dr. Navin Nainwal, Director, Regen Organics Pvt. Ltd.</b>		
1	What are the components of Project Cost? Does it include Farmer Component and IA Component, or only hard infrastructure? (Ref: Pages 6, 14, 27)	The total project cost comprises of both the Farmer component and IA component. Refer clause 14.6 of High value multi commodity cluster and 14.2 of High value multi commodity cluster and 14.2 of Peri urban vegetable cluster.
2	Can Processing Partner be Co-Implementation Agency, and if yes, what are the documentation and financial requirements for the Processing Partner?	The scheme allows for a combination of various legal entities or a combination there of defined as per clause 9.2 of guidelines.
3	Will MOFPI subsidies under PM Kisan Sampada Yojana go directly to the Processing Partner or via IA? Are criteria like net worth applicable to the Processing Partner? (Ref: Page 28)	Eligibility and financial assistance as per the revised guidelines of cluster dev program and will flow through CDP Suraksha Portal to either IA or farmer
4	Can dovetail subsidies and CDP subsidies (25% of Farm Gate Value) together exceed 50% of total Project Cost? (Ref: Page 7)	Individual component wise subsidy under the scheme will not exceed 50% of the eligible project cost. However, if any state govt is providing subsidies over and above the subsidies under this scheme the IA may investigate the possibility of dovetailing them as per the guidelines.
5	How should the 20% equity contribution by IA be shown—book reserves, bank guarantee, or during implementation? (Ref: Page 7)	It should be shown through books of accounts, bank statements during all the stages.

6	Is a 20% term loan from a bank mandatory for IA? Does this apply to Government of India Undertakings? (Ref: Page 7)	Yes, it is mandatory. This is also applicable to Government undertakings like PSUs/Corporations etc. Please refer clause 9.3.5 of the Revised CDP guidelines.
7	Is the 10% performance security based on IA component or total project cost? How does it relate to IA equity and term loan? (Ref: Page 10)	10% performance security of the IA Component, is required in form of Bank Guarantee.
8	In a consortium of FPOs/FPCs, can a member with lesser equity be designated as Implementation Agency?	The equity proportion of the members of the consortium shall be clearly mentioned in the Joint Bidding Agreement and should reflect their financial capabilities
<b>Mr. Aneesh Jain, Director, Four Leaf Clover Agro Pvt. Ltd.</b>		
9	Is investment in new infrastructure compulsory, even if existing infrastructure is sufficient?	The scheme supports only Greenfield projects.
10	What is the component-wise support provided by the government?	The Cost Norms of extant schemes like MIDH/MoFPI/APEDA etc. pertaining to horticulture sector will be applicable. Wherever cost norms are not available, the guidelines and cost norm committee shall determine the cost norms of and pattern of assistance as needed. Reefer clause 16.3 and 16.4
11	Is credit linkage mandatory, or can the entire non-government share be deployed as equity?	Credit Linkage is mandatory.
12	When and how will the pre-bid meeting details be shared?	Details will be uploaded on the NHB Website.
<b>Mr. Sudhir Kumar Goel, IAS (Retd.), Former Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture &amp; Marketing, Government of Maharashtra</b>		
13	<p>1.2.1</p> <p>PARA Required FGV of Rs. 100Cr. only for one focussed crop is impractical and needs to be changed. One option is to include all targeted crops to be included in FGV. Since financial assistance is limited to 25% of FGV for IA components, there is no need to put any lower limit. Higher FGV may attract higher marks in evaluation.</p>	No change
14	<p>PARA 1.2.1 While para states geographical area as State / UT, further qualification of 50 / 80 Km., seems restrictive. For a high FGV, it may be impractical. Does it mean a cluster diameter of 50 / 80 Km.; or it is distance between one sub-cluster to another, one after the other for any number of sub-clusters?</p>	The cluster should be limited to a maximum of 3 (three) adjoining contiguous districts.
15	Cost norms under different programs are outdated and are much less than current costs. CDP should take current costs as certified by CA in the proposal.	Please refer to the revised guidelines of MIDH updated in January 2025.

16	Components under various schemes have conditions like long term lease of land which cannot be satisfied. Such conditions need not apply in CDP.	Please refer to the revised guidelines of MIDH updated in January 2025.
17	If components and schemes of various schemes of other Ministries are used, amount of subsidy should be disbursed by NHB; approaching multiple Ministries for sanction and release is just not possible.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial assistance disbursements.
18	A list of components is given to prepare concept note / DPR. It would help if a master list is provided for all those schemes and components along with cost norms and rate of applicable subsidy, including 5% incentive, where subsidy would flow from NHB directly, without any further sanction from any other Ministry.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial assistance disbursement.
19	It is not mentioned anywhere as to what percentage of FGV is to be marketed by IA through its own infrastructure. Is there any such requirement?	No such requirement.
20	A plain reading of minimum offtake requirements reads as if 50% of urban centre vegetable supply should come from the cluster- it is an impossible task. Is it intended to say that 50% of cluster produced is consumed in that urban centre for which project is submitted?	No change.
21	Dovetailing project components with schemes of other Ministries would not be possible unless sanctions and release of funds for those components are routed through NHB. EoI is silent on the same.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial disbursement
22	PART A & B It needs confirmation than an IA can submit proposals for multiple clusters under PART A and B. It is not clear whether implementation of PART B is taken over by States or it is with Centre without which IA cannot submit proposals. Guidelines have a reference to this effect. It is presumed that same IA could submit separate proposals under PART A and PART B.	Yes. Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.
<b>Mr. Dushyant Singh, Director, Khewra Farmers Producer Company Limited</b>		
25	Definition of a "Cluster" and details of any existing identified horticultural clusters under the programme.	Kindly refer to Revised Guideline for Cluster Development Program.
26	Model price list of produce, and the source of data used for this model pricing	The modal price of the produce can be taken from SHM/NHB/Agmarknet.

27	Whether a Joint Implementing Agency may submit a bid on behalf of a consortium.	Not Applicable
28	List of crops under the “Peri-urban Vegetable Cluster”, including both essential and optional crops.	Kindly refer to Clauses 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 of revised Guideline for Peri urban vegetable cluster
29	Whether a single Implementing Agency can bid in both High Value Multi-commodity clusters and Peri-urban Vegetable clusters under the scheme.	Yes. Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.
30	Whether an agency involved in a joint bid can also participate individually (in addition to the joint bidding).	No.
31	Request for detailed scheme guidelines, either as a downloadable copy or a link to access them.	Kindly download it from NHB's website
<b>Ms. Ankita Jain, Chief of Staff, HyFarm (HyFun Foods)</b>		
32	Project duration clarification – the EOI mentions project duration as 36 months and 18 months in two places and the concept note section mentions providing 48 months estimate for proposed initiatives. Request you to provide clarity on the project duration. Also, since potato crop is cultivated only once a year, we would request to consider allowing the project duration to be 48 months.	Timeline for Peri Urban and Multi value is separately mentioned in clause 15.9.1 page 36 for multi-commodity high value cluster, and in clause 15.9.1 page 98, for Peri-urban vegetable cluster.
33	Excel template – We would like to check if there is any official standard costing projection excel template for better alignment in proposal submission.	There is no official costing projection Excel. Standards format used for project development can be used.
34	Peri-Urban section on NHB Portal – We are not able to find the section for selecting “peri-urban vegetable cluster” section on the NHB portal. We would like to understand if the portal updating is pending or if we need to apply in a different way. Also requesting an extension for submission timelines.	This is under the CDP portal.
<b>Ms. Darshita Parmar, Representative, Abhyuday</b>		
35	Clause 1.2 on page 6 of the EoI allows for additional horticulture crops. What is the allowed portion or proportion of these additional crops relative to the focus crop?	Focus crop would be a single crop.

36	The applicant entity must possess and demonstrate substantial and relevant experience in fields such as agricultural or horticultural input supply, production, aggregation, trading, food processing, exporting, retailing, or logistics provision. This experience must be documented and verifiable to ensure the entity's capability to effectively manage and execute the project. Can a non-experienced entity enter JV with an entity possessing the required experience.	Yes. However, real estate developers and hard infrastructure developers are not allowed as part of JV or consortium or any combination thereof.
37	In peri-Urban cluster is it mandatory to setup shops only for vegetable produce or the IA can have other items as well.	All agriculture/horticulture based product/produce is allowed
<b>Kisankonnect</b>		
38	General, Cost Norms For components where cost norms are not specified in the guidelines, how will the eligible grant amount be determined? Will it be based on justification in the DPR and appraised cost?	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial disbursement
39	Part A: 14.11 & 14.12; Part B: 14.11 & 14.12, Timely Completion and Innovation Incentive, Are the incentives for timely project execution (5%) and innovation (10%) applicable to both cluster types high-value multi-commodity & peri-urban? Are these calculated over and above the <b>25% FGV limit</b> for project assistance or included within it and clarify whether these are calculated on <b>project cost or grant amount</b> .	Yes, this is within FGV limit. This will be calculated on eligible project cost.
40	Clause Reference: Part A: 6.2.2, Farm Gate Value Criteria Is the minimum Farm Gate Value (FGV) of INR 100 crore, as mandated in Part A, applicable to Peri-Urban Clusters under Part B as well? If not, what is the benchmark FGV for peri-urban clusters focusing on vegetables?	There is No FGV criteria for Peri urban clusters.
41	Clause Reference: Part A: 6.2.2, Farm Gate Value Criteria Does the Rs. 100 crore allocation apply to a single commodity, or does it cover multiple commodities, given that the scheme is titled 'multi-commodity'?	The calculation of Farm Gate Value of 100 Cr is for one single focus crop
42	Clause Reference: Part A: 6.2.2, Farm Gate Value Criteria As per our understanding, Required FGV of Rs. 100 Cr. only for one focused crop is impractical and needs to be changed. One option is to include all targeted crops to be included in FGV. Since financial assistance is limited to 25% of FGV for IA components, there is no need to put any lower limit. Higher FGV may attract higher marks in evaluation.	No change.

43	Clause Reference: Part A & B: 11.1, Marketing Infrastructure Inclusion Are digital marketing and e-commerce facilitation platforms (e.g., app-based farmer-consumer linkages) considered eligible components under Part B?	Yes, they are eligible. The list provided is indicative and not exhaustive. Customisation on Digital Public Infrastructure for Traceability, Blockchain & IoT Solutions is included.
44	Clause: 45(g), Land Tenure Requirements Does the 15-year lease apply to all project components or only to fixed infrastructure? Can mobile assets like Retail outlets, farm stores, dark stores, Marketing Infrastructure equipment fall under same?	The 15 years lease requirement is applicable to all hard infrastructure facilities.
45	Clause Reference: Part A: 6.2.4, Contiguity of the Land How should the 50–80 km distance be interpreted when a company operates multiple collection centres within the same state?	The cluster should be limited to a maximum of 3 (three) adjoining contiguous districts.
46	Clause Reference: Part A: 6.2.4, Contiguity of the Land As per our understanding, it states geographical area as State / UT, further qualification of 50 / 80 Km., seems restrictive. For a high FGV, it may be impractical. Does it mean a cluster diameter of 50 / 80 Km.; or it is distance between one sub-cluster to another, one after the other for any number of sub-clusters?	The cluster should be limited to a maximum of 3 (three) adjoining contiguous districts.
47	Clause Reference: G, Land Details, Annexure 3: Business Case/ DPR Template In case of retail outlets, a 15-year lease may not be practical for retail outlets, farm stores, dark stores, etc Would a shorter lease tenure be acceptable, and if so, for which components (e.g., furniture, fixtures, temperature control equipment's, refrigeration systems, racking systems, software & hardware, interior work of the store)?	The 15 years lease requirement is applicable to all hard infrastructure facilities.
48	Clause Reference: Part B: 5.2.5, Definition and Eligibility of a Cluster The peri-urban scheme states that at least 50% of the city's requirement must be met by the sanctioned cluster. Is this a typo, or does it imply something else? It seems impractical for the cluster to fulfil half of the city's demand, just as it would be challenging to sell 50% of the cluster's production to a single nearby city. Could you clarify the intended meaning?	Please refer to Clause No. 5.2.5 of the Scheme guidelines Peri Urban Vegetable cluster
49	Cost norms under different programs are outdated and are much less than current costs. CDP should take current costs as certified by CA in the proposal.	MIDH has updated its Cost Norm in January 2025, kindly refer to it.

50	Components under various schemes have conditions like long term lease of land which cannot be satisfied. Such conditions need not apply in CDP.	No change
51	If components and schemes of various schemes of other Ministries are used, amount of subsidy should be disbursed by NHB; approaching multiple Ministries for sanction and release is just not possible.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial assistance disbursement
52	A list of components is given to prepare concept note / DPR. It would help if a master list is provided for all those schemes and components along with cost norms and rate of applicable subsidy, including 5% incentive, where subsidy would flow from NHB directly, without any further sanction from any other Ministry.	Not applicable.
53	It is not mentioned anywhere as to what percentage of FGV is to be marketed by IA through its own infrastructure. Is there any such requirement?	No such requirement.
54	PART B: 1. A plain reading of minimum off take requirements reads as if 50% of urban centre vegetable supply should come from the cluster- it is an impossible task. Is it intended to say that 50% of cluster produced is consumed in that urban centre for which project is submitted?	Please refer to Section 5.2.5 of Peri Urban Vegetable Cluster.
55	PART B: 2. Dovetailing project components with schemes of other Ministries would not be possible unless sanctions and release of funds for those components are routed through NHB. EoI is silent on the same.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial assistance disbursement.
56	PART B: 3. Queries on subsidy norms are the same as indicated in PART A above.	The revised guidelines provide for release of financial assistance across components through CDP Suraksha portal which will act as single window for financial assistance disbursement.
57	PART A & B: It needs confirmation that an IA can submit proposals for multiple clusters under PART A and B.	Yes, Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.
58	PART A & B: It is not clear whether implementation of PART B is taken over by States or it is with the Centre without which IA cannot submit proposals. Guidelines have a reference to this effect.	Please refer to clause 4.2 of Peri urban clusters
59	PART A & B: It is presumed that the same IA could submit separate proposals under PART A and PART B.	Yes, Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.

60	Given the need for clarity and alignment of proposals with cost norms and eligibility, we kindly request an extension of two weeks i.e. 29th May 2025.	No change
<b>MIDC Ltd, Meghalaya</b>		
61	Eligibility of State Government Undertaking as Promoter: While our organization may not be directly involved in food processing activities, we have significant experience in infrastructure development, which is a critical component of any cluster-based project.	NA. Refer clause no. 9.3.3 of the Revised CDP guidelines
62	Eligibility of State Government Undertaking as Promoter: We would like to know whether such experience is considered adequate for eligibility as a promoter under the CDP scheme. If so, we request guidance on the documentation required to support our credentials (such as project reports, government orders, completion certificates, etc.). support our credentials (such as project reports, government orders, completion certificates, etc.).	NA. Refer clause no. 9.3.3 of the Revised CDP guidelines
63	Request for 30-Day Extension: Considering the complexity of coordination with various departments, technical partners, and stakeholders, we respectfully request a 30-day extension for the submission of our proposal. The additional time will help us prepare a comprehensive, well-structured application in line with the scheme's technical and financial expectations.	No change
<b>KALAIVANA Scientist (Plant Pathology) ICAR-NRCO, Sikkim</b>		
64	We are ICAR institutes (NRC for Orchids) whether we can apply	No.
65	If so, Chartered Accountant certificate mandatory?	N/A
66	Equity contribution how will make?	N/A
67	Net worth how will show?	N/A
68	Annual turnover?	N/A
<b>Mr. Anuraj Singh, Director, Northern Farmers Producer Company Limited</b>		
69	Definition of a "Cluster" and details of any existing identified horticultural clusters for a reference.	Kindly refer to Clause no 5 for Peri Urbana and Clause no. 6 for High Value Multi commodity cluster under Revised Guideline for Cluster Development Program.
70	Model price of produce, and the source of data used for this model pricing and mechanism for its validation.	Kindly refer to Agmarknet, SHM, NHB website.



71	Is there any financial obligation for IA to handle the produce of cluster entirely by itself through proposed interventions to the tune of 100 cr or not.	No
72	What are different revenue streams for IA.	The concept note/business plan submitted should outline the same.
73	Whether Implementing Agency can submit bid as a consortium involving different organizations.	Combination of two or more entities are allowed.
74	List of crops under the “Peri-urban Vegetable Cluster”, including both essential and optional crops.	Refer to clause 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 of Peri-urban vegetable cluster guideline
75	Whether a single IA can bid in both High Value Multi-commodity clusters and Peri-urban Vegetable clusters under the scheme.	Yes, Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.
76	Whether an agency involved in a joint bid can also participate individually (in addition to the joint bidding).	Yes, Same IA can submit proposal for both Part A and B if it meets the required qualification criteria as mentioned in the EOI.
<b>Mr. O.R. Murugadoss, Proprietor, Agri smart Agri clinic &amp; Agri Business Centre</b>		
77	Trying to login and register my firm I come to understand that the Peri-Urban Cluster Log in is not available - I wish to participate as IA for Chennai Pre-Urban cluster. Kindly advise.	Apply under CDP Link. <a href="https://nhb.gov.in/OnlineApplication/OnlineRegistrationIntermediatePage.aspx">https://nhb.gov.in/OnlineApplication/OnlineRegistrationIntermediatePage.aspx</a>
<b>Moloy Saha, CEO, Foods and Inns</b>		
78	Part A: 6.2.2 — Is the minimum Farm Gate Value (FGV) of INR 100 crore, as mandated in Part A, applicable to Peri-Urban Clusters under Part B as well? If not, what is the benchmark FGV for peri-urban clusters focusing on vegetables?	There is No FGV criteria for Peri urban clusters.
79	Part A: 12.12; Part B: 12.12 — If multiple proposals are submitted from Nashik (same crop and geography), what will be the selection criterion? Will evaluation be based on scoring or technical/financial merit?	Please refer to Annexure 6 of the revised guidelines of Multi commodity High value cluster
80	Part A & B: 6.2.3, 11.2 — What are the upper limits for project cost and central assistance under Part B for peri-urban clusters? Are these proportionate to the scale of the cluster?	Please refer to Clause 14.2 of revised guidelines
81	Part A & B: 14.12 — Can the innovation incentive (10%) be availed for piloting smart irrigation, IoT sensors, or AI-based demand forecasting tools in peri-urban clusters?	Please refer Clause 14.12 of revised guidelines

<b>Josh Varghese, Operations Manager, AGHMPCS, Meghalaya</b>		
82	We are in a remote location and the nearest major city is 200km away. In this context, can the funds be utilised for developing infrastructure beyond the cluster? For example, Dark stores in major cities/export hubs to streamline storage, dispatch, and distribution?	No. Infrastructure should be within the cluster.
83	Can the equity contribution amount from the IA or the approved loan amount be utilised for activities like Cost of Land, Site Development etc?	Yes. It will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of sanction from Bank for the term loan.
84	If short-term employees are engaged for execution and monitoring of the project, can salaries be disbursed to them from the funds? For example, staff at processing centres, trainers for farmers etc.	Salaries cannot be disbursed from the financial assistance received from NHB under the Scheme.
85	For the final approval of the project is the cumulative scores of both Concept Note and DPR taken or just the DPR?	The score of only DPR cum Business Plan will be considered.
<b>State Horticulture Mission, Department of Horticulture &amp; Sericulture, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh</b>		
86	According to guidelines, Clause 5.2.1 under Part B (Peri-Urban Vegetable Cluster) there is no restriction in consideration of urban areas/cities based on population. Even cities with less than 10 Lakh population can be taken up for cluster development as long as the cluster and its associated infrastructure lies within 50 KM of the urban centre. However, during the pre-bid meeting, it was mentioned that a minimum population of 15 Lakhs is required for the urban area to be eligible for setting up the cluster. Kindly clarify.	At this stage only cities with population of 15 lakhs and more as per 2011 census and state capitals will be considered.
87	How to arrive at FGV for most promising upcoming crops with medicinal value and/or market demand such as Jack Fruit, presently being grown as a fence crop/border crop or in isolation here and there. What price to consider for developing a new cluster with Jack Fruit as core crop which will start bearing fruit within 2 years? As such there is mention ( <b>clause 9.4.11 of Part A</b> ) that promotion of new crops through diversification is one of important performance indicator for the Implementing Agency. If considered, Jackfruit cluster can be implemented successfully within 3 years in accordance with the guidelines.	Only those horticultural crops in new areas/acreages which will start commercial yields within the project implementation period will be considered.

88	For establishment of high cost machinery (such as imported chilly driers) can be considered in agriculture market yards (functioning under purview of the state government or markets established with assistance of Horticulture Mission) with 100% assistance under MIDH under public sector as a part of Cluster Development Programme?	No
89	Agriculture Market yard at Guntur being Asia's biggest market for chilies, can establishment of such infrastructure on government property where assistance is 100% under public sector and the IA is responsible for operations and maintenance of the facility be approved under CDP? It will promote quality drying and will be helpful to farmers.	No
90	If Horticulture Development Agency at State Level (earlier designated as CDA for pilot phase of CDP) itself is applying for Peri-Urban Vegetable Cluster, the process to be followed by the Horticulture Development Agency for filing application under CDP and onboarding IA in the next 6 months may kindly be clarified.	No.
91	For GAP certification: will only individual farmers be certified <b>or</b> group certification is permitted? If yes, please clarify the modalities.	Yes. As per extant guidelines of MIDH, NHB etc.
92	Under MIDH norms, for area expansion, farmers are eligible for assistance up to 2 Ha. Is there any relaxation for considering the area expansion over and above 2 Ha under CDP?	As per extant guidelines of MIDH, NHB etc.
93	While submitting the business plan along with the concept note, do we need to indicate the cost as per the prevailing market rates <b>or</b> as per government cost norms? Please Clarify.	Project cost as appraised by the bank will be considered.
94	For IAs applying as Joint Venture, is it necessary to get the JV entity registered before filing EoI application <b>or</b> an MoU will be enough at application stage.	The prevailing rules and regulations under Companies Act 2013 governing Joint Ventures will be applicable
95	Do all JV/Consortium partners need to be shareholders in the new entity?	Yes.
96	In the case of JV/Consortiums, will the <b>net worth &amp; turnover</b> of all JV members be considered as the <b>Combined Net worth &amp; Turnover</b> of the new entity <b>or</b> only Lead Promoter's financials considered? Kindly Clarify.	Yes.

97	What is the assistance available for the implementing agency for promoting & strengthening of FPOs?	As per extant guidelines of MIDH, NHB etc.
98	What is the limit on maximum members that can be in a JV (including private players, Agri-entrepreneurs and FPOs)?	The prevailing rules and regulations under Companies Act 2013 governing Joint Ventures will be applicable
99	If the implementing agency completes the physical and financial targets under the project within 2 years instead of 3 years, are they eligible for early release of funds proportionately?	Yes. Provided all necessary activities as per the DPR and statutory compliances are completed.
100	During the pre-bid meeting, it was mentioned that financial model and business plan needs significant time to be prepared hence can be submitted during DPR stage and not EoI stage along with concept note. However, the model concept notes as per annexure 2 asks for this information during submission of EoI application. Please clarify in this regard.	Yes. Information as per the Model Concept Note would require to be provided
<b>Sandeep Bohra, CEO, Krishika Advisory Services</b>		
101	<b>Cluster List:</b> While it is mentioned that 53 horticulture clusters have been identified under the CDP, the NHB website currently provides details for only 12 clusters. I would be grateful if you could kindly share information or direct me to resources regarding the remaining clusters.	The revised guidelines require clusters to be established as per viable business plan by the IA
102	<b>Farmer Assistance Structure:</b> As per the available information, assistance to farmers will be provided in two tranches. I would like to understand whether this implies two equal parts (i.e., 50% each) or a different structure.	Yes.
103	<b>Concept Note Submission Deadline:</b> The last date mentioned for submitting the concept note is 15th May 2025. Could you please confirm whether this is a fixed deadline or if there will be future opportunities for submission in subsequent phases?	15 May 2025 is for the current phase. There will be future opportunities on quarterly basis.
104	<b>Cost Norms for Secondary Infrastructure:</b> Sir in our projects we will also have IQF machinery, Dehydration machinery etc. Please guide us if the cost norms for these components will be separately provided by NHM or we need to consider the cost norms as per Ministry of Food Processing for such components. Also what will be the subsidy on components which are not mentioned in the cost norms.	Extant Cost Norms of MoFPI should be considered

<b>Nipin Deka, Project Director, ATMS Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati</b>		
105	Annexure at sl. no. 4- Project Financial and Business Plan, the points from 4.1 to 4.5 can be exactly arrived at only after completion of preparation of the Dpr in the 2nd stage. So, kindly advise if financial parameters/business data/information including financial indicators could be filled as per tentative assumed figures.	It can be filled as per broad block cost calculations
<b>Pratibha Dusaj, Skills Root Edu Tech Consulting (I) Pvt Ltd</b>		
106	The EOI document mentions 1.5 crore assistance for approach road/internal road per project in the logistics section. Could you please clarify if this assistance includes both construction and maintenance costs? Additionally, does it cover only the internal project site or the connectivity to main public roads as well?	It is limited to Rs. 1.5 crore per project for construction only.
107	The EOI clearly states that the cost of land is not supported. Does this apply exclusively to the primary project site, or does it also extend to land required for approach and internal roads? In case of private land being used for road construction, is there any provision for reimbursement or compensation?	No land cost is supported.
<b>Dr Bharat Kardak, NEWASA TALUKA AGRO PRDUCER COMPANY Limited</b>		
109	To apply for IA, for a project worth 100 Cr, what loan eligibility and net worth should be presented with CA/Bank certificates? Is it 20 Cr or else?	Please refer to section 9.3 of the Revised Cluster Development guidelines.
110	Will you allow two IA or clusters in same geographical area?	Please refer to Annexure 6 of the revised guidelines of Multi commodity High value cluster
111	What happens if two companies from same geography apply for the cluster?	Please refer to Annexure 6 of the revised guidelines of Multi commodity High value cluster
112	Is Onion as major crop, along with other vegetables, eligible for Peri Urban Cluster?	Please refer to section 5.2 of Peri urban vegetable cluster
113	How to calculate farm gate value, Rs 100 Cr? How many seasons of the crop to be considered? Should it be collective value of produce in total 3 years? OR should it be only for 1 Season/year.	Farm Gate Value is calculated as: Acreage X Productivity X Price. FGV is calculated on yearly basis
114	If my location E.g. NEWASA and other four tehsils around (adjacent 2 Districts) are not visible in Online application, how to proceed?	This will be available.

115	Can I include all tehsils across 80 km arial distance to fulfil the 100 Cr value? What is max or min tehsils and dissects, physically adjacent to each other, which can be included?	No
	<b>Director Kissan Fruit Storage</b>	
	Eligibility of Electron Beam Irradiation Unit	
116	ELIs the establishment of an Electron Beam Irradiation Unit an eligible component under the CDP scheme? This facility is intended to enhance phytosanitary compliance, shelf life, and microbial safety of produce to meet international export standards.	Irradiation Unit will be allowed only as per the extant guidelines of MOFPI. Any irradiation facility to be established should be completed in 18 months.
119	Net worth criteria: Our entity is recently incorporated. Kindly clarify how the net worth is to be calculated in such cases and if promoter experience in food processing and agri-business can be considered. What supporting documents should be submitted in this regard.	Net worth of Promoting entities will be considered
120	Mobile collection centre: We propose to include Mobile Collection Centres to enhance procurement from smallholder farmers in remote areas. Please confirm if such mobile infrastructure is considered an eligible component under the CDP guidelines.	Not allowed
121	We are exploring a Joint Venture (JV) approach, wherein one entity specializes in farming and another in processing. Is a JV model permissible under the CDP scheme? If so, kindly advise on the required documentation and ownership structure.	Yes. The prevailing rules and regulations under Companies Act 2013 governing Joint Ventures will be applicable
122	Request for Extension – Additional 20 Days	
123	Considering the recent formation of our entity and the need for extensive consultations with stakeholders, we respectfully request an extension of 20 days to complete and submit our proposal under the current round of the CDP scheme. This would enable us to prepare a comprehensive, technically sound, and policy-aligned proposal.	No change.
	<b>Akhil Grandhi, Bon Fiction Chocolates</b>	
124	Could you kindly confirm the maximum number of participants allowed in a joint venture under this scheme?	The prevailing rules and regulations under Companies Act 2013 governing Joint Ventures will be applicable.
125	Will the net worth assessment consider all JV partners collectively, or will it be limited to the primary promoter's net worth alone?	For newly formed joint ventures, net worth of all promoting JV Partners will be considered.

126	For the turnover requirement, will the combined turnover of all JV partners be considered?	For newly formed joint ventures, turnover of all promoting JV Partners will be considered.
127	Given that the current farmgate value (FGV) of cocoa is approximately ₹6 lakh per metric ton or higher, will the scheme consider prevailing market prices as the FGV, or will it rely on the value stated in the notice of publication?	The prevailing farm gate prices as per SHM/NHB/AGMARKNET will be considered.
<b>Aditya Overseas</b>		
128	We seek clarification as how will the net worth of new legal entity be arrived at since the SPV being formed by us will be a new company. Also is there any relaxation being provided for Start Ups and MSMEs?	Combined Net worth of all promoting entities will be considered.
129	Since the SPV will be a new entity, will the experience of promoters be considered as part of the relevant experience. Will there be any relaxation being provided for Start Ups and MSMEs?	Yes. Experience of Promoters will be considered
130	We seek clarification as how will the Turnover of a new company be arrived at since the SPV being formed by us will be a new company. Also is there any relaxation being provided for Start Ups and MSMEs	Combined turnover of all promoting agencies will be considered.
131	Term Loan and Bank Appraisal Note: We assume that these will not be required at the Concept Note Stage. We seek your advice on the same?	Not at Concept Note stage.
132	We are hoping that the Ministry will work with ULB/UDAs to help us with provision of retails spaces and necessary permissions for retail vans and carts. Kindly confirm	Ministry and NHB will facilitate
133	We seek clarification as regards whether non refrigerated vans and trucks and warehouses will be eligible for subsidy under the Scheme.	Please refer to extant Scheme guidelines like MIDH, MHB, MoFPI etc.
134	Since our company will be new, as one of the promoters will my previous experience in milk processing and distribution be considered relevant experience?	Yes. However, real estate developers and hard infrastructure developers are not allowed.

135	We feel that while the above may be true for fruits, in case of vegetables, Spices and Medicinal Plants it may not be right interpretation. Vegetables are of short duration and in some cases up to three vegetables crops can be taken in the same piece of land in one year. We, therefore request you to kindly consider up to three vegetable crops in any area as focus crops which actually will reflect the field situation appropriately.	No change
136	Induced clusters: My company wishes to lease out 150-200 acres of land for establishing polyhouses as part of induced clusters (to meet the FGV requirement in different patches within 80-110 kms radius of my processing unit) for micro greens and medicinal plants such as Mentha, parsley, coriander, basial etc. Will my company be eligible for getting subsidy for establishing polyhouses in these 150-200 acres?	No.
137	We request you to kindly confirm if these spaces will be provided free or on reduced rates for FPOs or defence services veterans as done for Safal outlets	This needs to be discussed and finalised by the IA with the ULB/UDA.
138	Branding and Marketing Please let us know, which Scheme should be used as reference for calculation under this component.	Cost Norms of APEDA or any other applicable extant scheme will be considered.
139	Also please clarify if simple vans and trucks and warehouses will be eligible for subsidy under the Scheme?	No
140	Are the MSME and Startups Exempted from payment of Application Fees?	Yes, MSME and startups are exempted.

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