No.AGRI-2552011(14)/8/2021-AGRI GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT NONGRIM HILLS: SHILLONG – 793003 Dated 22nd March, 2022

To,

Pay & Accounts Officer (NEC), NEC Secretariat, Nongrim Hills, Shillong, Meghalaya – 793003.

Sub: Administrative Approval for "Up-scaling the cultivation, post harvest management and processing of Lakadong Turmeric under Lakadong Mission" for the financial year "2021-22".

1. Secretary, NEC in exercise of the financial power authorized by the Government of India, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region vide their letter No.F.No.4/1/2010- DoNER(NEC) dated 07th September, 2012 has conveyed sanction of the President of India for the Administrative Approval of Rs. 9,96,54,000/- (Rupees Nine Crore ninety six Lakh fifty four thousand) only towards the project "Up-scaling the cultivation, post harvest management and processing of Lakadong Turmeric under Lakadong Mission" implemented by "Directorate of Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya".

 The General Financial Rules, 2017 (GFR, 2017) and subsequent amendments /instructions/ orders which the Ministry of Finance, Government of India may issue from time to time must be strictly followed during the implementation of this project.

3. The funds will be released by NEC in two installments of 40% and 60%

subject to availability.

(i) Initially at the time of issuance of Administrative and Financial sanction, a token amount of Rs. 10.00 lakh will be released by the NEC as part payment of the first installment so that tender formalities could be initiated and finalized by the agency. Thereafter, the agency will approach the NEC with a copy of work order and letter for claiming the release of balance amount of first installment of funds.

(ii) Second installment of the project will be released by the NEC once the State Government mandatorily submit utilization certificate for 75% of the first installment released and commensurate physical progress duly signed by the Head of designated agency and countersigned by Planning Secretary of the State Government.

 Implementing agency will furnish the Utilization Certificates in Form GFR 12-A for the funds released by NEC duly countersigned by the authorized signatory.

5. Immediately after funds have been placed at the disposal of the implementing Agency, a quarterly work plan/ action plan/ schedule of activities based on the approved DPR should be drawn up and submitted to the Adviser (Agri. &

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Allied), Financial Adviser & Director (Planning) of NEC Secretariat, Shillong and the progress of implementation should also be closely monitored on a quarterly basis at the highest level of the Department/ State Government concerned. Both financial and physical Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) along with photographs at different stages of implementation should also be regularly submitted at the end of each quarter.

6. Physical Inspection of the project as applicable shall be conducted release of last installment or at any stage as per NEC Guidelines.

7. Any cost overrun over and above the approved/ sanctioned cost in any project due to delay in implementation or any other reasons has to be met by

8. After completion of the project, a Completion Certificate along with utilization certificate of the total fund released should be submitted by the designated agency through the State Government.

9. Any delay in completing the project beyond the schedule date, could invite a cut in the subsequent normative allocation of the State Government.

10. GPS location viz. latitude and longitude coordinates of the project site/sites should be furnished by the implementing agency to the NEC office.

11. At the project site, a board should be erected displaying the fact that the project has been supported by NEC.

12. "Directorate of Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya" will be completely responsible for the proper implementation of the project in regard to the timely implementation and the executional cost as per the approved project.

- 13. The expenditure involved will be met from within the sanctioned budget grant of the Ministry under Demand No. 22, Major Head 2552, Scheme of North Eastern Council (ST Component), 00.796.01, (Object Head) - 00.31 Grantsin-aid General and (Object Head) - 00.35 Grants-in-aid (Creation of Capital Assets). The amounts to be released under 00.31 and 00.35 under each installment would be indicated separately in the respective/relevant Release
- 14. This is a new project sanctioned under 60% component of Central Sector Scheme funding of NEC from BE 2021-22 and outlay 2021-22.
- 15. This issue with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Wing vides their Dy.

Yours faithfully

(M. Iboyaima Meitei) Adviser (Horticulture)

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1. P.S to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya- for kind information of

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3. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare,

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

- 4. Deputy Adviser (NE), NITI Aayog, NITI Aayog Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001.
- 5. Controller of Accounts/Principal Accounts Officer (Accounts), Ministry of DoNER, 5th Floor, E-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi- 110023.

6. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

7. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

8. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong. 9. The Director, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Meghalaya.

10. Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong.

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12. Planning Adviser, NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

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14. Director (Planning), NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

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17. Section Officer (Finance), NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

18. Sr. P.S. to Secretary, NEC, Shillong.

19. Sr. Technical Director, NIC-NEC, Shillong.

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