F. No. M-14/5/2019-MFP DIVISION Govt. of India Ministry of Food Processing Industries Panchsheel Bhawan, August Kranti Marg New Delhi-110049

Dated: 27.12.2019

Subject: Recommendations of Committee of Independent Monitors (CIMs) on the representations made by ineligible applicants of Mega Food Park projects and decision of the Ministry thereon-reg.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries had issued an Expression of Interest (EoI) on 21.12.2018 inviting proposals from the prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of Mega Food Park projects under the scheme for Mega Food Park with the financial assistance of the Ministry.

- 2. In response to the EoI, the Ministry had received a total of 5 proposals. Of this, 4 proposals were scrutinized/appraised by the PMA i.e. M/s PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. (PwC) and M/s SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd two each as per guidelines of the scheme and subsequently evaluated/appraised by the Technical Committee and 1 proposal was not taken up for evaluation as it had not submitted requisite EMD with the proposal.
- 3. The recommendations of Technical Committee (TC) on each proposal were placed before Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) for consideration/approval. The IMAC after considering in detail the recommendations of TC in respect of each case approved 02 proposals as eligible were approved for grant of "In-Principal approval" based on availability of vacant slots.
- 4. In accordance with the grievance redressal mechanism laid down in the Ministry's OM Dated O.M. dated 29.01.2019, 06.02.2019 & 25.02.2019, an opportunity was provided to the ineligible applicants, that they may submit their representations, if they were not satisfied with the Ministry's decision regarding their ineligibility, for referring the same to the Committee of Independent Monitors (CIMs).
- 5. The Ministry received 01(one) representation from M/s Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (M.I.D.C.) Ltd., North Garo Hills, Meghalaya from the ineligible applicants which was referred to CIMs for their independent assessment and recommendations, if any. After going through the representation and personal hearing of the applicant and Ministry, the CIMs submitted their report along with recommendation which was placed before the Competent Authority (Hon'ble Minister, FPI) for consideration and decision. The Competent Authority has decided that since the CIM agrees with the decision of the IMAC, there is no justification for reconsideration.
- 6. In view of above, the grievance petition submitted by M/s Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (M.I.D.C.) Ltd., North Garo Hills, Meghalaya has no merit and stands disposed off.

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