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Government of India  
Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
Scheme for Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages

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**NOTICE**

**Subject :** Virtual Inspection through Video Conference (VC) instead of physical inspection for release of installments of approved ongoing projects under the Scheme for Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages -reg.

Under the circumstances posed by COVID-19 and as a safety measure against the same, the Ministry has decided the following w.r.t. the release of installments for ongoing projects under the Scheme for Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages :

- a. The physical site inspection prescribed in the Scheme Guidelines will be replaced by virtual site inspection through video conferencing with promoter in presence of lending bank official. The video will be recorded and uploaded for office reference.
  - b. The promoter shall submit GPS enabled site photographs of the approved components under the project which will be verified during Video Conferencing.
  - c. All required documents for the installment claim as prescribed by the Scheme Guidelines as well as Structural Drawings of the plant, Machine Certificates and LR Copies must be submitted by the promoter at least 3 days prior to scheduled Virtual Inspection.
  - d. The release of grant installment must be commensurate with the physical progress at project site and the same will be verified during Video Conferencing.
2. Further, first and second installments will be released to ongoing projects based on the above points. However, as various complexities are involved in release of third installment, it has been decided that only part payment will be made as of now. The percentage of the part payment will be decided at higher level in the Ministry on case to case basis.
3. The above procedure for release of installment of grant-in-aid shall remain valid until further orders and will be subject to timely review based on Government Guidelines on COVID-19.

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