

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) ON  
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND-NORTH EASTERN REGION (EDF-NER)  
held on 28.08.2009  
Room No. 141, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi**

A list of the participants is at Annex-I

2. Welcoming the participants, Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Joint Secretary, D/o Commerce informed that the comments/recommendation/ reports on most of the projects remain pending with APEDA/State Govt. which require consideration under Empowered Committee meeting. Being Apex body for EDF-NER, APEDA is supposed to examine each and every project proposals in a professional manner and provide all the important and major information/recommendations about the techno- economic feasibility, stake of the promoters and financial viability of the project so that more focused approach could be adopted while considering the projects. Sh. Gupta pointed out that APEDA is not playing its role appropriately. He further stated that despite commitments made by representatives of State Governments/ APEDA/ concerned agencies, the requisite details are not being submitted as per EDF Guidelines/Screening Format/decision taken in the earlier EC meetings.

3. Chairman, Sh. P K. Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, D/o Commerce appreciated the views of JS(NKG) and added that APEDA who has been designated as apex agency for the EDF-NER is not examining and appraising the proposals in professional manner and making Empowered Committee unable to take decisions. He emphasized that States must ensure that proposals they are recommending would be helping growth of exports from the States and the funds sanctioned would be utilized properly.

4. After detailed discussion the projects included in the agenda were taken up for consideration as under:

**A. Deferred Proposals:-**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Details</b>	
1.	Name of the proposal F.No. 27/19/06	Bee Keeping & Honey Processing
	Promoter	M/s Jonts Charitable Society Ltd. (JCS), Yupia, Papum Para District.
	Recommended by	Government of Arunachal Pradesh Department of Trade & Commerce
	Total Cost of the Project	Earlier cost-112.93 lakhs Revised cost - Rs. 262.66 lakh
	Promoters Share	Earlier share- Rs. 27.88 lakhs Revised-Rs78.80 lakhs (including Term Loan Bank of Rs.10.00 lakh)
	Grant sought under EDF	Earlier- Rs. 85.05 lakhs Revised- 183.86 lakh

	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Chairman, APEDA to sort-out the issue in consultation/meeting with NBB to obtain the comments of NBB.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation within two weeks time to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b>
2	Name of the proposal F.No.27/22/07	Anthurium green house cultivation (Hi-Tech) Nagaland
	Promoter	M/s. the Blossoms Florist Society (BFS) in Nagaland
	Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
	Total Cost of the Project	262.94 lakhs
	Promoters Share/UCO Bank	62.94 lakhs/140.00 lakh
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.60.00 Lakh
	<b>Decision</b>	This project was considered earlier in the meeting of EC on EDF-NER held on 12.01.2009. As per the justification given by APEDA before the EC, the project was approved with contribution from EDF as Rs. 60 lakh.  As the details in respect of the financial & physical phasing alongwith the details of the project and the details of assets to be created with EDF assistance were pending from promoter, the proposal was reconsidered in the today's ECmeeting.  <b>It was decided that after having the requisite details, final decision shall be taken on file.</b>
3	Name of the proposal F.No.27/05/07	Setting up of Sikkim's 1st processing and extraction unit for large cardamom
	Promoter	Parvatiya Vikash Sansthan
	Recommended by	Commerce & Industry Department, Govt. of Sikkim
	Total Cost of the Project	253.75lakhs
	Promoters Share	25.00 lakhs
	Grant sought under EDF	225.00 lakhs
	<b>Decision</b>	This project was considered earlier in the meeting of EC on EDF-NER held on 12.01.2009. It was decided that APEDA would carry out financial appraisal of the project. It was also decided that grant only upto 30% would be considered. APEDA after their appraisal may suggest the cost of different component, restricted to 30% of the total cost of project, which may be considered for assistance from EDF.  <b>It has been decided that APEDA shall again carry out the financial &amp; technical appraisal of the project and give their clear recommendation whether the project is viable or not in line with the previous EC decisions.</b>  <b>Final decision shall be taken on file after having the recommendations of APEDA is received.</b>
4	Name of the proposal F.No.27/02/08-Infra-II	Ginger Oil Extraction Plant By Arunachal Institute of Resource Management, Naharlagun Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh
	Recommended by	Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.333.58 lakh
	Promoters Share	NIL
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs.333.58 lakh
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decided to close the case</b>
5	Name of the Project F.No.27/24/07-Infra-II	Cultivation of Anthurium and Garbera Cut Flower under Hi-tech Green House and Controlled Atmosphere
	Forwarded by	Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland
	Applicant	Tongpok Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dimapur, Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 279.02 lakhs
	Promoter's Share without cost of Land value	Rs. 66.75 lakhs

	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 200.26 lakh
		<p>This project was considered earlier in the meeting of EC on EDF-NER held on 12.01.2009. The Project was approved in principal with assistance from EDF restricted to 30% of total cost. It was decided that the decision to release funds would be taken on file after the project is appraised by Bank and promoter submits the sanction letter from Bank granting loan for balance fund.</p> <p>Further this project proposal examined on file and Rs. 40 lakhs as EDF contribution was released on 29.05.2009.</p> <p>This project was considered in today's meeting and <b>it was decided that Promoter/State Govt. will provide the status of the project along with component wise details of expenditure.</b></p> <p><b>After having the report of status, release of balance contribution from EDF should be decided on file.</b></p>
6	Name of the proposal F.No.27/29/07-Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export, Nagaland by Rangchholiba Multipurpose Society, Nagaland
	Recommended by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Total Cost of the Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoters Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-
	Grant sought under EDF	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the projects IRR (ON PAT) IRR (ON PBT)	-
	Export Market	-
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decided to close the case.</b>
7	Name of the Project F.No.27/30/2007-Infra-II	Organic cultivation of Naga King Chilli for Export by Keze Society, Kohima, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs.76,17,000/-
	Promoter 's Share	Land + 10% of total budget Rs.7,61,700/-
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 68,55,300/-
	IRR of the Project	Not indicated
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decided to close the case.</b>
8	Name of the Project File No.27/04/08-Infra-II	Promotion of Ethnic Handlooms Products for Export by Phaibung Sahnmai Development Association
	Forwarded by	Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Manipur
	Cost of Project	Rs..126.96 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 34.49 lakhs  (Rs. 8.51 lakh in year 08-09 Rs.25.98 lakh in year 09-10)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 92.47 lakhs (in year 09-10)
	IRR of the Project (PAT Basis) (PBT Basis)	31.15% 35.15%
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decided to close the case.</b>

## **B. FRESH PROPOSAL (RECEIVED AFTER LAST EDF MEETING)**

### **ASSAM**

<b>Details</b>		
1	Name of the Project File No. 27/18/2008-infra-II	Project proposal on Patchouli oil Industry by M/s PRAHAR, Assam
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decided to close the case.</b>

### **ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

<b>Details</b>		
2	Name of the Project File No. 27/02/2009-infra-II	Project proposal on Bee Keeping and Honey Processing by M/S OJU Welfare Association, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 320 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 71.00 lakh (22.19 %)
	Term Loan (The Vijaya Bank, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 25.00 lakh (7.81 %)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.224.00 lakh (70 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<p>APEDA to coordinate with Promoter/State Govt. to seek the revised proposal as per the 12 point screening format of the MoC within time limit.</p> <p><b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b></p>
3	Name of the Project File No. 27/05/2009-infra-II	Project proposal for Integrated Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit by M/s Page Nalo Farmer Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 407.00 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 122.10 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (The Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Nahrlagun, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 162.80 lakh (40.00%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.122.10 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>Chairman, APEDA to sort-out the issue in consultation/meeting with NBB to obtain the comments of NBB.</b></p> <p><b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation within two weeks time to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b></p>
4	Name of the Project File No. 27/06/2009-infra-II	Project proposal on Naga King Chilly by M/s Si-Donyi MPCs Ltd., Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 400.00 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 120.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (The Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Nahrlagun, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 160.00 lakh (40.00%)

	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.120.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>APEDA to obtain the comments of Spice Board.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b>
5	Name of the Project File No. 27/08/2009-infra-II	Orange Cultivation and Processing Unit by M/s KDB's Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 427.65 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 128.29 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (The Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Nahrlagun, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 171.06 lakh (40.00%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.128.30 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>APEDA to coordinate with Promoter/State Govt. to obtain the requisite comments as sought by them.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b>
6	Name of the Project File No. 27/09/2009-infra-II	Project Proposal on Bamboo shoot cultivation by M/s Mosen Welfare Society, Arunachal Pradesh -EDF-NER Assistance
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 430.00 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 129.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (from The Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank, Nahrlagun, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 172.00lakh (40.00%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.129.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>APEDA to carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b>
7	Name of the Project File No. 27/10/2009-infra-II	Project proposal for Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit by M/s Tribal Area Development Society, Arunachal Pradesh
	Forwarded by	Department of Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
	Cost of Project	Rs. 262.66 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 78.80 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (The Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank, Nahrlagun, Arunachal Pradesh)	Rs. 105.06 lakh (40.00%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.78.80 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Chairman, APEDA to sort-out the issue in consultation/meeting with NBB to obtain the comments of NBB.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation within two weeks time to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b>

## NAGALAND

<b>Details</b>		
8	Name of the Project File No. 27/04/2009-infra-II	Project proposal for Integrated Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit by M/s Atunakugha MPCs Ltd., Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 400 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 120.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (The Nagaland State Co-operative Bank, Main Branch, Dimapur, Nagaland)	Rs. 160.00 lakh (40.00%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.120.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Chairman, APEDA to sort-out the issue in consultation/meeting with NBB to obtain the comments of NBB.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation within two weeks time to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b>
9	Name of the Project File No. 27/13/09-infra-II	Project proposal on Orange Cultivation & Processing Unit by M/s Holistic Rural Development society, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 410.00 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 123.00 lakh (30.00 %)
	Term Loan (from The State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Main Branch, Dimapur, Nagaland)	Rs. 54.74 lakh (13.35 %)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.232.26 lakh (56.65 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	APEDA to coordinate with Promoter/State Gopt. to seek the revised proposal as per the 12 point screening format of the MoC within a time limit.  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b>
10	Name of the Project File No. 27/14/09-infra-II	Project proposal for Bee Keeping and Honey Processing Unit by M/s Shurho Piggery Multipurpose Co-operative society Ltd., Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 262.66 lakhs
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 78.80 lakh (30%)
	Term Loan (from the Nagaland State Co-operative Bank, Main Branch, Dimapur, Nagaland)	Rs. 105.06 lakh (40%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 78.80 lakh (30%)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Chairman, APEDA to sort-out the issue in consultation/meeting with NBB to obtain the comments of NBB.</b>  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation within two weeks time to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b>
11	Name of the Project File No. 27/15/09-infra-II	Project report on Ginger Cultivation & Processing Unit by M/s Tribal Women Welfare Society, Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 200.00 lakhs

	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 60.00 lakhs (30%)
	Term Loan (from the State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Dimapur, Main Branch, Nagaland)	Rs. 80.00 lakh (40%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 60.00 lakh (30%)
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>APEDA to carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER.</b>
12	Name of the Project File No. 27/17/09-infra-II	Project proposal for cultivation processing and Turmeric by M/s Charn MPCs Ltd., Nagaland
	Forwarded by	Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland
	Cost of Project	Rs. 204,53,000.00
	Promoter 's Share	Rs. 61,36,000.00 (30%)
	Term Loan (from the State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Dimapur, Main Branch, Nagaland)	Rs. 81,81,000.00 (40%)
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs. 61,36,000.00 (30%)
	<b>Decision</b>	APEDA to coordinate with Promoter/State Govt. to obtain the comments /clarification sought vide letter No. 27/17/2009-Infra-II dated 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2009.  <b>Further, APEDA shall carry out the financial and technical appraisal. After appraisal, APEDA shall submit their recommendation to consider the project under EDF-NER</b>

## **MIZORAM**

<b>Details</b>		
13	Name of the Project File No. 27/03/2009-infra-II	Project proposal for setting up of R&D Center-cum-Training Institute-cum-Food/Fruit Processing Unit at Aizwal, Mizoram
	Forwarded by	Trade & Commerce Department, Govt. of Mizoram
	Cost of Project	Rs. 500 lakhs
	Requested amount as grant assistance	Rs.500 lakh (100 %)
	<b>Decision</b>	Representative from the State Govt. has informed that they have submitted the revised proposal as per Screening Format.  <b>It was decided that this will be examined on the file and placed before the next EC meeting for consideration.</b>

**C. Proposal requiring ratification/Ex-post facto approval by the Empowered Committee on EDF which have been approved on the file:**

1.

<b>Name of the proposal</b> <b>F.No.27/03/07</b>	<b>Export of Organic Products from NE Region</b>
Promoter	M/s. Naga Indigenous Foods, Kohima
Recommended by	Government of Nagaland, Industries & Commerce Department
Total Cost of the Project	296.44 lakhs
Promoters Share	44.47lakhs + bank loan 59.3 lakh
Grant sought under EDF	193.00 lakhs

The project proposal was approved on file with the total EDF Grant of Rs. 88.00 lakh and 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Rs.44.00 lakh was released vide O.M. dated 29.08.08. As this proposal was approved on file and ex-post facto approval of Empowered Committee was required so that this was placed before the EC meeting held on 12.01.2009.

Further it may be mentioned that after release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Rs.44.00 lakh out of total approved EDF assistance Rs.88.00 lakh, Promoter submitted the revised cost structure as given in table below:

<b>Means of finance</b>	<b>earlier proposed</b>	<b>Re-adjusted</b>
Central Government Assistance	Rs. 192,69,182.00	<b>Rs.88.00 lakh (approved under EDF)</b>
Bank Loan	Rs. 59,28,979.00	Rs. 60.00 lakh
Promoter's Share	Rs. 44,46,734.00	Rs. 30.40 lakh
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Rs 2,96,44,895.00</b>	<b>Rs.178.40 lakh</b>

This issue was also considered in the last EC meeting held on 12.01.2009

<b>Decision</b> of the last meeting of EC on EDF-NER held on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2009.	Spices Board/RC Nagaland has stated to furnish comments on viability of re-adjusted project in 15 days. On basis of their comments APEDA to make recommendation thereafter issue shall be considered on file.
<b>Decision</b>	Initially the total cost of the project was Rs. Rs 2,96,44,895/- The project proposal was approved on file with the total EDF Grant of Rs. 88.00 lakh and 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of Rs.44.00 lakh has already been released.  After release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of Rs.44.00 lakh, out of the total approved EDF assistance i.e Rs.88.00 lakh, Promoter revised the total cost of the Project from Rs. 296.45 Lakh to Rs. 178.40 lakh.  <b>APEDA to evaluate the revised proposal/revised cost of the project and communicate their comments/recommendation about viability of project and release of balance contribution from EDF-NER.</b>  <b>Final decision will be taken on file.</b>



**2. Ex post facto approval to the Project Proposal for creation of Integrated Trade Information & Stay Facility Centre for Traders at Moreh (F. No. 27/12/2006-Infra-II)**

The Project Proposal for creation of Integrated Trade Information & Stay Facility Centre for Traders at Moreh” was considered and approved in the meeting of EC on EDF held on 12.10.2006 and It was decided that the financial assistance for execution of the project aggregating to Rs. 370 lakh would be provided under EDF in case necessary funds are not available with the State Govt. under the Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme.

Further Govt. of Manipur had intimated that there were no unspent balance available under the ASIDE Scheme and therefore this Department had decided to provide the funds amounting to Rs. 370 lakh for the project under EDF Scheme.

This Department had released Rs.185.00 lakh to Government of Manipur as first installment.  
2<sup>nd</sup>

While releasing 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, IFD Division has advised to place the case before the next meeting of Empowered Committee for Ex-post facto approval of sanction of Rs.370 lakhs and also for release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Rs.185 lakhs, as the final decision for allocation/releasing funds to State Govt. was taken on the file

**Decision: EC accorded Ex-post facto approval.**

**3. Inland Transport Assistance (ITA) (F.No.27/17/2002-Infra-II)**

On the request of APEDA, Inland Transport Assistance (ITA) for Horticulture products from North East Region has been approved on file and further extended up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.

**Decision: EC accorded Ex-post facto approval**

#### **D. Refund of excess 3% processing fees by APEDA**

In the last meeting of EC on EDF-NER, it was decided that APEDA should charge processing charges on approved projects @ 2% only. Accordingly, APEDA was requested to refund the excess processing charges in respect of following two projects:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Rubber Wood based door manufacturing unit by M/s Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Limited 2008 <b>(F.No.27/09/07-Infra-II)</b>	No response from APEDA in respect of return of excess 3% processing fee.
2	Project proposal for setting up Centre for Promotion & Development of Exportable Hand-woven Silk Products by ARTFED at Sualkuchi, Assam <b>(F.No.27/34/2004-Infra-II)</b>	Vide letter dated 29.05.2009 APEDA has intimated that they have refunded the excess 3% processing fee to ARTFED.
	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Issue closed</b> as representative from APEDA informed that the excess 3% processing fee has already been refunded to both above promoters.

#### **E. Diversion of fund of Rs.11 lakhs for participation in International fair by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) (F.No.27/25/2002-Infra-II)**

A project proposal of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) for aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts was approved in the EC meeting on EDF held on 3.1.2003 (Total Cost of project was Rs. 4.15 crore and this reduced to Rs. 4.04 crore).

The Comptroller & Auditor General in their Performance Audit report of ASIDE Scheme vide para 6.2.3 had pointed out the case of EPCH for diverting Rs.11 lakhs for participation in International fair, which was not an approved item of the project approved with the financial assistance from EDF. Keeping in view of the comments of office of Principal Director of Audit this Department had requested vide letter No. 27/25/2002-Infra-II, dated 08.10.2008 EPCH to refund Rs.11.12 lakhs along with the interest to this Department.

**Decision:** Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has submitted further clarification during the meeting. It was decided that the same shall be considered on file and if found appropriate the matter would be taken up with Audit.

Further the issue was examined on the file and it was decided to seek the details from EPCH in respect of the exporters from North East whose expenditure was met from Rs.11.12 lakhs alongwith the details of the products displayed by those exporters. Accordingly EPCH was requested vide letter of 27.02.2009. EPCH has submitted the details of exporters and the products displayed and it was decided to place the case before the EC on EDF-NER to consider request of EPCH to regularize the expenditure or otherwise finally reject the requisition.

**Final Decision: EPCH to refund Rs. 11.12 lakh alongwith the interest to this Department immediately.**

## F. PENDING UTILISATION CERTIFICATES

Sr. No.	Project	State / Agency	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)	Amount Released (Rs. In lakh)	status of the project	File No.	status of UC
1	Replication of Pilot Project for handloom exports in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh on the lines of project sanctioned at Bomdilla	M/s A P Handloom Development Services, Upper Siang Distt., Arunachal Pradesh	2003-04	213.00	213.00	Project under progress	27/4/03-Infra-II	Rs.121.00 lakh was sanctioned on 23.02.04 UC received. <b>2nd instalment of Rs.92.00 lakh was sanctioned on 20.08.04. UC not received.</b> <b>APEDA has indicatd that only Rs. 121.00 has ben released.</b>
2	Farming / Cultivation of Ginger for Export in Nagaland	M/s Kenny Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Kohima, Nagaland	2004-05	43.04	43.04	Project completed	27/12/04-Infra-II	<b>Rs.43.04 lakh released on 6th December, 2004. UC pending</b>
3	Project for Integrated Bee Keeping Development in Nagaland	M/s Pusazo Luroo, Proprietor, Mission Compound, Distt. Phek, Nagaland	2004-05	49.00	49.00	Project under progress	27/7/04-Infra-II	RS.49.00 lakh released on 22nd December, 2004. <b>UC pending</b>
4	Project on Bamboo Shoot Processing in Nagaland	M/s Global Welfare Society, Dimapur, Nagaland	2004-05	115.16	115.16	Details to come	27/8/04-Infra-II	Rs. 115.16 lakh was released on 3rd February, 2005. <b>UC not received.</b>

5	Project for setting up of Patkai Labs at Guwahati, Assam	M/s Patkai Herbs & Spices Private Limited, Assam	2004-05	207.37	207.37	Project under progress	27/16/04-Infra-II	<b>U.C. for Additional funding (Rs.59.50 lakh) awaited.</b>
	Additional funding		2007-08	59.50	59.50		27/6/07-Infra-II	
6	Project Proposal for production of canned mushroom for export in Nagaland	M/s Tyrannus Community MPCS Ltd. Pfutsero, Nagaland	2005-06	89.53	44.00		27/8/03-Infra-II	<b>U.C. for 2nd installment (Rs.34.82 Lakh) not received</b>
			2007-08		34.82			
7	Project Proposal on Integrated Bee Keeping Development for Export, Employment and Income Generation in Manipur.	M/s Chivalry Poverty Alleviation Development Association, Manipur	2005-06	75.55	38.00	Project under implementation	27/5/05-Infra-II	1st installment of Rs 38 lakh was released on June, 2005. UC received. <b>2nd installment of Rs 37.55 lakh was released on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2007. UC not received</b>
			2007-08		37.55			
8	Project for Export Promotion Infrastructure for 2 TPH Passion Fruit Processing plant in Manipur.	M/s Exotic Juices Limited, Manipur	2005-06	250.00	166.00	Under commissioning	27/03/03-Infra-II	U.C. for 1st installment received. 2nd installment released on 02.02.2009. <b>Date of submission of U.C. is 31.03.2010.</b>
			2008-09		84.00			
9	Financial assistance to Govt. of Sikkim for meeting their pending liabilities arising out of infrastructure development works at the Border Trade Mart at Nathula.	Government of Sikkim	2006-07	106.24	106.24	Project completed	27/25/06-Infra-II	U.C. for 106.24 lakh received. <b>U.C. for 5.72 lakh not received.</b>
			2007-08	5.72	5.72			
10	Project Proposal for Aggressive International Marketing of North Eastern Handicrafts.	M/s Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.	2006-07	75.00	75.00		27/4/06-Infra-II	Two days before the meeting of EC, EPCH submitted copy of UC  Vide this UC, EPCH has been stated that Rs. 59,91,928 has been utilized and the balance of

								Rs. 15,08,072 remaining unutilized has been surrendered/will be adjusted.  <b>As the UC submitted by EPCH is for Rs. Rs. 59,91,928, EPCH should surrender the unspent balance with interest to this Department immediately.</b>
11	Rubber wood based door manufacturing unit	Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Limited	2007-08	508.40	200.00	Project under commissioning	27/9/07Infra-II	1st installment released on 7.03.08. <b>U.C. was to be received by 31.03.2009 and same is yet to receive</b>
12	setting up Centre for Promotion and Development of Exportable Handwoven Silk Products at Sualkuchi Assam	Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd.	2008-09	90.85	52.80	Under implementation	27/34/04-Infra-II	1st installment of Rs.52.80 released on 29.09.2008. <b>U.C. was to be reached by 31.03.2009 and same is yet to receive.</b>
13	Integrated International Marketing Programme for Handicrafts, Handloom, Carpet, Silk, Jute and other small scale & cottage products from Tripura	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts	2001-02	92.84	92.84		27/27/01-States	UC pending from EPCH/Handloom, Handicraft & Sericulture Department, GoTripura.  EPCH submitted copy of UC for Rs. 92.84.00 lakh two days before the EC meeting.
14	Setting up of 100% Export Oriented Hydro-Carbon free Sale Yarn Project	Government of Tripura	2002-03	103.20	103.20		27/7/02-Infra-II	<b>UC pending from Govt. of Tripura</b>

15	Pilot Project Handloom Export Promotion from Nagaland	M/s Handloom Development Foundation of Sikkim, Nagaland	2002-03	205.00	205.00	Project completed	27/13/01-SC	UC for 1st installment received but <b>UC for 2nd installment of Rs.84 lakh not received from Deptt. of Industries, Govt. of Nagaland</b>
16	Project for Handicrafts Artisans Export Infrastructure Training and International Marketing for Arunachal Pradesh	M/s A P Handicrafts Development Centre, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	2004-05	218.50	218.50		27/11/04-Infra-II	Rs.137.00 lakh released UC received. <b>Rs. 81.50 lakh released on 29th March, 2005 UC pending, Deptt. of Textile &amp; Handicraft, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has been requested for U.C. vide letter dated 20.02.2009.</b>
17	Pilot Project for handloom exports from Arunachal Pradesh	M/s G.N. Consulting, Ghaziabad	2001-02	213.00	213.00	Project completed	27/14/01-SC	UC for 1st installment received but <b>UC for 2nd installment of Rs.92 lakh not received. Department of Textile &amp; Handicraft, Govt. of A.P. has been requested for U.C.vide letter dated 20.02.09</b>

**Decision: -In respect of Pending Utilization Certificates, it was decided that all the pending UCs be submitted immediately and balance unspent (if any) with interest also be refunded to this Department immediately.**

**-APEDA to follow up with State Govts./promoter/concerned organization to obtain the pending UCs/unspent balance.**

**-APEDA alongwith representative of State Government shall carry-out the physical inspection of all the projects sanctioned under EDF-NER and submit its report within three months times.**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**List of Participants**

1. Sh. P K Chaudhery, Additional Secretary, DoC - Chairman
2. Sh. Neeraj K Gupta, Joint Secretary, DoC
3. Sh. Anil Bamba, Director, DoC
4. Sh. D K Bhalla, RC, Govt. of Nagaland
5. Sh. R P Meena, RC, Govt. of Tripura
6. Sh. W L Hangshing, Commissioner, Govt. of Manipur
7. Sh. Bijoy Talukdar, DRC, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
8. Sh. Marto Riba, OSD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
9. Sh. G K Asthana, Dy. Director, DC(Handicraft), MoT
10. Sh. Lactharmania, Dir, Trade & Com, Govt. of Mizoram
11. Sh. C Lalzirliana, Jt. Dir., Trade & Com., Govt. of Mizoram
12. Sh. R K Srivastava, EPCH, New Delhi
13. Dr. Md. Nazmuddin, ADC(Handloom)
14. Sh. Parhlad Rai, NMPB
15. Dr. M S Rawat, NMPB
16. Sh. Pravin Gupta, General Manager, APEDA
17. Sh. Harpal Singh, Dy. GM, APEDA