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Record of Discussion

Subject: Record of Discussion of the 56th meeting of the Empowered Committee for Consideration of a Supplementary Agreement/Addendum to the Tripartite Agreement signed for the project 'Development of food grain silos at Kaimur and Buxar in Bihar'.

Reference: 56th Meeting of the EC held on 26th September 2026.

Sir/ Madam,

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Record of Discussion of the 56th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 26th September 2026, regarding consideration of a Supplementary Agreement/Addendum to the Tripartite Agreement signed for the project 'Development of food grain silos at Kaimur and Buxar in Bihar'.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Rahul Singh)
Director

1. Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi.
3. CEO, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (EA)
2. PPS to JS (IFS)

Subject: Record of Discussion of the 56th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) for Consideration of a Supplementary Agreement/Addendum to the Tripartite Agreement signed for the 'Development of food grain silos at Kaimur and Buxar in Bihar' project.

1. The 56th meeting of the EC was held on 26th September 2026 at 12:00 noon under the Chairmanship of Secretary (EA) to consider the above-mentioned proposal of the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DF&PD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
2. List of attendees is placed at **Annexure-I**.
3. With the permission of Secretary (EA), Joint Secretary (IFS) welcomed all the attendees to the meeting and requested DF&PD to make a detailed presentation on the proposal.
4. DF&PD, in its presentation, submitted that the proposal seeks approval of the EC for signing a supplementary agreement/addendum to the existing Tripartite Agreement for the project 'Development of Food Grain Silos at Kaimur and Buxar in Bihar'. In-principle approval for VGF support was accorded by the Empowered Institution at its 73rd meeting held on 1 September 2016. Following bidding, the project was awarded to NCML KB Pvt. Ltd. (the Concessionaire) in August 2017, and the Concession Agreement was executed in January 2018. Final approval for VGF support of ₹7.65 crore was accorded by the EC at its 39th meeting held on 13 December 2021.
5. The Tripartite Agreement for release of the approved VGF grant was executed on 30 May 2023 among this Department, the Financial Institution (Yes Bank) and the Concessionaire, with the Food Corporation of India as the confirming party. Subsequently, FCI, requested this Department that the release of VGF be kept in abeyance pending a decision on excess land payment and recovery of damages.
6. The EC was further apprised that Yes Bank, the Financial Institution, had issued a No Dues Certificate dated 27 September 2024, confirming repayment of the two term loan facilities aggregating to ₹58.08 crore. The project was subsequently refinanced through ICICI Bank. It achieved provisional completion on 23 April 2025 and final completion on 15 December 2025 and is presently in the operation and maintenance phase. At financial closure in 2018, the total project cost was ₹77.44 crore, comprising equity/promoter contribution of ₹11.71 crore, VGF of ₹7.65 crore and a term loan of ₹58.08 crore from Yes Bank. The post-completion project cost was reported as ₹99.31 crore, comprising equity/promoter contribution of ₹49.31 crore and a term loan of ₹50 crore from ICICI Bank.
7. Further, DF&PD submitted that disbursement of VGF is to be made in accordance with the Tripartite Agreement, which is in consonance with the Scheme Guidelines. The Agreement provides for release of VGF into the escrow account after the prescribed

equity contribution has been expended and in proportion to the debt disbursed by the Financial Institution. The request for release is to be submitted by the Financial Institution through the Project Sponsoring Authority. However, the existing Tripartite Agreement was executed with Yes Bank as the Financial Institution, whereas the project has since been refinanced by ICICI Bank. Accordingly, a supplementary agreement/addendum is proposed to reflect the change in the Financial Institution and enable ICICI Bank to submit the request for release of VGF and discharge the corresponding obligations under the Agreement.

8. Following the detailed presentation, the Chair invited the members to provide their observations and comments on the proposal. The **Department of Legal Affairs, Department of Expenditure, NITI Aayog and Department of Economic Affairs** informed their 'No Objection' to the proposal.

9. The observations made by the **Chair** and the responses therein by DF&PD are given below:

- i. **Given the reduction in the term loan from ₹58.08 crore under the original financial package to ₹50 crore upon refinancing by ICICI Bank, should the VGF amount also be reduced proportionately?**

Response: The approved VGF amount of ₹7.65 crore was determined through competitive bidding. The requirement to release VGF in proportion to debt disbursement governs the manner of disbursement, rather than the quantum of approved VGF. Accordingly, the reduction in the term loan upon refinancing does not warrant a corresponding reduction in VGF, the release of which remains subject to the applicable Scheme Guidelines and terms of the Tripartite Agreement.

- ii. **Will an amendment or supplementary agreement be required to substitute Yes Bank with ICICI Bank in the existing Tripartite Agreement?**

Response: A supplementary agreement may be executed to substitute Yes Bank with ICICI Bank in the existing Tripartite Agreement, with ICICI Bank assuming the corresponding rights and obligations of the Financial Institution under the Agreement.

- iii. **With the pilot project now operational, what is the potential for scaling up this model?**

Response: Subject to the pilot demonstrating technical viability and sustained operational performance, the model could be replicated in rice-producing states, which have substantial storage requirements. Better preservation of rice quality over longer periods could also support wider market access and export opportunities. The adoption of silos for wheat storage, including through private-sector participation, provides a

relevant precedent. The operational experience of the rice pilot will inform the feasibility of wider replication. Depending on supply-chain and end-user requirements, rice stored in these facilities could be bagged for conventional distribution or transported in bulk.

Recommendations:

10. After detailed deliberations, the EC unanimously approved the execution of a supplementary agreement/addendum to the existing Tripartite Agreement to substitute Yes Bank with ICICI Bank, with ICICI Bank assuming the corresponding rights and obligations of the Financial Institution under the Agreement.
11. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of the attendees of the 56th meeting of the Empowered Committee for Consideration of a Supplementary Agreement/Addendum to the Tripartite Agreement signed for the project 'Development of food grain silos at Kaimur and Buxar in Bihar'.

a. Department of Economic Affairs

1. Ms. Anuradha Thakur, Secretary
2. Ms. Laya Madduri JS (IFS)
3. Shri. Rahul Singh, Director (ISD)
4. Shri. Jai Patil, Deputy Secretary (PIU)
5. Shri. Anurag Gautam, Assistant Director (PIU)
6. Shri. Rajender Singh, Section Officer (PIU)
7. Shri. Abhinay Gaikwad, YP

b. Department of Expenditure

1. Ms. Isha Khosla, Director
2. Shri. Lavee Goyal, AD

c. NITI Aayog

1. Shri. Partha Sarathi Reddy, Program Director

d. Department of Legal Affairs

1. Shri. Satish Kumar Singh, Assistant Legal Adviser

e. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

1. Ms. Anita Karn, Additional Secretary (Storage)
2. Shri. Mateshwari Mishra DFPD, Director (Storage)

f. Food Corporation of India (FCI)

1. Shri. Vijay Parashar Executive Director (Silo)
2. Shri Devesh Kumar Yadav, General Manager (Silo)