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**Jharkhand Food and Feed Processing
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1. Introduction

The Food and Feed Processing sector, due to its focus on value augmentation, wastage reduction, process improvement and employment generation holds the key to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals especially with respect to Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 2 (No Hunger), Goal 3 (Good Health and well-being), Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and Goal 10 (Reducing Inequalities). With its immense potential to enhance value addition and 'farm-to-fork' linkages, it is imperative that the sector is supported to help double farmers' income and spread the benefits of economic development to the far-flung pockets of the state.

The State is blessed with bountiful production numbers in major cereals and horticultural crops and favourable for food industries to flourish and grow. Empirically, the Food and Feed Processing sector is a major employer of women and thus concerted efforts is required to promote this sector in the State which will further boost the Female Labour Force Participation Rate.

As per Jharkhand Economic Survey 2022-2023, some of the important agriculture and allied statistics of Jharkhand are summed up in the table below:

S.No.	Commodity	Numbers/ Production Figures (annual)
1	Kharif Crops (mainly paddy and maize)	59.71 LakhMT
2	Rabi Crops (mainly wheat, pulses, oilseeds and maize)	13.80 LakhMT
3	Millets	14.34 Thousand MT
4	Fruits	13.12 Lakh MT
5	Vegetables	38.18 Lakh MT
6	Meat	0.79 Lakh MT
7	Eggs	0.88 Billion units
8	Milk	23.21 Lakh MT
9	Fish	2.57 Lakh MT
10	Minor Forest Produce (including Chironji and Oil Seeds from Mahua, Karanj etc.)	73.71 MT

Despite the overwhelming production figures, the average monthly income of agricultural households in Jharkhand is Rs. 4895 (NSS Report No. 587, 2019) as compared to an all-India average of Rs. 10,218. Thus, making it even more important to usher in a conducive policy regime backed by the state-of-the-art infrastructure to aid value addition and creation of efficient backward and forward linkages.

The most grown Kharif and Rabi crops in the state are Paddy & Pulses respectively.

Potato & Mango are the most produced vegetable & fruit in

Jharkhand is already creating a targeted infrastructure to augment its efforts and attract investments in the food and feed processing sector.

The state is also investing in strengthening the cold storage network which is presently capable of handling 236,680 tonnes of produce (Jharkhand Economic Survey 2021-22).

Considering the huge opportunities and potential for growth, the food and feed processing sector has been considered as one of the sunrise sectors of the State with immense investment opportunities.

2. Need for Policy

Agriculture and allied sector including Horticulture and Livestock rearing remain a major contributor to employment, economic growth, export earnings, food security, and nutrition for the people of Jharkhand. However, it is important to promote value addition and strengthening of the 'post-harvest' components of the value chain by attracting investment in processing facilities and infrastructure creation.

The policy aims at creating a favourable ecosystem for the setting-up of food and feed processing units in Jharkhand through the creation of a network of processing units and appropriate infrastructure facilities through the encouragement of capital investment and technology up gradation.

After the launch of the state's first Food Processing and Feed Processing policies in 2015, Jharkhand has attracted investments by several food & feed processing units in the form of rice mills, flour mills, milk processing units, fruit & vegetable processing units, poultry & cattle feed units, and others. Many food & feed processing units benefitted from the incentives offered in the previous policy which also led to the creation of many direct employment opportunities for the people of Jharkhand.

Now, a need has been felt to further tap the potential of the food and feed processing sector in the state and accelerate the rate of investment creation and livelihood augmentation.

3. Vision

To position Jharkhand as a Global agro-processing hub by creating an enabling framework for the growth of the Food and Feed Processing Industry along with enhancing farmers' income by providing them with adequate forward linkages.

4. Mission

- Promote Jharkhand as the destination of choice for food and feed processing industries and position the state as an agri-business hub nationally and internationally.
- Attract new investments worth Rs. 1500 crores in the food and feed processing sector by 2028.
- Create direct employment avenues for at least 20,000 persons in the food and feed processing sector by 2028.
- Promote technical up gradation and capacity enhancement in the existing food and feed processing units.

5. Objectives

The policy intends to achieve the following objectives:

- Attract investment through new/ modernised/ enhanced units in agri-business, food processing and feed production sector in Jharkhand.
- Increase the level of processing, value addition and reduction of post-harvest losses resulting in enhancement of farmer's incomes as well as the increase in exports from Jharkhand.
- Creation of durable backward and forward linkages in Jharkhand for seamless 'farm-to-fork' integration.
- Promote innovation and R&D through the adoption of best practices to ensure continuous technology up gradation and resultant efficiency of operation.
- Identify and bridge existing infrastructure gaps affecting the food and feed processing industry.
- Develop and stir entrepreneurship to generate employment in the food and feed processing sector.
- Facilitate the creation of integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities from the farm gate to the consumer's end.
- Promote processing of Minor Forest Produce and mainstreaming of indigenous produce to enhance the income of tribal groups, forest dwellers and other vulnerable communities.
- Promotion and encouragement of High Priority Items related to Food Processing like:
 - Meat Processing.
 - Rice and Flour mills.
 - Processing of Minor Forest Produce.
 - Processing of products identified under the One District One Product (ODOP) Programme.
- Promote Technical and Financial Investment in natural and organic farming being done by rural female farmers/Entrepreneurs associated with Rural Female SHGs.
- Promote investment in infrastructure, Tools, machineries and technology for rural women associated with rural female SHGs involved in collection and marketing by forest Produce.
- Promote investment for creation of better infrastructure, tools, machineries and technology required for necessary storage, collection, Processing, Packaging and branding of produce of rural female MSME Enterprises.

- Promote investment in the area of development of infrastructure procurement of better machineries, tools and technologies required for better management Skill, Financial development, Supply chain, logistics, Sells, branding and marketing Skill development of food production Company (FPC), Food Production organization (EPO), Production Enterprises (PE), Production group (PG) of rural associated with rural female SHGs.
- Promote investment in the area of cluster development for modernization and market orientation of farmers production company (FPC), Farmers Production Organization (FPO), Production enterprises (PE), Production Group (PG) of rural women associated with rural female SHGs.

6. Coverage of Policy

This policy covers Processing Units, Cold Chains and Allied Infrastructure, Primary Processing Centres/ Collections Centres, Large/Mega/Ultra-Mega Food Processing Projects, and Feed Processing Units.

Eligibility:

6.1 Processing Units

Processing units include following activities:

- Processing of fruits and vegetables into juices/ pickle/ jam/ jelly/ marmalade/ sauce/ spreads/ puree etc.
- Processing of milk and milk products/meat/ fish/birds/poultry products etc. and its value additions for domestic consumption and international exports.
- Bakery and Confectionery products.
- Manufacturing of natural and nature identical food flavours, colours, preservatives, anti-oxidants, acidity regulators, thickeners, stabilizers, emulsifiers, anti-caking agents, flavour enhancers, sweeteners, starch derivatives, other additives, etc.
- Ready to Eat (RTE), Ready to Cook (RTC) food products, Convenience food, Instant Mix, Snacks etc.
- Processing of Millets.
- Processing of Minor Forest Produce (MFPs) such as Mahua, Chironji, Honey etc.
- Dietary/Health Supplements, Functional foods, Protein/Energy/Nutri drinks, Nutri-foods etc.
- Processing of Spices, nuts/dry-fruits (roasted, salted etc.), coconut, mushrooms, oilseed etc.
- Processing and Milling of Rice, Wheat, Oil, Millets, and Pulses etc.

New units as well as units which are undergoing modernisation, expansion and diversification will be considered for incentives under the policy.

6.2 Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure Components

To avail financial assistance under this component, any two of the components, from (a), (b) or (c) below will have to be setup by the promoters. Irradiation facility can be set up as standalone for the purpose of availing incentives.

- a) Minimal Processing Centre at the farm level which will have facilities for weighing, sorting, grading, packaging, pre-cooling, chilling, cold storage / Individually Quick Freezing (IQF).
- b) Mobile cooling trucks and reefer trucks as may be suitable for the transport of Horticulture & other agricultural produce.
- c) Distribution hubs with multi-product cold storage/ variable chilling/ freezing chambers, packaging facility/ IQF/ blast/ plate freezing, etc.
- d) Irradiation facility.

Irradiation facilities may also cover warehousing, cold storage facilities etc. for storage of raw material and finished products for efficient utilization of the facility.

6.3 Primary Processing Centers / Collection Centers

To be covered under this component, the Processing Centers/ Collections Centers should have:

- a) Minimum Processing Facilities at the farm level which may include facilities for weighing, cleaning, sorting, grading, packing, pre-cooling, Controlled Atmosphere (CA) / Modified Atmosphere (MA), Cold Storage, Dry Warehouses, IQF etc.
- b) Mobile Pre-cooling trucks and reefer trucks that may be suitable for transportation of the perishable agricultural produce/ horticulture/ dairy/ meat/ fish produce/MFP etc.

The component is applicable to processing and milling of rice, flour, oil, millets, pulses etc and both horticulture and non-horticulture produces such as fruits, vegetables, dairy, meat, poultry, fish, Minor Forest Produce, herbs, etc.

6.4 Large/ Mega/Ultra-Mega Projects in Processing

Any project envisioned as large scale investments to develop the food processing industry in Jharkhand and placing Jharkhand on the Food Processing Map of India would be referred as Large/ Mega/ Ultra Mega Projects. Under this component, the Bank Appraised / Chartered Accountant certified Project Cost (in case of self-finance) should be more than Rs. 50.00 crores (excluding cost of land and working capital).

The component is applicable to projects processing both horticulture and non-horticulture produce such as cereals, fruits, vegetables, consumer food products, dairy, meat, poultry, fish

and such other agriculture/ horticulture sectors including food flavours, colours, oleoresins, spices, coconut and mushrooms. Mega and Ultra-Mega Projects including but not limited to Rice mills and other milling units, Goatery and Piggery processing units will be promoted under this policy, an indicative list of targeted projects includes Fruits, Vegetables, Cereal, Dairy, Meat and Fish, Horticulture, Minor Forest Produce and Herbal Produce are covered under this component.

New Large/ Mega/Ultra-Mega Projects and existing Large/Mega/Ultra-Mega Projects undergoing Modernisation, Expansion and Diversification during the policy period will be considered for incentives under the policy.

6.5 Animal Feed Processing Units

Animal Feed Processing projects include units which are processing cattle feed, goat feed, pig feed, poultry feed, fish feed etc.

New units and units undergoing Modernisation, Expansion and diversification will be considered for incentives under the policy.

7. Policy Eligibility

Implementing agencies, Organizations such as Farmer Producer Organisations/ Joint Ventures/ NGOs/ Producer Companies/ Cooperatives/ SHGs/ Private Sector Companies/ Organised Retail Chains/ Societies/ Partnership/ Proprietorship are eligible under the Policy.

8. Fiscal Support for Food Processing and Animal Feed Industry

8.1 Processing Units

The policy has provision for financial assistance to processing units in the form of Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS).

General Areas:-

- a) Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) @ 35% of the bank/financial institutions appraised /Chartered Accountant certified (in case of self- finance) project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 crores in general areas (excluding cost of land and working capital).
- b) Interest Subsidy: The interest subvention will be for a period of 5 years from the date of completion of the project. Every year the interest subsidy @ 5% will be paid to the Bank/Financial institutions directly against the term loan sanctioned by it, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower.

Integrated Tribal Development Project Areas:-

- a) Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) @ 45% of the bank/financial institutions appraised /Chartered Accountant certified (in case of self-finance) project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 20 crores in Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas (excluding cost of land and working capital).
- b) Interest Subsidy: The interest subvention will be for a period of 5 years from the date of completion of the project. Every year the interest subsidy @ 6% will be paid to the Bank/Financial Institution directly against the term loan sanctioned by it, subject to a max of Rs.3 crores or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower.

Note: SC/ST/Women/Differently abled Entrepreneurs will avail 5% additional benefit under CPIS i.e., over and above the maximum limit of admissible subsidy of CPIS as mentioned above for both the areas. This benefit shall be applicable only to residents of Jharkhand. For the purpose of this clause, those persons will be eligible for benefit under SC/ST category that are issued caste / residential certificate to this effect by competent authority as notified by Government of Jharkhand. Similarly, those persons will be deemed to be of differently abled category that are certified by a competent Medical Board to have Differently abled of more than 40%.

8.2 Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure Components

The policy has provision for financial assistance to units falling in the category of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure Components:

General Areas:-

- a) Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) @ 35% of the bank/financial institutions appraised/ Chartered Accountant certified (in case of self - finance) project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.10 crores. The cost of land and pre-operative expenses will not be eligible for the purpose of calculation of Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS).
- b) Interest Subsidy: The interest subvention will be for a period of 5 years from the date of completion of the project. Every year the interest subsidy @ 5% will be paid to the Bank/Financial institutions directly against the term loan sanctioned by it, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower.

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- b) Interest Subsidy: The interest subvention will be for a period of 5 years from the date of completion of the project. Every year the interest subsidy @ 6% will be paid to the Bank/Financial Institution directly against the term loan sanctioned by it, subject to a max of Rs.3 crores or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower.

Note: SC/ST/Women/Differently abled Entrepreneurs will avail 5% additional benefit under CPIS i.e., over and above the maximum limit of admissible subsidy of CPIS as mentioned above in both the areas. This benefit shall be applicable only to residents of Jharkhand. For the purpose of this clause, those persons will be eligible for benefit under SC/ST category that are issued caste / residential certificate to this effect by competent authority as notified by Government of Jharkhand. Similarly, those persons will be deemed to be of differently abled category that are certified by a competent Medical Board to have Differently abled of more than 40%.

8.3 Primary Processing Centres (PPC)/ Collection Centres (CC)

The maximum amount of Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) admissible under the scheme is Rs.5 crores as per the details given below:

- a) Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) for PPC/ CC will be provided @ 50% of the bank/financial institutions appraised /Chartered Accountant certified (in case of self - finance) project cost for the general areas and 75% in Integrated Tribal Development Project areas respectively.
- b) Cost of land, preoperative expenses, margin money for working capital and contingency, non-technical civil works and plants & machinery which are not directly related to the PPC / CC will not be eligible for calculating eligible project cost.

Note: SC/ST/Women/Differently abled Entrepreneurs will avail 5% additional benefit under CPIS i.e., over and above the maximum limit of admissible subsidy of CPIS as mentioned above in both the areas. This benefit shall be applicable only to residents of Jharkhand. For the purpose of this clause, those persons will be eligible for benefit under SC/ST category that are issued caste / residential certificate to this effect by competent authority as notified by Government of Jharkhand. Similarly, those persons will be deemed to be of differently abled category that are certified by a competent Medical Board to have Differently abled of more than 40%.

8.4 Releasing of Incentive

Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) shall be disbursed as per the Common Incentive Disbursement Guidelines issued by the department in two instalments of 50 percent each in first and third year respectively, after commercial production of the unit.

9. General Incentives

In all categories of units mentioned above in both General areas and ITDP areas, Eligible units are also eligible to avail following incentives:

9.1 Stamp duty and Registration fee

100% reimbursement of Stamp duty and registration fee by department of Industries/Directorate of Industries for land directly purchased as per the provisions of law from the raiyats/acquired through consent award (lessee of JIADA land awarded at concessional lease rate/industrial parks will not be eligible for this benefits). This facility will be granted only for the first transaction for a particular plot of land.

9.2 Patent Registration

Units will be encouraged for filing successfully generated, registered and accepted patents based on their original work/research. The Government of Jharkhand will provide financial assistance of 50% of the expenditure incurred, up to a maximum of Rs. 5 Lakhs per patent for national patent and Rs 10 Lakhs per patent for international patent.

9.3 Quality Certification

- a) High priority is being accorded by the State government for improvement of quality of the industrial units and will be provided with assistance for obtaining quality certification from B.I.S. and other internationally recognised institutions @ 100% of the expenditure incurred up to maximum of INR 20.00 lakh.
- b) Units obtaining certification / accreditation under any of the following internationally recognised / accepted standards will be eligible for the benefit.
 - ISO-9000 Quality Management System
 - ISO-14000 Environmental Management System
 - ISO-18000 Occupational Health and Safety Standards
 - BIS certification
 - Social Accountability Standards
 - Green Energy Certificate
 - Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) Certificate
 - LEED Certification in New and renewable Energy
 - Internationally accredited eco-labels OKE-TEX 100 etc.
 - Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification
 - Any other nationally/ internationally accredited certification that will enable better market positioning

- c) An Enterprise can avail the facility for more than one certification during the policy period subject to maximum limit.
- d) In case of ZED certification, units will be reimbursed in the following manner:
- 20% of expenses incurred by micro units
 - 30% of expenses incurred by small units
 - 25% of expenses incurred by medium units

9.4 Mandi Fee Reimbursement

APMC/Mandi tax shall be reimbursed @ 100% to food processing units for procurement of agriculture/ horticulture produce in the State.

9.5 Transport Subsidy

Being a land-locked state, Jharkhand does not have any seaport. It has to send export shipments via rail/ road/ air which increases the cost of transportation. To encourage exports from the state, a Transport Subsidy would be provided based on costs incurred by exporters for shipment of goods to the ports. The amount of subsidy will not exceed Rs 20 Lakhs during a financial year for an exporter. The subsidy will be reimbursed against Bill of Lading (BOL). The Transport subsidy will be reimbursed by the Department of Industries/Directorate of Industries.

However, the Vehicle for Transport subsidy should have a valid permit under Motor Vehicle Act, Valid Insurance Policy, valid fitness certificate, up-to-date pollution certificate and up-to-date Road Tax Payment receipt under the Motor Vehicle Taxation Act-2001.

However, if unit is availing same subsidy under any other Policy then they will not be eligible for any subsidy under this policy.

9.6 Market Development Assistance

As per the provisions in the Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy 2021 under the Export development assistance section, MSME Exporters shall be assisted as per the detail below:

Scheme	Eligibility	Details
Foreign Exhibition/Trade Fairs*	(a) MSME Exporters registered with concerned DIC/ JIADA	75% of Stall charges paid up to a maximum of Rs. 4,00,000/- for one fair/ exhibition. Airfare 75% by economy class, max. up to Rs. 50,000/- per Two persons per unit per annum.
	(b) Women Export Entrepreneurs registered with concerned DIC/ JIADA	90% of Stall charges paid up to a maximum of Rs. 4,50,000/- for one fair/ exhibition. Airfare 90% by economy class, max. up to Rs. 60,000/- per Two persons per unit per annum.

*Exporting organizations availing travel support from the Government of India under similar scheme shall not be eligible for the above-mentioned State Incentives.

Apart from this, units shall be eligible for all other incentives as per the provisions for Export under Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy 2021 and Jharkhand Export Policy 2023. Incentives under Government of India schemes and those under this policy cannot be availed for the same component related to exports.

10. Expenditure Excluded from Purview of the Policy

Ineligible items of civil works:

- a) Compound wall
- b) Approach Road
- c) Administrative Office Building
- d) Toilets
- e) Labour Rest Room and quarters for workers
- f) Cost of Land and its Development
- g) Any residential building or restroom/guest house
- h) Sanitation Room
- i) Security/ Guard Room or enclosure
- j) Consultancy Fee, taxes, etc.
- k) Non-technical civil works not directly related to cold chain or storage infrastructure

Thus, all expenditure on account of civil works that are not related to the production or processing is excluded.

The following items of plant and machinery will not be considered for Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS):

- a) Fuel, consumables, spares and stores
- b) Computers and allied office furniture
- c) Transport vehicles
- d) Erection, installation and Commissioning charges
- e) Second hand/ old machines / refurbished machinery
- f) All types of service charges, carriage and freight charges
- g) Expenditure on the painting of machinery
- h) Closed Circuit TV Camera and related equipment
- i) Consultancy Fee
- j) Stationery items
- k) Any other item not critical to the working of the component under consideration

Thus, all expenditures on account of plant and machinery that are not related to the production, processing or packaging are excluded. This list is only indicative and not exhaustive.

11. Support for 'One District One Product' (ODOP) Programme

Under the aegis of the policy, entrepreneurs who start new units or expand/modernise/ diversify an existing unit in the concerned district and use the identified products under the ODOP programme of the district as the most significant input will be eligible for a further 5% Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) in addition to what is already available under clause(s) 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 subject to the same maximum monetary limits. The Government of Jharkhand has identified the following products under the One District One Product Programme:

Sl. No.	District Name	Product Name
1	Deoghar	Dairy products
2	Dumka	Dairy products
3	East Singhbhum	Cashew Nut
4	Hazaribagh	Jaggery
5	Jamtara	Paddy based(Puffed rice, flattened rice, rice)
6	Khunti	Tamarind
7	Koderma	Ragi(Millet)
8	Latehar	Mahua
9	Lohardaga	Green Peas& other vegetable processing
10	Pakur	Meat Processing
11	Ranchi	Honey processing
12	Sahibganj	Pickle
13	Saraikela Kharsawan	Chironji
14	West Singhbhum	Custard Apple
15	Bokaro	Paddy/Rice based unit
16	Chatra	Tomato
17	Dhanbad	Paddy/Rice based unit
18	Garhwa	Chilli
19	Giridih	Maize based products
20	Godda	Cowpeas
21	Gumla	Mango based products (Pickle)
22	Palamu	Pulses
23	Ramgarh	Potato based products
24	Simdega	Jackfruit

*In case of any changes in the list, the updated list shall be applicable.

The policy promotes dovetailing with the Government of India's Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprise Scheme (PMFME) Scheme. The Scheme adopts the One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap the benefits of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products.¹For the existing individual micro-units, the scheme provides preference to those engaged in producing ODOPproducts. The scheme also provides support for common infrastructure and marketing & branding would exclusively for ODOP products.

12. Policy Period

The policy is valid for five years from the date of issue of policy notification in the official gazette. All units that have newly established/ modernised/ upgraded/ expanded/ diversified during the period will qualify for subsidy/ benefits under the provisions of this Policy.

13. Policy Monitoring

Investors may log on to the Jharkhand's Single Window Portal and apply for various approvals through the Common Application Form (CAF). The Single Window Cell shall monitor all projects and help in their facilitation in a time-bound manner.

The Single Window Cell acts as a repository of information regarding infrastructure, information about investment application process and issues being raised across the industry. It also acts as a source of information dissemination and provides additional information related to orders, rules and regulations. The cell will also coordinate with the relevant departments and provide required updates to the investors.

The Single Window Clearance Committee (SWCC) constituted under the Chairpersonship of Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Industries periodically reviews the status of pending applications with the Single Window System and with the concerned departments. Nodal officers of departments are also deputed /seconded to Single Window for ensuring time-bound service delivery.

14. Doubts Resolution

Doubts relating to interpretation of any term and / or dispute relating to the operation of any provision under this policy shall have to be referred to the Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand for clarification / resolution and the decision of Department in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

15. Policy Implementation

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing paragraphs of the Jharkhand Food and Feed Processing Industry Policy, 2024, the Government of Jharkhand by the issuance of notification in the official gazette may amend or withdraw any of the provisions mentioned herein above.

¹FME Guidelines 22-6-20 (mofpi.gov.in)

2. The Industrial Units which are getting benefitted under this policy will not be eligible for any other financial incentives or benefits under any other schemes or policies of the Govt. of Jharkhand. The benefits provided under clause 8 of this policy are mutually exclusive and a unit can only apply for incentives only under one of the categories mentioned therein.
3. The units applying for the Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) incentive under this policy need to claim the incentive within 6 months of issuance of DOP. Failing to do so will incur a penalty of 2 percent per month of approved amount of CPIS up to a maximum of 25 percent.
4. The units availing the Comprehensive Project Investment Subsidy (CPIS) incentive or General Incentives must be in operation at least for five years otherwise would be liable for a penalty @ 18% interest p.a. on amount of subsidy released, including returning of subsidy amount.
5. In case of any discrepancy between the English and Hindi Version of this policy, the English Version of the policy shall prevail and will be considered final.
6. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to provisions of the Jharkhand Food and Feed Processing Industry Policy 2024, the same shall be referred to the Government of Jharkhand through the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Industries and the decision of the Department in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.
7. Implementation of various provisions covering the incentives, concessions, etc. will be subject to the issue of detailed guidelines/ rules/ statutory notifications, wherever necessary in respect of each item by the concerned Administrative Department.

By the Order of the Governor of Jharkhand,

S/d illegible,

Secretary,

Department of Industries.

Government of Jharkhand.

Annexure- I

List of items/ food processing activities not eligible under the scheme:

- i. Poultry/Pig/Goat farming or any other rearing activity of animals
- ii. Trading and selling of fresh Fish/meat/chicken/pork etc.,
- iii. Trading and selling of fruits and vegetables, unprocessed Minor Forest Product
- v. Unprocessed or loose Milk & milk products (loose selling of curd/paneer etc.)
- vi. Loose selling, trading and repacking of oil
- vii. Packaged Drinking/Mineral Water.
- viii. Trading and selling of unprocessed Millets/Cereals/Spices etc.
- ix. Bee Keeping/Loose selling of Honey
- x. Repacking of manufactures products
- xi. Canteen, grocery, hotel, tiffin services, restaurants or any other food services enterprises
- xii. Alcoholic Beverages

Annexure-II

Definitions:

- i. **"Date of Production"** means the date on which the unit actually commences commercial production of the item for which the unit has been registered. All units must obtain the Certification of Date of Production (DoP) from competent authority for availing benefits under this policy. The Udyog Aadhar or Udhyam will not be sufficient to substitute for the DoP certificate.
- ii. **"Department"** means the Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand.
- iii. **"Effective date"** means the date of issue of policy notification in the official gazette and shall remain in force for a period of 05(five) years.
- iv. **"Existing Unit"** means a registered unit which is implementing expansion/ diversification/ modernization in an existing project for carrying out activity indicated in this policy.
- v. **Expansion:** Expansion means an existing unit which makes additional capital investment and fulfils the following conditions:
 - a) For MSME Units, it shall be 33% or above additional investment in Plant and Machinery of the already made investment in Plant and Machinery. For large units, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or fixed capital investments of Rs. 16.5 crore, whichever is higher. For Mega and Ultra-Mega project, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or 33% or above of fixed capital investments of the minimum capital investment limit fixed in this policy, whichever is higher.
 - b) An increase of at least 33% of the installed capacity.
- vi. **Modernisation:** Modernisation means an existing unit which makes additional capital investment and fulfils the following conditions:
 - a) For MSME Units, it shall be 33% or above additional investment in Plant and Machinery of the already made investment in Plant and Machinery. For large units, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or fixed capital investments of Rs. 16.5 crore, whichever is higher. For Mega and Ultra-Mega project, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or 33% or above of fixed capital investments of the minimum capital investment limit fixed in this policy, whichever is higher.
 - b) At least 20% improvement in the installed capacity.
 - c) An improvement of either energy saving of at least 30% or reduction of pollution level of at least 30% or latest technology in that sector as certified by the reputed institutions recognized by the Government.
- vii. **Diversification:** Diversification means an existing unit which makes additional capital investment and fulfils the following conditions:
 - a) For MSME Units, it shall be 33% or above additional investment in Plant and Machinery of the already made investment in Plant and Machinery. For large units, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or fixed capital investments of Rs. 16.5 crore, whichever is higher. For Mega and Ultra-Mega project, it shall be 33% or above on depreciated book value or 33% or above of fixed capital

investments of the minimum capital investment limit fixed in this policy, whichever is higher.

- b) Production of at least one new product after diversification.
- viii. **“Government”** means the Government of Jharkhand.
- ix. **“New Unit”** means an industrial unit in which commercial production has commenced within five years from the date of policy notification in the official gazette. Expansion/modernisation/ diversification of unit as shall be considered as a new industrial unit for the purpose of this policy and shall be eligible for all incentives like any other new industrial unit.
- x. **“Policy”** means the Jharkhand Food and Feed Processing Industry Policy 2024.
- xi. **“Technical Civil Work”** means civil work which is directly related to the production or processing and critical to commencement of production in the unit.
- xii. **Minor Forest Produce(MFP)** means all non timber forest produce including Bamboo, Brush Wood, Stumps, cane, Tasser, Cacaoon, Honey, Wax, Resin, Gum, Lac, Tendu (Kendu Leaves), Medicinal Plants, Herbs, Flower Seeds & Fruits of the forest Origin, Roots, Tubers and the like.

The Important MFP is listed as below:

1. Chironji	13. Satavar
2. Mahua Flowers, Malma dori	14. Dhou Flower
3. Karanj seeds	15. Harre
4. Sal seeds	16. Nagarmotha
5. Kusum fruit	17. Van Tulsi
6. Arjun chhal	18. Plash flower
7. Sarapgandha	19. Chakor
8. Kalmegh	20. Lac
9. Indrajou seed	21. Tassar
10. Bahera	22. Tamarind
11. Amala	23.Honey
12. Sonachhal	

This list may be updated with the Consultation/Suggestion of Jharkhand Forest Management Committee/Department of Forest, Environment& climate change; Government of Jharkhand.

Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas means the current list of ITDP areas mentioned under Jharkhand state as per the 'Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Govt. of India). The list of ITDP areas will be applicable under this policy duration as per the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India and any changes in the list will be applicable as per the notification from Govt. of India. The current list is mentioned below:

S.No.	ITDP	District
1	Chaibasa	West Singhbhum
2	Chakradharpur	
3	Dumka	Dumka
4	Gumla	Gumla
5	Jamtara	Jamtara
6	Khunti	Khunti
7	Latehar	Latehar
8	Lohardaga	Lohardaga
9	Pakur	Pakur
10	East Singhbhum	East Singhbhum
11	Rajmahal	Sahibganj
12	Ranchi	Ranchi
13	Saraikela	Saraikela-Kharsawan
14	Simdega	Simdega
15	Godda	Godda
16	Garhwa	Garhwa

- xiii. Processing of milk and milk products/ meat/ fish/ poultry products and its value additions for domestic and international exports. The indicative list of value added products is mentioned below:

a)	Milk and milk products	Cheese, Butter, Paneer, Ice Cream, Pasteurized & Flavoured Milk, Ghee, Butter Milk, Curd etc.
b)	Poultry products	Egg Powder, Processed Chicken etc.
c)	Meat	Processed Meat/ Fish

- xiv. **“Validity”** means the Policy is valid for five (05) years from the effective date. All units that have newly established/ expanded/ modernised/ upgraded/ diversified during the period will qualify for subsidy/ benefits under the provisions of this Policy.
- xv. **Large Projects:** An industrial unit which has investment above medium scale industry as specified by Government of India but investment lower than mega project as defined in this policy shall be considered as large project.
- xvi. **Mega and Ultra Mega Projects:** The definition of Mega and Ultra-Mega Projects will be applicable as per definition provided in Jharkhand Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2021 (JIIP Policy 2021).
