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F. No. Q-11/1/2020-R&D
Government of India
Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Panchsheel Bhawan, August Kranti Marg
New Delhi-110049

Dated: 08.05.2020

To
Prof. F. A. Masoodi,
Head and Dean (School of Applied Science),
Food Science and Technology,
University of Kashmir, Srinagar (J&K)

Subject: - R&D Proposal titled "Refinement of traditional fermentation technology of some vegetable pickles of J&K region" - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the "in-principle" approval for grants-in-aid of **Rs.42,71,000 (Rupees Forty-two lakh seventy-one thousand only)** towards R&D proposal "Refinement of traditional fermentation technology of some vegetable pickles of J&K region" subject to the following conditions:

1. **Duration of the project** is 36 months and the date of start of project will be considered from the date of issue of in-principle approval letter for the project. Only one SRF with fellowship @31,000 +16% HRA during 1st & 2nd year and 35,000/- +16% HRA during 3rd year has been recommended.
2. **Objectives of project** are as under:
 - i) Isolation and characterization of various hetero-fermentative bacteria from fermented vegetables.
 - ii) Explore the possibility of use of pure cultures for vegetable fermentation.
 - iii) Use of some fruits or medicinal herbs to control fermentation of vegetables.
 - iv) Explore the seasonal suitability and cool chain for storage and transportation of fermented vegetables.
 - v) Transfer of technology for controlled fermentation of vegetables.
3. The amount of grants-in-aid will be released in three installments as per guidelines. Before the release of 2nd and 3rd installment of grants-in-aid the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) shall re-calculate the eligible amount of grants-in-aid based on proposed or actual expenditure, whichever is less, on eligible items considered by the Expert Committee that examined and approved the above R&D proposal. The pattern of release of the approved amount of grants-in-aid is at Annexure. The 2nd and 3rd installment of the grant can be clubbed together at the option of the Principal Investigator (PI)/ Institution and released after submission of final project completion report and its acceptance by the Competent Authority.
4. MoFPI shall deduct share of the contribution of Industrial Partner, if any, from 2nd installment of grants-in-aid after ascertaining the actual contribution made by Industrial Partner.

5. For government organization, the first installment of grant (100% cost of equipment plus 50% cost of consumables plus 50% cost of manpower (SRF/JRF/RA) and travel allowances for attending Expert Committee meeting for PI (one time) and for Private organization, 50% cost of equipment would be released after the submission of the following documents/ information to this Ministry (if not submitted with the proposal):
- i. Submission of an affidavit/ undertaking in compliance with GFR 230 (1) of GFR 2017 (in Original).
 - ii. Acceptance of standard terms & conditions as per Annexure-F of the R&D scheme guidelines issued on 10.08.2017 duly signed by the Head of the applicant organization (in Original).
 - iii. Consent from applicant that no financial assistance will be eligible on the existing equipment.
 - iv. Quotations of all the equipment to be procured out of grants-in-aid.
 - v. Surety Bond of Rs.100 duly signed by Notary (in the case of Private Organization)
 - vi. Copies of Purchase Order (in the case of Private Organization)
 - vii. Confirmation that the organization will submit six monthly periodical progress reports to this Ministry.
 - viii. E-payment mandate form duly certified by Bank.
 - ix. Confirmation that the organization/ university/ institute shall bear the expenditure of their share out of their self-generated funds and not from other grants received by it from other Govt. departments/ bodies, which is meant for some other purposes.
6. The standard conditions to be complied with for operation of the funds are as follows:
- i. The applicant organization must submit detailed statement of expenditure for the amount released as 1st 2nd and 3rd installment certified by the Accounts Officer and countersigned by the Finance Officer/ Registrar/ Administrator of the University/ Institute/ Head of the Department or Chartered Accountant (in the case of private organization) to MoFPI as indicated in Annexure-D of the R&D scheme guideline.
 - ii. Any unspent balance from earlier payment lying with the organization/ university/ institute at any time due to termination/ resignation of the fellow, etc. must be refunded to MoFPI immediately by means of demand draft in favour of "Pay & Accounts Officer, MoFPI". In case the unspent balance is not returned within three month, it shall attract interest as per existing General Financial Rules (GFR 2017).
 - iii. Organization/ university/ institute receiving grants from MoFPI shall have to maintain separate accounts for each research project on ledger type system.
 - iv. The released grant shall not be diverted or spent other than for what it has been approved.
 - v. All equipment(s) purchased out of the grant shall be the property of the Government of India and have to be entered into the Stock Register maintained by the organization/ university/ institute and also in a separate Register maintained by the PI and certified by the Head of the Department.
 - vi. The organization/ university/ institute shall be responsible for the safe

custody of the equipment purchased out of the grant.

- vii. Items of equipment(s) shall be purchased following a transparent, fair and competitive tendering system.
- viii. A list of equipment purchased is to be appended with the application for 1st installment along with copies of purchase order for all equipment. The name description of the equipment, cost in rupees, date of purchase, and the name of the supplier, may be given in the list. The main purpose/ function of the equipment may also be mentioned against each item. Equipment should be purchased within 3 months from the date of receipt of the sanction letter of respective installments, otherwise the grant shall stand cancelled and shall be called back.
- ix. After the completion of project, the organization/ university/ institute may retain all the equipment purchased for the purpose of the project out of MoFPI grant. A label with the "MoFPI FUNDED" shall be stuck prominently on the equipment.
- x. The research carried out with the financial assistance of MoFPI shall be in public domain. The facilities created thereof may be utilized as Business/ R&D Incubation Centre after the research is completed for testing/ Research/ Product Development etc. by other organization/ university/ institute on payment basis.
- xi. The books of accounts of the grantee institution shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority/ audit and by any other authority specified by the Ministry, whenever the institution is called upon to do so.
- xii. Before the grant is released the grantee should execute a bond (on a non-judicial stamp of Rs.100/-) as per Rule No 231 (3) of GFR-2017.
- xiii. As per Rule No 231 (3) of GFR-2017, execution of bond will not apply to quasi-government institutions, central autonomous organizations and institutions whose budget is approved by Government.

7. The second installment would be released only on receipt of:

- i. Statement of actual expenditure on the project of the 1st installment of grant provided by MoFPI.
- ii. Progress report in project made till date & its acceptance by Expert Committee.
- iii. Copies of bills/ invoices of equipment purchased out of 1st installment of grant.
- iv. Copies of Purchase order of equipment to be procured out of 2nd installment (in case of private organization)

8. The third and final installment would be released only on receipt of:

- i. Statement of actual expenditure on the project of the Second installment of grant provided by MoFPI.
- ii. Draft Final Project Completion Report duly indicating the objectives of the project achieved by the organization/ university/ institute.
- iii. In the case of private organization copies of bills/ invoices of equipment purchased out of 2nd installment of grant and copies of Purchase order of equipment to be procured out of 3rd installment.

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9. As per the present procedure grant shall be released through "Central Plan Monitoring System" of Controller General of Accounts (CGA). You are requested to register your organization with CGA to enable the Ministry to release the grant. You can directly fill-up the details at the link <http://pfms.nic.in> or alternatively follow the following procedure for registration:-

Open CGA website at
<http://pfms.nic.in> Central Plan
Monitoring System Agency: Register
Fill-up the Agency Details & Bank Details
Select "PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA-HUMAN
RESOURCE AND INSTITUTIONS [3612]"

After filling up the details, a copy of the Printout of Agency Registration may be sent to the Ministry for release of the grant.

The agency is also required to register on the EAT module (PFMS Portal) and use the same for processing its expenditure under the project. The expenditure was not found appearing in EAT module of PFMS will not be taken as eligible expenditure.

10. It is requested that the necessary confirmation/ information/ documents on points mentioned above may be furnished urgently so as to enable this Ministry to process the proposal for release of 1st installment of grant without any delay.

Yours faithfully,

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Annexure

Budget Estimates

S. No.	Item	Budgetary allocation (Amount in Rs.)			
		1st installment	2nd installment	3rd installment	Total (Head wise)
A	Non-recurring (Capital Items)				
I	Equipment	23,80,000			23,80,000
B	Recurring (General)				
I	Salaries (1 SRF)	6,75,500	5,40,400	1,35,100	13,51,000
II	Consumables	1,50,000	1,20,000	30,000	3,00,000
III	TA/DA	45,000	36,000	9,000	90,000
IV	Institutional Charges	75,000	60,000	15,000	1,50,000
	Total (Installment wise)	33,25,500	7,56,400	1,89,100	42,71,000

Details of equipment approved by EC are as under: -

S. No.	Generic Name of the Equipment along with make and model	Imported/ Indigenous	Estimated cost (In Lakh Rs.)
1	Fermenter	Imported	9.00
2	Vegetable Dicer/cuber	Indigenous	1.00
3	Cabinet Dryer	Imported	2.20
4	Spiral Plater	Imported	1.20
5	Gradient PCR	Imported	8.00
6	Aluminium Walkin cooler	Indigenous	2.40
	Total		23.8

Digitally signed by Shyam

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