

THE GAEKWAR MILLS LTD.



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CIN: L17120MH1949PLC007731 **Website:** www.gaekwarmills.com

August 30, 2022

To

BSE Limited
Department of Corporate Services
Listing Department
P J Towers
Dalal Street
Mumbai – 400001
Scrip Code: 542367

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 and Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Listing Regulations”)

In accordance with Regulation 30 and Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Listing Regulations”), we are enclosing the copies of the newspaper advertisement titled ‘Ninety Third Annual General Meeting of Gaekwar Mills Limited’, published in Business Standard (English Newspaper) on August 30, 2022.

The same has also been uploaded on the Company’s website which may be viewed at <https://www.gaekwarmills.in>.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Gaekwar Mills Limited

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Cabinet likely to take up Tejas Mark 2 case soon

AJAI SHUKLA
New Delhi, 29 August

This week, a case may be placed before the Union Cabinet to grant permission and financial sanction to go ahead with the design and development of the Tejas Mark 2 — a more capable version of the indigenous Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA).

A Cabinet nod is expected for the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) to go ahead with the design, development, testing, and certification of the Tejas Mark 2 fighter, according to sources in the Ministry of Defence.

The new Tejas Mark 2 fighter is expected to be rolled out in a two-year time frame, and its first flight will take another year, say ADA officials. Then flight testing and certification are expected to take another five years. That means the Tejas Mark 2 will only become operationally available around 2030.

It is estimated that the entire project, including the building of a small number of prototypes for flight testing, will require a budget of ₹10,000 crore.

The initial Tejas batches, which included 40 Tejas Mark 1 fighters and 83 Tejas Mark 1A (still under development), were developed as light fighters to replace the profusion of antiquated MiG-21 and MiG-27 light fighters in the Indian Air Force (IAF).

However, the Tejas Mark 2 variant, which is still on the drawing board, will be a larger aircraft, falling in the medium fighter category rather than light fighters.

Numerous additional capabilities the IAF and the Navy want incorporated into the Tejas Mark 2 will increase the weight of the 14.5-tonne



A Tejas Mk 1 fighter carrying out aerobatics display at Aero India show in Bengaluru in 2021

Tejas Mark 1 by 3 tonnes, taking it into the 17.5-tonne medium fighter class.

While the two Tejas Mark 1 squadrons and four Tejas Mark 1A squadrons can be regarded as replacements for the last of the lightweight MiGs, the IAF is now billing the Tejas Mark 2 fighters as replacements for the Mirage 2000 and Jaguar medium fighters, rather than for the lightweight MiGs that are retiring soon.

Much of the Tejas Mark 2's increased weight and size come from a more powerful and sophisticated engine demanded by the IAF and the Navy.

They believe that the 83 kilonewtons (kN) of peak power provided by the current engine — the General Electric (GE) F404-IN20 engine — is inadequate for the sudden acceleration, sharp climbing, and sustained turning needed in a modern fighter.

To equip the Tejas Mark 2 with the power needed in the modern battlefield, ADA is powering the Mark 2 with a GE F414-INS6 engine (here-

after F414) that delivers 98 kN of peak power.

Upgrading the Tejas' engine is equally essential for the LCA (Navy), which needs a surge of engine power for getting airborne in just 200 metres of runway that is available on an aircraft carrier's deck. The Navy has demanded ADA should develop a twin-engine fighter for carrier deck operations.

GE has already supplied the first F414 engines for the Tejas Mark 2. These are being accommodated, along with larger air intakes, in the extra fuselage space available in the expanded Mark 2 fighter.

Besides a new engine, the internals of the Tejas Mark 2 are being rearranged, to make them more accessible and maintenance-friendly.

Rearrangement will improve space utilisation, accessibility, and make maintenance quicker, reducing the turnaround time between operational missions.

Finally, the Tejas Mark 2 will feature upgraded avionics that are faster, lighter, and smarter than the previous generation in the Mark I.

These would improve combat performance and operational security. A key upgrade involves fitting indigenous active electronically scanned array radar to replace the current ELTA EL/M-2032 multi-mode radar.

The transformation of the Tejas Mark 2 from a light to a medium fighter has taken place incrementally over the preceding decade.

In 2009, the Tejas Mark 2 was categorised as a 're-engineered' version of the Tejas Mark 1, with the F404-IN engine replaced by the F414. During the three years it took to buy the F414 engine, the IAF kept demanding additional systems and improvements to the existing ones.

By 2014, when the Tejas Mark 2's preliminary design review was conducted, the aircraft's fuselage had been stretched by half a metre and it was 1.5 tonnes heavier.

On the positive side, the Tejas Mark 2 is able to carry 4.5 tonnes of payload (mainly weapons load and external fuel). This is a full tonne more than the Tejas Mark 1's ability to carry 3.5 tonnes.

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NOTICE FOR CANCELLATION OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that following resignation of Mr Tetsuo Tsuzuki (DIN: 08557222) and Mr Yuji Yamaguchi (DIN: 09047766), as Non-Executive Non-Independent Directors of the Company by their letters dated 27th August, 2022 addressed to the Board of Directors of the Company, Ordinary Resolutions proposed to be passed at Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Shareholders of the Company convened and scheduled to be held virtually on Tuesday, 30th August, 2022 at 11 AM, have become inoperative.

Under the circumstances, including receipt of a request from Majority Shareholder, Bajoria Financial Services Private Limited, the Board of Directors of the Company have unanimously decided that said EGM be cancelled forthwith with consequential effects and all concerned be informed thereabout.

Hence, this General Notice

By order of the Board
For IFGL Refractories Limited
R Agarwal
Company Secretary

Kolkata
29th August, 2022
Registered Office : Sector 'B', Kalunga Industrial Estate, P.O. Kalunga 770031
Dist. Sundergarh, Odisha, India

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 22-08-2022 to 28-08-2022
Department of Electrical Inspectorate

Tender ID: 2022_CEI_498404_2 * Chief Electrical Inspector * Current Transformer Testing Kit * Closing Date: 03-Sep-2022 * PAC: Rs1800000

Directorate of Animal Husbandry
Tender ID: 2022_DAH_505229_1 * Director, IAHV, Palode * Purchase of Chemicals in IAHV, Palode * Closing Date: 26-Sep-2022 * PAC: Rs951719

Drugs Control Department
Tender ID: 2022_DCD_504688_1 * Analyst Grade I * Supply of HPLC Columns * Closing Date: 12-Sep-2022 * PAC: Rs600000

Tender ID: 2022_DCD_505547_1 * Chief Analyst * Supply of Chemicals and Reagents * Closing Date: 28-Sep-2022 * PAC: Rs1000000

Kerala Public Service Commission
Tender ID: 2022_PSC_504598_1 * Secretary * Supply of 40 KVA UPS * Closing Date: 03-Sep-2022 * PAC: Rs1400000

Visit <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> for more details.
Ro.No:22-28/Aug/2022/PRD/(N)10

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Ninety Third Annual General Meeting of The Gaekwar Mills Limited

Members are requested to note that the Ninety Third Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of the Company will be held on **Monday, September 26, 2022 at 3.00 P.M. (IST)** through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with all the applicable circulars on the matter issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), to transact the business set out in the Notice calling the AGM.

The Notice of AGM and the audited standalone financial statements for the financial year 2021-22, along with Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, will be sent to the members of the Company, electronically, whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited "Link Intime"/ Depository Participant(s) as on the record date i.e. August 26, 2022. The Notice of the AGM and the aforesaid documents will also be available on the website of the Company at <https://www.gaekwarmills.in>, on the website of RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited, at <https://linkintime.co.in> and on the websites of Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com>

Manner of registering / updating e-mail address:
(a) Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address with the Company, are requested to register / update their e-mail address by submitting Form ISR-1 (available on the website of the Company www.gaekwarmills.in) in duly filled and signed along with requisite supporting documents to Link Intime at C 101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai-400083.
(b) The Company has also enabled the Members to temporarily update their e-mail address with the Company by clicking on <https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/> email register.html for the limited purpose of receiving the Annual Report for the financial year 2021-22 and the Notice of the AGM (including e-voting instructions) electronically.
(c) Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address are requested to register / update the same with the Depository Participant(s) where they maintain their demat accounts.

Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting:
Members can cast their vote(s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting"). The manner of voting, including voting remotely ("remote e-voting") by Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for Members who have not registered their e-mail address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM. Members attending the AGM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote electronically (Insta Poll) at the AGM.

Joining the AGM through VC/OAVM:
Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM, through platform provided by NSDL, at www.evoting.nsdl.com. The information about login credentials to be used and the steps to be followed for attending the AGM are explained in the Notice of AGM.

Members are requested to carefully read the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or voting at the AGM.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For The Gaekwar Mills Limited
Sd/-
Ratan Karanjia
Director (DIN: 00033108)
Place : Mumbai.
Date : August 30, 2022

ORIENTAL RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
(Formerly known as Oriental Veneer Products Limited)
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NOTICE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The 31st Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 01.30 p.m. Indian Standard Time ("IST") through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") without physical presence of the members at the common venue, in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), MCA circular dated January 13, 2021 read with circulars dated April 08, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 05, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/11/CIR/P/2020/79, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/2/CIR/P/2021/11 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 12, 2020, January 15, 2021 and May 13, 2022 to transact the business set out in the Notice convening 31st AGM.

In compliance with the said MCA circulars and SEBI circular, electronic copies of the Notice of the 31st AGM along with the Annual Report 2021-22 will be sent to all the Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depositories.

Members who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Company may refer the Notice of 31st AGM for detailed instructions for participation in the remote voting / e-AGM / e-voting during the AGM. Notice and Annual Report 2021-22 will also be available on the Company's website www.orientalrail.com, websites of the stock exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the website of NSDL, www.evoting.nsdl.com.

Shareholders may note that the Board of Directors, in its meeting held on April 28, 2022, has recommended a Final Dividend of ₹ 0.25 (Rupees Twenty Five Only) i.e. @ 25% per equity share of the face value of ₹ 01 each. The record date for the purpose of final dividend will be September 20, 2022. The final dividend on Equity Shares, as recommended by the Board, if declared at the AGM, will be paid on or after September 27, 2022, electronically through various online transfer modes to those members who have updated their bank accounts details. For members who have not updated their bank details, dividend warrants / demand drafts / cheque will be sent out to their registered addresses post.

Therefore, to avoid delay in receiving the dividend, members whose shareholding is in electronic mode are requested to update their bank account to their respective DPs. The members having shares in physical form may send their request to the Company's RTA, Adroit Corporate Services Pvt. Ltd. for the same.

Further, Shareholders may note that as per Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of the Members w. e. f. April 01, 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") at the time of making the payment of final dividend, if declared at the AGM. The TDS rate may vary depending on the residential status of the shareholder and the documents submitted by the shareholders and accepted by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The detailed information regarding claiming the exemption or other applicable benefits and required forms are available on the Company's website at <https://www.orientalrail.com/downloads.php>. Communication on the tax determination/ deduction shall not be entertained post Monday, September 19, 2022.

The Company is providing a remote e-voting facility ("remote e-voting") of NSDL to all its members to cast their vote on all resolutions set out in the Notice of the 31st AGM. Additionally, the Company is providing a facility of voting through an e-voting system during the AGM ("e-voting"). Detailed procedure for remote e-voting before AGM / remote e-voting during the AGM will be provided in the Notice.

Members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the Notice of the 31st AGM and in particular, instruction of joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM.

For Oriental Rail Infrastructure Limited
Sd/-
Sonam Gupta
Company Secretary
Rameshwar Meda

Place : Mumbai
Date : August 29, 2022

Gujarat State Petronet Limited
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSP) is laying a gas grid, to facilitate gas transmission from supply points to demand centers. GSP invites bids from competent agencies for following requirements vide "single stage, three-part" bidding process:

Tender-1:	Landscaping Services at GSP Bhavan
Tender-2:	Washout rectification work near Longadi village (near Mahuva, Gujarat)
Tender-3:	Appointment of RoU Consultant for GSP operational pipeline
Tender-4:	Annual Maintenance Contract of Fire Extinguishers installed at GSP Bhavan
Tender-5:	Upgrade of Telecommunication System of GSP Gas Grid
Tender-6:	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Flanges
Tender-7:	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Fittings
Tender-8:	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Station Pipes
Tender-9:	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Gasket
Tender-10:	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Stud Bolt & Nuts

Interested bidders can view/download details, viz., Bid Qualification Criteria (BQC) and Tender Documents from <https://gsp.nprocure.com>. Details can also be viewed on GSP Website (<http://www.gspcgroup.com/GSP/>). Bidders can submit their bid through <https://gsp.nprocure.com> and all future announcement related to this tender shall be published on <https://gsp.nprocure.com> only.

Date of tender upload on websites: 30-08-2022 @ 15.00 hrs. IST
GSP reserves the right to cancel and/or alter bidding process at any stage without assigning any reason. GSP also reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids received at its discretion, without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

CareEdge RATINGS
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NOTICE OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the **Twenty Ninth (29th) Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of CARE Ratings Limited (the "Company") will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. (IST)** by means of video conferencing facility ("VC") or other audio visual means ("OAVM"), to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the AGM in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and Circular No. 03/2022 dated May 05, 2022 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circulars dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021 and May 13, 2022 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (collectively referred to as "SEBI Circulars"), to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice calling AGM without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

In terms of MCA and SEBI Circulars, the Company has sent the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22, on Monday, August 29, 2022, electronically to all the Members of the Company whose email address(es) are registered with the Company/Depository Participants or its Registrar & Share Transfer Agent as on Friday, August 19, 2022.

The Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021-22 is also available on the Company's website at www.careedge.in and also on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e. at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, as well as on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at www.evoting.nsdl.com. The requirements of sending physical copy of the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA and SEBI Circulars.

In Compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Members will be provided with the facility to cast their vote on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM using e-voting platform provided by the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

All the Members are further informed that:

- the business as set out in the Notice of AGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means;
 - date and time of commencement of remote e-voting through electronic means: Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. IST;
 - date and time of end of remote e-voting through electronic means: Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. IST;
 - the Cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or e-voting at the time of the AGM, is Monday, September 19, 2022;
 - any person, who becomes Member of the Company after the dispatch of Notice of the 29th AGM by email and holds shares as on the Cut-off date i.e. Friday, September 19, 2022 may obtain the User ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or to the Company's email address investor.relations@careedge.in. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote.
 - In addition, the facility for e-voting shall also be provided at the AGM. Those Members, who are present at the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not already cast their votes on the resolutions by way of remote e-voting shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM.
 - Members may note that the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently;
 - the Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may attend the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again through the e-voting system at the AGM;
 - the Members participating in the AGM and who had not cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be entitled to cast their vote through e-voting system during the AGM;
 - a person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the Cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail facility of remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the time of AGM;
 - For the process and manner of remote e-voting, Members may go through the instructions in the Notice convening the AGM and in case of any queries or issues regarding e-voting, Members may refer the Frequently Asked Questions for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in.
- Members are advised to register/update their e-mail address with their DPs in case of shares held in electronic form and to the Company and/or its RTA in case of shares held in physical form for receiving all communications, including Annual Report, Notices, Circulars etc. by email from the Company in future.
- Members are also requested to read the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular the instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM.
- For CARE Ratings Limited
Sd/-
Nehal Shah
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
- Date: August 29, 2022
Place: Mumbai

ACCENT REGION

UTTAR PRADESH

Govt to infuse ₹4K cr into start-up fund

VIRENDRA SINGH RAWAT
Lucknow, 29 August

Underscoring the importance of start-ups for employment generation and economic activity, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government will inject ₹4,000 crore into the state's start-up corpus.

The fresh infusion of capital has been made to constitute the maiden 'UP Innovation Fund' that will be mandated to provide seed capital to start-ups.

UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to create the fund to cater to the needs of start-up ventures proposed by the state's youth. "The UP Innovation Fund would promote such start-ups, which are predominantly focussed on the state," Adityanath said. He added that initial funding was imperative for the successful journey of any start-up.

He noted the government has consistently been taking policy-level decisions to ensure that the start-up ecosystem was fed with easy financing. "As a result of innovative



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thinking and creative outlook of the youth, a large number of successful start-up ventures have been incorporated in recent years," the CM added.

Earlier, the Yogi government had created an angel fund of ₹1,000 crore with a target of setting up almost 10,000 start-ups. Together with the ₹4,000 crore of the UP Innovation Fund, the aggregate UP state support for start-ups stands at ₹5,000 crore.

Meanwhile, the state government is drafting guidelines for the proposed innovation fund so that only eligible start-ups could avail of funding in a time-bound and transparent

manner. The major sectors, which are likely to benefit, include IT/ITES, software, education, agriculture, medical, industry and e-commerce etc.

According to the state government, merely 26 start-ups were registered in UP till 2016. However, the number has risen to more than 6,650 in 2022. Noida, Ghaziabad and Lucknow account for the maximum number of start-ups in UP.

Meanwhile, the state government is also setting up a network of start-up incubators in the domains of fintech, education, health, agriculture, textile and IT.

RAJASTHAN

Social security pension now quicker with auto-approval mechanism

ANIL SHARMA
Jaipur, 29 August

Rajasthan has implemented the auto-approval mechanism for applications for paying social security pensions.

It has benefited hundreds of applicants so far. There are more than 9.37 million beneficiaries getting various social security pensions. And, 9,59,938 new beneficiaries were added from October 2, 2021, to date. Earlier, the beneficiaries had to wait for 45 days for approval of their applications. Verification of all the required documents and data was done in 30 days and the applications were approved in the next 15 days.

In this new auto-approved mechanism, the beneficiaries receive the pension payment order (PPO) immediately after linking their Janaadhar card with the scheme.

As all the required information of the applicants is already available on their Janaadhar accounts, the government has done away with repeated verification of their documents. The role of government staff, who used to verify the beneficiaries, is over now.

To control corruption, human intervention was planned to be reduced. So, the state government decided to replace the physical and document verification with Meta data based online verification. It was followed by auto approval without human intervention. This was for improving accessibility, ensuring transparency and prompt faceless delivery of public service. The main objective was to switch over to a system of online database verification, instant auto approval and digital payments. It was also to ensure transparency, accountability and to leave no scope for discretion or corruption.

CHHATTISGARH

Plan to subsidise vermicompost

R KRISHNA DAS
Raipur, 29 August

The Chhattisgarh government is eyeing subsidies on the vermicompost produced in the state under the Godhan Nyay Yojana.

The move was necessitated as the state government predicted a surge in demand besides helping villagers to get more return from producing vermicompost using cow-dung. The Bhpesh Baghel government in Chhattisgarh has started procuring cow dung under its Godhan Nyay Yojana launched in 2020.

Reported to be first in the country and also the world, the state government is purchasing cow dung by paying sellers ₹2 per kilogram. As of now, the Chhattisgarh government has purchased 7.35 million quintals of cow dung, paying ₹147.06 crore to the committees and strengthening the rural economy.

The payment is transferred to the bank account of the sellers. The government has trained local woman self-help groups (SHGs) and engaged them in manufacturing vermicompost out of the collected cow dung. The SHGs package

to sell it at ₹10 per kg.

The state government has sent a proposal to the ministry of fertiliser, urging it to grant vermicompost the benefit of nutrition-based subsidy (NBS) on the lines of chemical fertilisers.

"The chief minister also took up the matter at the recently-held zonal council meeting in Bhopal," a state government spokesperson said. The proposal has been accepted and the Centre is likely to take a final decision in this regard, he added. The NBS programme for fertilisers was initiated in the year 2010.