

New food processing units to get 2% Mandi fee exemption

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Lucknow: New food processing units established under the Infrastructure and Industrial Investment Policy of 2012, with an investment of Rs 5 crore or more in plant and machinery, will be given an exemption of 2% in Mandi fees for five years.

The decision was taken in a meeting headed by agriculture production commissioner Alok Sinha on Tuesday to resolve a pending issue of M/s JRG Foods Pvt. Ltd, Amroha regarding exemption in Mandi fee.

The company had sought approval for an exception of 2% Mandi fee against 0.5%. The matter had been pending for the past four years and on September 21, 2020, a presentation was made before chief minister Yogi Adityanath who directed the APC to resolve the issue at the earliest.

On Tuesday, the APC directed the Moradabad divisional commissioner to hold a meeting of the Exemption Committee Board for granting exemption from the Mandi fee to JRG Foods Pvt Ltd and send a recommenda-

tion to the government.

Sinha said that under the Infrastructure and Industrial Investment Policy-2012, there was no condition regarding the source of raw material and where the product was being sold, and therefore a 2% exemption could be allowed to the unit.

The Agricultural Marketing Department has issued a revised notification by deleting 'reduction in exemption rate' from Mandi fees to allow all newly established food processing industrial units to get the benefit of this policy decision.