

Industrial unit to get full benefit of exemption in Mandi Fee

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As per the instructions of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner, Shri Alok Sinha to resolve long pending issue of M/s JRG Foods Pvt. Ltd, Amroha regarding exemption in Mandi fee. In the meeting, it was decided that the eligible new food processing units established under the Infrastructure and Industrial Investment Policy of 2012 with investment of Rs 5 crore or more in plant and machinery will be given an exemption of full 2 per cent in Mandi fee for 5 years as per the provision in said policy.

It may be noted that the issue of M / s JRG Foods Pvt. Ltd regarding approval of only 0.5% exemption in Mandi fee instead of 2% had been presented before Hon'ble Chief Minister on September 21, 2020 at the meeting of the High Level Empowered Committee of 'Invest UP' (erstwhile Udyog Bandhu) for resolution. The issue had been pending for four years.

Today, it was directed that Divisional Commissioner, Moradabad should hold a meeting of the Exemption Committee Board for granting exemption from mandi fee to the said unit and send a clear recommendation to the government.

It was requested by the unit that since it was eligible under the policy, it should be given 2 per cent exemption in Mandi fee for 5 years.

The **Agricultural Production Commissioner said** that under the Infrastructure and Industrial Investment Policy-2012, there was no condition on the source of raw material and where the product was being sold, so it did not seem reasonable to allow only 0.5 per cent exemption in place of 2 per cent on this basis.

It was informed that Agricultural Marketing Department, U.P. has issued a revised notification by deleting the 'reduction in exemption rate' from Mandi fee, so all the newly established food processing industrial units will get the benefit of this policy decision.

It is noteworthy that as a result of the notification issued by the state government and agricultural marketing reforms by the Government of India, Mandi fee will not be payable in the trade area outside the Mandi premises. The scope of Mandi committees is limited to the built mandi campuses.

The virtual meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary and Special Secretary, Department of Agri Marketing and Export along with senior officials of Mandi Parishad.
