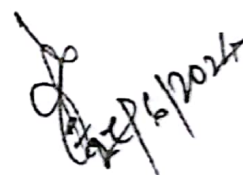


**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE: MANIPUR
(Oil Palm Mission Manipur)**

Notice inviting EOI for Empanelment as Agency for production of
Oil Palm Quality planting materials and
setting up of FFBS Processing Plant at Thoubal, Manipur.

Imphal, the 27th June, 2024

No. AGM-II/91/PIg/NMEO-OP/2021: With the approval of the competent authority the Oil Palm Mission Manipur is inviting EOI to all the interested FPOs/Firms/ Companies/ Societies/ Entrepreneurs/registered under relevant Acts for raising Oil Palm nurseries (*Tenera variety*) to meet the requirement of 18,475 ha. for area expansion in phases & for setting up of FFBS Processing Plant in Thoubal District, Manipur. Detailed terms & conditions may be downloaded from the department's website www.agrimanipur.com and the same may be submitted through email: manipuroilpalm@gmail.com followed by hard copy to the Director of Agriculture, Manipur on or before 1st July, 2024.



(N. Gojendro)
Director of Agriculture, Manipur.

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Expression of Interest

Production of Quality Planting Materials of Oil Palm (QPMs) & Establishment of FFBs Processing Factory at Thoubal District, Manipur under the National Mission Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).

Introduction:

Manipur started promotion of Oil Palm from the year 2020-21 by conducting Adaptive Trials of 0.25 ha. in 22 different locations by the six District Agriculture Officers and six KVKs in the six potential districts identified by the Assessment Committee, Government of India. The Adaptive Trials conducted to test the suitability and adaptability at different locations have proved that the crop does well in the State even under rainfed conditions except scattered damages caused by wild animals in some locations. Considering the importance and suitability, Oil Palm Promotion under Oil Palm Mission Manipur was formerly inaugurated virtually by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Manipur on 12th November 2020 from Chief Minister's Secretariat in presence of Hon'ble Minister Agriculture Manipur, Chief Secretary Manipur and heads of line Departments.

2. State's Potential Area:

The potential Areas identified in Manipur by the Assessment Committee, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India are detailed below.

District.	Area³ in Ha.
1. Imphal West	14516
2. Thoubal	18475
3. Bishnupur	10389
4. Churhandpur	11661
5. Chandel &	6803
6. <u>Ukhrul</u>	<u>4808</u>
Total:	66,652

However, the State Level Standing Committee (SLSC) Oil Palm Manipur has also identified additional area of **7,155 ha** in Jiribam district of Manipur where **Coconut & Arecanut** which belong to the same family of Oil Palm are commercially cultivated by the farmers of the district.

3. Manipur Oil Palm Act:

In order to safeguard the interest of the farmers as well as Oil Palm processing companies to create a win-win situation, the Manipur Oil Palm (Regulation of Production & Processing) Act.2021 which was passed in the Assembly Session 2021 came in force w.e.f 11th Oct.2021.



4. **Viability Gap Payment (VGP) :**

So as to assure remunerative return to the farmers against the sale of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs), a mechanism called Viability Gap Payment (VGP) has been introduced by the Government of India under which the Oil Palm farmers will get the uniform price all over the country as decided by the GOI, for which State Department of Agriculture Manipur has already signed the required MOU with GOI to safeguard the interest of the farmers.

5. **AAP for 2023-24:**

The Annual Action Plan for the year 2023-24 has been prepared for 1200 ha in Thoubal District at the cost of Rs.31.76 Crores This is against the potential area of 18475 ha. and the same has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. Area expansions are targeted mainly in abandoned Jhum lands, foothills and fallow lands where economic crops are not grown.

6. **Project Area (Thoubal & Kakching District):**

The Potential area of 18,475 ha assessed by the Assessment Committee is inclusive of Kakching District which came into existence on the 8th December 2016 when the State Government announced the formation of 7 new districts through a notification of the Government of Manipur.

Thoubal District:

The district of Thoubal, is bounded on the north by Imphal West and Imphal East district, on the east by Kangpokpi and Tengnoupal district, on the south by Kakching and Tengnoupal district is about 25 Km from Imphal and its average elevation is not very much different from the rest of the Manipur Valley which is about 790 metres on an average above the sea level. Although the district is a part of the valley, the area of the district is not entirely plain. which occupies the bigger portion of the eastern half of the Manipur Valley, takes the shape of an irregular and triangular with its base facing north. It lies between 24°30'24.688" N to 24°43'16.689" N latitude and 93°53'17.016" E to 93°53'18.118" E longitude

The district came into existence in May, 1983 through a notification of the Government of Manipur, (Secretariat: Revenue Department Order No.6/1/73-R (Pt.VII) dated May 24, 1983) (Manipur Extraordinary Gazette No. 76 of the same date) under the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act.1960. By the said notification, Thoubal sub-division of the erstwhile Manipur Central District with all its administrative units was transferred to form a new district under the name of Thoubal with its head-quarters at Thoubal.

Kakching District:

The district of Kakching came into existence on the 8th December 2016 when the State Government announced the formation of 7 new districts through a notification of the Government of Manipur, (Secretariat: Revenue Department Order No. 16/20/2016-R dated 8th December 2016), (Manipur Extraordinary Gazette No. 408 of 9.12.2016). It is situated in the south eastern part of Manipur. It is bounded by Thoubal and Imphal West districts on the north, Tengnoupal and Chandel districts on the east, Bishnupur district on the west and Chandel district on the south. The district occupies the bigger portion of the south eastern half

of Manipur valley. It lies between 24.64'N and 24.23' N latitude and 94.07'E and 93.82'E longitude. Its average elevation is also about 790 metres on an average above the mean sea level. The district has two community development blocks one each at Kakching and Waikhong sub-division.

Climate (Thoubal & Kakching):

On the whole, the both the districts have an equitable and pleasant climate. Rainfall is relatively abundant and widespread. The rainy season starts in June with the onset of the southwest monsoon and lasts up to September. Intermittent rains continue even up to October along with the retreat of the monsoon. The winter season lasts from December to February. During the winter months, light rainfall occurs under the influence of the northeast monsoon, March and October are by far the most pleasant months in the year. Of Late, some changes in the climate calendar in the state are observed which some expert meteorologists attribute the cause as mainly due to deforestation in the hills surrounding the valley.

The summer months are never oppressive with the average maximum temperature fluctuating between 32°C to 35°C during April-June, the mercury seldom going beyond 37°C. In December-February with the start of the cold winter months, the average minimum temperature falls from 6°C to 4°C for about 10 to 15 days.

7. Land for production of QPM & setting up of FFB Processing Factory:

In order to facilitate availability of Quality Planting Materials (QPM) in phases, department will provide required land in part or in contiguous but in the same location for production of QPM in a centrally located area along with land for setting up FFBs processing factory including other required infrastructures. The land will be made available on lease for a minimum period of 30 years after completing official formalities, signing of MOU / Agreement etc. but extendable depending on the need base.

However, production of QPM should be started immediately after signing MOU either on leased Govt. land or Private land whichever earlier. But, the establishment of Factory may be started from the 3rd Year of Area Expansion.

8. Oil Palm QPM:

The Variety of Nurseries to be raised is *Tenera Varty*. either Indigenous or Exotic. The sprouted seeds for raising the Nurseries have to be sourced through ICAR-IIOPR or to be imported on behalf of the Department of Agriculture Manipur for which department will place requirement one season ahead for planning production. The Quality Planting Materials available at farm gate should be 12 - 14 months old bearing height of 1-1.3 meter and will bear minimum 11-13 functional healthy green leaves in Poly bags of 38x45 cm. The user department will lift the planting materials from the farm gate in good condition.



9. **Financial Support:**

Department will facilitate for availing financial support from the Ministry of Agriculture & FW, Govt. of India for raising nurseries and setting up of FFBs processing factory as per provision of the NMEO-OP Guidelines.

10. **Cost of Oil Palm Nursery / QPMs:**

The sale rate per QPM fulfilling the criteria indicated above to be delivered at the farm gate should be as per guidelines of the NMEO-OP.

11. **Work Order:**

After completing all the required formalities, work orders for fulfilling the purpose of this EOI will be issued within 10 days after signing an Agreement/MOU in this regard.

12. The Company after signing MoU with the Department should not withdraw the assignment in any manner and should carry out all the assignments/activities within the fund allocated for the purpose by the GOI.

13. **Laws Governing the Contract & Jurisdiction.**

The contract shall be governed by laws in force in India. In the event of any dispute arising out of this EOI, such dispute would be subject to the jurisdiction of the Civil Court within the city of Imphal only.

