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Cluster Development Agency — Mithila Multi-Commodity Horticulture Cluster
in association with the National Horticulture Board (NHB) & Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

CORRIGENDUM-CUM-ADDENDUM TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Selection of Implementing Agency / Agencies for the Mithila Multi-Commodity Horticulture Cluster, Bihar — under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP) of the National Horticulture Board

Field	Particulars
Original RFP reference	2829 dated 08-07-2026
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Issuing authority	Mission Director, State Horticulture Mission, Bihar
Mode of publication	NHB CDP portal and SHM, Directorate of Horticulture website
Applicability	Binding on all prospective applicants / bidders

This Corrigendum-cum-addendum is issued under Clause 18 (Amendment of RFP Document) of the RFP. On the recommendations of the National Horticulture Board, and consequent to (i) the integration of the makhana area into the cluster footprint, (ii) the correction of the investment-envelope presentation, (iii) the adoption of the full-normative infrastructure requirement, and (iv) the coordinated execution of the Programme by NHB and APEDA with export infrastructure as a primary focus, the following amendments are made to the RFP. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain unchanged. Being a substantial amendment, the last date for submission of proposals is extended as set out in Item 7 below.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

1. Cluster area and Mega eligibility (Clauses 1, 2, 10 and the CGAR reference)

Existing provision	Revised provision
The cluster qualifies for the Mega category on about 15,100 ha of focus-crop area (banana, mango and a restricted 4,000-ha makhana share), with ~6,480 ha shown only as production-depth evidence.	The makhana area is now counted for cluster scale and eligibility. The cluster-crop area is revised to about 21,580 ha (banana 4,200; mango 6,900; litchi 1,680; makhana 8,800). Makhana value-chain infrastructure continues to be funded by the National Makhana Board.

2. Investment envelope — ₹100 crore is the assistance ceiling, not the project cost (Clause 10)

Existing provision	Revised provision
The project was presented with a total project cost of about ₹98.8 crore, with NHB assistance of about ₹60 crore.	The ₹100 crore is the ceiling of NHB CDP assistance for a Mega cluster. Based on the recommendations of the NHB & APEDA, the revised total project cost (DPR) is about ₹169.55 crore. NHB CDP assistance is now sought at the revised DPR (& CGAR); the balance is met by Implementing-Agency equity (≥ 20%) and term loan (≥ 20%), consistent with Clauses 12(4) and 12(5).

Effect on bidders' financial thresholds

Because IA equity and term loan are defined as percentages of eligible project cost, the absolute amounts scale with the revised cost. Applicants must size their promoter contribution, net-worth (minimum two times proposed equity per Clause 12(1)) and term-loan tie-up against the revised project cost for the vertical(s) applied for. The per-vertical and integrated apportionment will follow the DPR and Approval Committee decision.

3. Full-normative infrastructure quantities (Clause 15.4 A & B)

The approved component quantities in Clause 15.4 are revised from the earlier Phase-I subset to the full-normative requirement, as set out below. Figures indicate cluster-level requirements and are not a costing paradigm.

Component	Earlier (Phase-I)	Revised (Full norm)
Integrated pack-houses (with pre-cooling interface)	26	40
Pre-cooling units	22	40
Multi-temperature cold storage (MT)	4,500	9,000
Ripening chambers	21	34
Reefer transport vehicles	15	28
Collection-cum-grading nodes	17	36
Quality & residue (MRL) laboratory — central & satellite	3	6
Accredited / hi-tech nurseries	4	6
Farmer & FPO capacity-building (participants)	12,000	16,000

4. Export infrastructure as a primary focus — NHB–APEDA convergence (Clauses 2, 4, 15.3, 15.4 C)

The Programme would be jointly coordinated by NHB and APEDA. Hence, the updation of the priority, is being reflected in the “Export infrastructure” elevating from a secondary component to a primary focus of the cluster. The following export components are added to Vertical III (Clause 15.4 C), in addition to the existing Darbhanga air-cargo perishable interface, branding, market-intelligence and export-facilitation components:

S.No.	Added / elevated export component	Unit
C-9	Perishable Air-Cargo Complex & Export Pack-house, Darbhanga (pre-cool, cold room, export grading, shipment cell)	1 Facility
C-10	Export Integrated Pack-house cum Perishable Cargo Centre (NH-27 / rail hub)	1 Facility
C-11	Vapour-Heat / Hot-Water Treatment plant (mango fruit-fly disinfestation for export)	1 Facility
C-12	Irradiation / phytosanitary treatment linkage (US & other high-value markets)	1 Linkage
C-13	Export residue / MRL & certification laboratory (NABL & APEDA-recognised)	1 Lab
C-14	Export reefer containers / fleet	6 Units

Bidder capability expectation for export components

Applicants for Vertical III (and integrated applicants) are encouraged to demonstrate relevant experience in export-oriented pack-houses, perishable air/rail cargo handling, APEDA-registered operations, phytosanitary/VHT treatment and GLOBALG.A.P.-compliant supply chains. APEDA registration remains a supporting document under Annexure III.

5. Clarifications on inclusion of Makhana

Makhana-specific value-chain support (drying, grading, mechanised popping, processing, export) continues to be treated in convergence with the National Makhana Board framework and is not a separately quantified CDP component under this RFP. This clarifies, and does not alter, the convergence principle already reflected in Clause 15.4.

6. Focus crops for this RFP

The focus crops for the verticals invited under this RFP remain Banana, Mango and Litchi. The enlargement of the cluster area by the makhana component affects cluster scale, eligibility and convergence, not the crop scope of the IA verticals invited herein.

7. Revised Schedule and Critical Dates (Clause 14)

#	Activity	Original date	Revised date
1	RFP publish date	09/07/2026	Unchanged
2	Last date & time for submission of proposals with DPR	24/07/2026	14/08/2026, 5:00 PM
3	Presentation by shortlisted agencies	To be notified	To be notified after evaluation

Note: The revised pre-bid and submission dates above are indicative and shall take effect on confirmation and notification by SHM (CDA) on the NHB CDP portal. All other clauses of the RFP, including EMD, processing fee, eligibility, evaluation and synchronised-onboarding provisions, remain unchanged except to the extent amended above.

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