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**Technical Support for Research, Knowledge Dissemination, Policy Support and
Institutional Strengthening of the Centre of Excellence on Agrivoltaics in India,
RFQ Nr. 700006864**

Section / Clause Reference	Clarification Requested	Response from GIZ
Work Package 2 / Activities / Point 2.6, Page 6	The ToR specifies maintenance of the CoE AgriPV website with content and knowledge materials. Clarification is requested on whether the scope will be limited to content management and updates, or further in the course of the project, will it be expected to also cover additional website-related responsibilities (e.g., structural enhancements, feature development, or platform upgrades).	Scope is limited to content management and updates
Work Package 2 / Key Deliverables, Page 6	The ToR specifies the number of national and regional workshops to be conducted; however, the duration and expected format (e.g., number of days per workshop) are not indicated. Clarification is requested on the expected duration to enable appropriate planning and costing. Workshops – Number : 10, Price: 3,50,000 INR, Total: 35,00,000 INR	Workshop budget is fixed and shall be reimbursed on actuals upto max. of INR 350,000/workshop, duration will be decided on need basis in consultation with GIZ, CoE, and MNRE.
Work Package 3, Pages 6–7	The ToR outlines a comprehensive set of activities including policy analysis, benchmarking, stakeholder consultations, and development of policy briefs/guidelines. However, the corresponding deliverables appear to list these outputs both as standalone reports and as components of broader outputs. Clarification is requested on the intended structuring of deliverables, specifically whether benchmarking and policy analysis are expected as independent reports or as integrated inputs into the three policy briefs/recommendations and implementation guidelines.	Benchmarking and policy analysis needs to be integrated into policy recommendation report
Work Package 4 / Activities / Point 4.3, Page 8	The ToR proposes establishing a “formal network linking R-CoEs with the national CoE AgriPV.” Given the institutional strengthening focus, further clarity is requested on the envisaged depth of this network—whether it is intended as a coordination platform (e.g., periodic knowledge exchange) or a more structured mechanism with defined governance arrangements, shared work programmes, and formalised collaboration protocols.	The network will envisaged as coordination with state institutions, along with support to establish structured mechanisms, governance, and collaboration frameworks (varying by state) (One institution for R-CoE has already been identified in Madhya Pradesh with an institution. However, for other states, the extent of such support may vary depending on future coordination with state department officials)
Work Package 4 / Key Deliverables, Page 8	The ToR includes preparation of a “Blueprint / White Paper for CoE AgriPV” covering governance, coordination, and operational modalities. To ensure alignment with prior efforts, clarification is requested on	Prior phase 1 material will be shared

	whether any existing Phase 1 documentation (e.g., concept notes, business plans, or institutional frameworks) is available to inform and build upon this deliverable.	
Tasks Short-term Expert Pool, Page 13 & Costing Table, Page 14	The ToR indicates that 3–4 short-term experts are to be deployed throughout the entire assignment period. However, this appears to differ from the total allocation of 990 expert-days indicated in the costing table. Clarification is requested on the intended deployment approach, whether continuous engagement over the full period is expected, or a need-based, intermittent deployment aligned with specific activities.	First 2 years of continuous engagement of at least 2 experts (one each in IARI and NISE), and in the third year as per need basis.
Qualifications Short-term Expert Pool / Page 13	The ToR specifies a master's degree along with 5 years of relevant experience for short-term experts. Considering the operational and support-oriented nature of several tasks under this role, clarification is requested on whether some flexibility/reduction in the years of experience requirement may be considered, particularly to allow inclusion of technically strong 1-2 year experience profiles where appropriate.	GIZ requires the concerned expert to possess 4–5 years of relevant professional experience.
Work Package 1 – Objective Section – Page 4	Under the constraint of a very strict timeline, it is unclear about the data availability and the entity responsible to provide the required data.	GIZ will provide the available data initially, additional required can be facilitated by IGCA partners in coordination with CoE. Consultants should also be prepared to travel for data collection, in coordination with IGCA partners
Work Package 1 – Activity 1.1.– Page 4	Seeking clarification as, the ToR does not specify if the required sensory equipment is already installed at the existing sites or who will procure them for the upcoming sites.	No procurement needed, required equipment will be provided by the project.
Work Package 1 – Deliverable – Page 5	The milestone table highlights that the Initial assessment of 4 sites is to be submitted by 30 th November 2026, and the project starts on 1 st June 2026. Therefore, in order to conduct the seasonal assessment during the initial assessment, will the historic data be shared with the consulting firm ?	The project will support in coordinating this effort and will establish the contacts for easy coordination.
Work Package 2 – Activity 2.5. – Page 5	If in case an international partner or ministry expects a physical delegation or an in-person bilateral exchange in another country or by another country in India, will there be any budgetary revision or will such meeting be strictly online ?	No international travel is covered, engagement will be limited to online participation
Work Package 3 – Activity 3.1.1 – Page 6	Requesting GIZ to consider a legal expert in the Resource Pool for a very brief period, and if not, then is secondary legal analysis is sufficient.	A legal expert is not required, analysis can be based on secondary review and stakeholder consultations with relevant authorities at centre and state level
Work Package 3 – Deliverable – Page 7	The milestones table mentions the submission of the policy recommendation to the relevant ministries as one of the milestones, which is not in line with the deliverable. Getting the government approval on guidelines can be beyond the control of the consultant.	Policy recommendations will be developed with relevant stakeholders. GIZ will support in coordination with ministries and states.

Work Package 4 – Objective Section – Page 7	We want to clarify that “establishment” strictly means Institutional Mapping & Selection, governance structuring, and capacity building (OPEX), and absolutely no CAPEX.	No CAPEX
Work Package 4 – Deliverable – Page 8	Setup governance system of establishment of R-CoE. Seeking clarification that the completion of Activity 4.1 and Activity 4.2 would be considered as the expected deliverable.	Deliverables include Activities 4.1-4.4 through facilitation and technical advisory, no CAPEX required.
Work Package 4 – Milestone – Page 9	The timeline for establishing the first R-CoE (WP-4) and the Initial assessment of 4 sites (WP-1), is clashing i.e. 30 th November 2026. Therefore, can the date to establish the first R-CoE be extended by 2 weeks ?	The institution for first R-CoE is already identified, further technical collaboration to be defined
Context & Objectives / Pg. 3	Request your kind clarification on whether a definitive list of agro-climatic zones and states is available for this assignment, so that the proposed methodology and deployment approach may be aligned appropriately.	Indicative states like MP, Gujarat, Maharashtra are defined, additional states can be included in consultation with MNRE.
	We kindly request clarification on whether the list of existing and proposed AgriPV demonstration sites to be covered under the assignment will be shared with the selected bidder at project inception.	the list of sites will be jointly finalized by GIZ and MNRE
	Request your kind clarification on whether the consultant may assume support from ICAR, IARI, and associated institutional networks for outreach and dissemination activities, including workshops, training, and knowledge-sharing events.	Support from IARI and NISE will be provided, based on joint discussions with GIZ
	To ensure clear coordination for all outreach and dissemination activities, we kindly request clarification on the specific roles, responsibilities, and approval mechanisms governing our collaboration with partner institutions like ICAR, IARI, IWMI, and GIZ. Specifically, it would be helpful to understand the decision-making authority and review cycles for finalizing training modules and the process for identifying and onboarding experts for knowledge-sharing events.	Decision-making with the CoE in coordination with GIZ Governance will be defined in consultation with partner institutions.
Work Package 3 / Pg. 5	Request your kind clarification on whether the client will share a preliminary stakeholder map for consultations under the policy support work package, including relevant ministries, state departments, regulators, and industry bodies.	Stakeholder mapping will be developed in coordination with GIZ and CoE, with guidance from MNRE for certain state
Key Deliverables / Pg. 7	Request your kind clarification on the intended audience and usage of the policy recommendation briefs / white papers, including whether these are expected to be tailored for central ministries, state governments, technical agencies, or sector stakeholders.	Majorly for central ministries, state governments
Milestones and Timelines / Pg. 7	We seek clarification on the expected structure, level of detail, and approval parameters for the Inception Report, including whether a prescribed format or evaluation template shall be provided.	Proposed template needs to be developed at project start in consultation with CoE and GIZ.
Concept / Pg. 9	Request your kind clarification on whether the client	The consultant is

	expects bidders to propose an independent project management and governance framework, or whether any standard implementation structure / reporting architecture is already envisaged for this assignment.	proposed to work in coordination with IGCA consortium partners, IARI, and NISE for the management steering and structure. Governance structure will be decided based on discussion with the institutions
Project management / Pg. 10	Request your kind clarification on the extent of backstopping support expected from the bidder's home office / central team, including whether specific review, quality assurance, or surge-support arrangements are to be demonstrated in the proposal.	This is an optional requirement. The bidder may propose a backstopping team in its proposal without allocating any fee or travel budget for such team members. GIZ reserves the right to decide whether or not to avail the services of the proposed backstopping team during the course of the contract.
	To ensure a clear understanding of the project's administrative framework, we would be grateful for your guidance on the payment terms for the assignment and the detailed structure of the acceptance criteria upon which deliverable sign-off will be based.	This will be finalized on selection
	We would like to clarify that consulting teams often require replacements due to natural movement or measures beyond control. Therefore, we kindly request the GIZ to consider the replacement of proposed experts in exceptional cases such as medical emergencies, resignations, and similar unavoidable circumstances. We shall exercise reasonable efforts to provide a suitable replacement to the Client in a reasonable timeframe.	GIZ expects that the proposed team mentioned in the proposal shall remain engaged for at least the first six months of the contract duration. GIZ also recommends that the proposed core team members shall be on the company's rolls.
	Given the specialized nature of certain expert requirements and the importance of submitting a well-considered technical methodology, we respectfully request your kind consideration for extending the proposal submission deadline by at least two weeks from the date of publication of responses to pre-bid queries.	Please adhere to the specified timelines in accordance with GIZ procedures.