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विषय : Minutes of 152nd Meeting of the Standing Committee of Sugar Development Fund held under the Chairmanship of Secretary(F&PD) on 12.01.2026 at 10.30 A.M. - Regarding

In continuation of this Department's O.M. of even number dated 02.01.2026 on the subject mentioned above, a copy of the minutes of the 152nd meeting of Standing Committee of SDF held on 12th January, 2026 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Food & PD) is enclosed, for kind information and necessary action.

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5. Joint Secretary (Sugar), Department of Food & Public Distribution, (Member).
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7. Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi (Nominated Additional Member as expert under First Proviso to Rule 6).
8. Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur (Nominated Additional Member as expert under First Proviso to Rule 6).
9. Representative from IFCI Limited (as special invitee from financial institution under Second Proviso to Rule 6)
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Minutes of 152nd Meeting of the Standing Committee of Sugar Development Fund held on 12.01.2026 at 10.30 a.m. in the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The 152nd meeting of the Standing Committee of Sugar Development Fund (SDF) was held on 12.01.2026 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (F&PD). A list of participants is at **Annexure**.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Standing Committee. The Committee was informed that with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide O.M. dated 12.02.2024, SDF, GoI has issued Revised Operational Guidelines dated 28.02.2024 for Restructuring of SDF loans under Rule 26 of SDF Rules 1983. Salient provisions of the 'Revised Operational Guidelines for restructuring of SDF loans' were also noted highlighting the Scheme of 'One Time Settlement (OTS)' giving option to the sugar factories/undertakings for complete payment of Principal and Interest (with waiver of additional interest) for settlement of SDF loan accounts.

After that, each Agenda Item was deliberated upon. The brief of deliberations and recommendations of Standing Committee are as under:

Agenda No. 152.1 : Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision/directions of the 151st Standing Committee meeting held on 04.09.2025

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions/directions of the 151st Standing Committee meeting held on 04.09.2025 was considered case by case. Updated position was brought to the notice of the Committee.

Agenda No. 151.2: Proposal for Re-opening of Window to apply for One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme in respect of SDF Loans

With the approval of Department of Expenditure, this Department vide letter no. 1-2/2022-SDF dated 28.02.2024 has issued Revised Operational Guidelines for Restructuring of SDF loans replacing the earlier Guidelines, which also has the provision for One Time Settlement (OTS) of SDF loans.

3. The Revised Operational Guidelines dated 28.02.2024 does not have any provision for timeline to apply under OTS. However, the 149th Standing Committee of SDF considered the proposal for fixation of timeline of OTS for SDF loans and on its recommendations, the timeline was fixed up to 30.06.2025. Accordingly, an instruction dated 19.03.2025 was issued. The idea behind it was to motivate more sugar mills to avail the benefit of OTS Scheme and settle their SDF dues as soon as possible.

4. The Committee noted that since introduction of OTS to till date, 27 OTS proposals were approved. Out of these OTS cases, Rs.458.80 crore as on 31.12.2025 has already been recovered under OTS & Rs.300.43 crore is likely to be recovered by the end of current financial year or latest by 6th April, 2026 from approved live cases of OTS.

5. The Committee also reviewed the recovery so far made through OTS of SDF loans considered during the previous Committee meetings and it was noted that if further opportunity

is given to the sugar factories, OTS of SDF loans may enhance the recovery of SDF dues and help in settlement of SDF loan accounts.

6. The Committee further observed that since fixation of the timeline for OTS, there is an increase in the number of sugar factories availing the benefit of OTS, hence, it may be in the interest of the Government to consider reopening the window to apply under OTS of SDF loans.

7. The Committee also noted that this Department is receiving representations from the sugar factories requesting for opening of OTS.

8. Looking into the SDF default status of Rs.3577.00 crore (as on 30.11.2025) that includes Principle, Interest and Penal/additional interest, the Committee opined that if the window to apply under the Scheme is re-opened, some more sugar mills may also get motivated and come forward to take the benefit of OTS resulting in speedy recovery of SDF dues and settlement of SDF loan accounts.

9. The Committee, thus, recommended opening of Window to apply for One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme of SDF loans for six months from the date of issuance of an instruction in this regard, under the same terms and conditions as mentioned in Revised Operational Guidelines dated 28.02.2024.

Agenda No. 152.3 : M/s Shree Siddheshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Kumathe, District: Solapur, Maharashtra – Closure of Restructuring case – Subsequent revival of case – For Ratification

After due deliberations the Standing Committee ratified the decision for closure and subsequent revival of restructuring case of SDF Co-generation Loan of Rs.50.18 crore in respect of M/s Shree Siddheshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Kumathe, District: Solapur, Maharashtra.

Agenda No. 152.4 : Closure of restructuring/OTS cases of various sugar mills for SDF loans – For information

No. 152.4 (a) : Closure of restructuring case of SDF Modernisation and Co-generation loans of Rs.13.49 crore and Rs.18.53 crore respectively in respect of M/s. The Krishna Sahakari Sakkare Karkhana Niyamit, Athani, Belgaum, Karnataka

No. 152.4 (b) : Closure of restructuring case of SDF Cogeneration and Modernisation Loans of Rs.27.45 crore and Rs.5.96 crore respectively in respect of M/s. Shri Shankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Sadashivnagar, Taluka Malshiras, District – Solapur, Maharashtra

No. 152.4 (c) : Closure of One Time Settlement (OTS) case of SDF Cogeneration Loan of Rs.26.94 crore on account of non-payment of OTS amount in respect of M/s. Vaidyanath Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Pangri, Beed District, Maharashtra

The above facts for closure of the above restructuring/OTS cases were noted by the Committee.

Agenda No. 152.5: Review of Recoveries of SDF Loans/Dues

The Committee reviewed the default status as on 30.11.2025 and the progress made on recovery of SDF dues from the FY 2022-23 onwards and the recoveries made in the current Financial Year till 30.11.2025 and directed to take necessary steps to expedite the recovery. The Committee observed that OTS of SDF loans results in higher recovery of SDF dues.

In addition to above agenda items, the Committee directed the Nodal Agencies to actively track already approved OTS cases and inform the Department timely and well before expiry of the AA, in case the sugar factory does not initiate process to make OTS payment. The Committee also desired that Nodal Agencies should prepare a SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the cases where AA for OTS is issued, to ensure regular follow up and payment of OTS dues well before the expiry of AA.

The Committee further directed the Nodal Agencies to analyse all the default cases and prepare a profile of sugar mills highlighting their operational status, financial position, status of legal case(s), details of Group entity along with whether it is listed or not, charge status with details of Personal Guarantee, if any, etc. The related information/data is to be placed before the next Recovery Meeting and subsequently next Standing Committee Meeting for review.

The Committee also directed the Nodal Agencies to keep a track on the legal action against the defaulter sugar factories/cooperatives more actively and effectively.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

