

**ICAR- NATIONAL RICE RESEARCH
INSTITUTE**

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Expression of Interest

Applications from interested potential entrepreneurs are invited to collaborate in 'Economic and environment-friendly Utilization of Basic-Slag and Fly Ash as Soil Amendments to Reclaim Acid Soils of Odisha [SAFAR]: *Waste to Wealth for Promoting Circular Economy*' (EAP-411) for production and marketing of fly ash or basic slag based soil amendments, compost and biofertilizers. Interested parties may send their application in the given format on or before 22nd July, 2024. (Please see the attached for application).

The required criteria for selection of the potential entrepreneurs are as follows;

- i. Potential entrepreneurs should have knowledge on production of compost, soil amendments and straw compost or organic manure.
- ii. Potential entrepreneurs should have the experience on the preparation of compost, soil amendments, rice straw utilization and waste management.
- iii. Potential entrepreneurs should be working in Odisha and registered in MSME.

The terms of reference

- iv. The ICAR NRRI shall provide the technology and training for the mass production of fly ash and basic slag-based value-added products to the startup without any cost. The startup has to produce the fly ash and basic slag-based value-added products needed for the reclamation of acid soils and market for at least twelve hundred fifty acre of acid soil within the project period.
- v. The ICAR NRRI shall provide up to Six lakhs rupees towards the expenses of equipments, raw materials, and manpower
- vi. Preference will be given to the potential entrepreneurs in proximity to the study area.
- vii. Committee members from ICAR NRRI may visit the startup's location if required.
- viii. Upon selection, a Memorandum of Understanding will be jointly signed between the potential entrepreneurs and ICAR NRRI.

Kindly ensure necessary documents are attached to the application form and submitted via email to pratap162001@gmail.com, with a copy to erinakhanm@gmail.com, on or before 22nd July, 2024.

Application format

1. **Name of Potential Entrepreneur**
2. **Brief description (within 100 words)**
3. **Type of products produced**
4. **Floor area**
5. **Storage capacity**
6. **Production Capacity**
7. **Available machineries**
8. **Whether Potential Entrepreneur can enhance their production capacity**
9. **Contact details**

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- iv. Educational qualification : +2, 12th Pass

Declaration:

I confirm that the information provided above is accurate.

**Signature
(Name)
Designation**