

1. Organization, Function and Duties:

a) Organization:

The Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Ltd. popularly known as hpmc was incorporated in June, 1974 as a subsidiary of the Himachal Pradesh Agro Industries Corporation Limited with the objective of providing Mechanical Packing/Grading, Marketing, Forwarding, Warehousing, Distribution of Horticultural Inputs, Cold Storages and Processing facilities to the growers of the State. The hpmc ceased to be the subsidiary company of the HP Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., in 1996-97 and has since then become fully owned Government Company. The Corporation has completed 32 years of its existence and all these years have taken many a significant strides and secured for itself a pride of place in the field of marketing, processing and creation of infrastructural net-work within and outside the State.

The Corporation has developed a vast infrastructural network in the fruit growing areas of Himachal Pradesh by setting up of 11 Mechanical Grading/Packing Houses with a capacity of 34,000 MT, 5 Cold Storages of 1,000 MT each out of which 2 Cold Storages at Oddi and Patlikuhl have pre-cooling facilities. Various pre-harvest and post-harvest activities in these catchment areas under 5 Regional Offices at Shimla, Rohru, Kullu (Bhunter), Kangra and Rampur are being undertaken through 18 Branches/Sub Offices within the State and 6 Regional Offices outside the State located at Delhi(2), Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. The Corporation has also developed 4 Cold Storages in terminal markets at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Parwanu with total installed capacity of 11750 MT and plans to further expand the cold storage facilities at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kolkata. In the field of fruit processing, the Corporation has its own modern and prestigious Plant at Parwanu (Solan) and another at Jarol (Mandi) with total installed capacity of 21,000 MT which has further been strengthened with taking over of Processing Plant of HIMPROCESS having capacity of 1,000 MT, at Jabli (Solan) on lease hold basis made operational from September, 2003. The Fruit Processing Plant at Parwanu has been upgraded by adding hitech Pulper Line, Tetrapak Filling System and Pomace Dryer Unit for scientific disposal of solid waste of fruits. Recently Slim Pak filling machine TBA-9 has also been installed which will triple the production.

b) Function/Duties and Objectives of the Corporation:

1. To aid, assist, initiate, promote,- expedite, accelerate and/or execute development projects, enterprises and/or programmes which in the opinion of the Company are likely to promote and/or advance the production, packing and grading, transportation, storing, processing and marketing of apple. apple products and/or other fruits and the related products.
2. To develop, aid, assist, initiate, promote, organize and finance units and agencies in the field of production, marketing, processing, warehousing and cold storage of 'apples. other fruits, vegetables and/or their related products and/or by-products with a view to providing such units and agencies with financial, technical and managerial assistance for the prosecution of their work and business. to enable them to develop and improve their methods of production/manufacture, management and marketing and their techniques of production and to -acquire and dispose of shares and interest thereof.
3. To undertake and carry out production/manufacture, processing, storing, transporting and marketing of apples and apple products and other fruits and vegetable products and all such articles/equipments that may be required for the said purpose.
4. To acquire, purchase, construct. import, give, sell, lease, hire, rent and/or operate the plant, machinery, implements, accessories, tools materials and/or things of any description that may be deemed appropriate by the Company for fulfilling its objective within or outside the State of Himachal Pradesh.
5. To acquire, purchase, give, sell, dispose, lease, hire and/or rent any land and/or premises within or outside the State of Himachal. Pradesh on such terms and conditions as may be deemea appropriate by the Company in furtherance of its various objects.
6. To aid, assist, finance, land and or advance funds to various agencies, units and/or entitles carrying on the business of production, supply and procurement of apples. apple products, other fruits and vegetable products and/or packing material and equipment as also to enter Into production and marketing contacts with such agencies, units and or entities on such terms and conditions may be deemed appropriate by the Company from time to time.
7. To carry on the business of standardization, grading, sorting, packing, branding. investigation, market research, storing, warehousing, cold/storage, distributing, converting. maintaining and rendering assistance and services of all and every kind of and any description including buying, selling, exchanging, altering, improving, producing, manufacturing and dealing in horticultural, produce, horticulture operation and horticultural inputs including fertilizers, manures, plant protection materials, machinery and irrigation in furtherance of production. processing and marketing of apples, apple products and other fruit and vegetable products.
8. To set-up, acquire, establish, purchase, sell and/or manage large scale commercial orchards. on modem lines for feeding the canning and preservation units and for other such purposes.
9. To conduct wholesale and/or on retail, the business of sale purchase of apple and other fruit and vegetable and their processed products and also to function as an agent of the Government or any other agency as may be approved by the Board of Directors.
10. To design, promote, produce, manufacture and/or install processing plants, equipment and/or units as may be required from time to time for processing of Horticultural produce.

(B) OBJECTS INCIDENTAL OR ANCILLARY TO ATTAINMENT OF THE MAIN OBJECTS:

1. To undertake and carry on the projects for the development of land for horticulture, establishment of nurseries and distribution of seeds and plants and/or to function as agents for the distribution of seed, plants, processed food and the bud-wood of the Horticulture Department of the Himachal Pradesh Government and/or any other agency for that purpose.
2. To arrange, promote, aid and expedite the export of raw and finished horticultural produce and equipment and also to import raw and finished horticultural produce and equipment in furtherance of the Company's principal business.
3. To procure, manufacture and arrange for the supply of packing material seed for inter/cropping and fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides plant' protection equipments. weather protection equipment and/or all kinds of tools, implements/machinery etc. required for the development of horticulture/processing Industry in Himachal Pradesh.
4. To publish and supply the literature on. horticultural cultivation production, marketing and other related subjects.
5. To collect and disseminate market information, set up emporium and/or hold exhibitions.
6. To promote manage, advertise, finance organise and/or establish insecticides and pesticides spraying squads aerial spray units and/or custom hiring centres for horticultural operations.
7. To promote, aid and finance the research projects on horticultural production. market research and processing and publication of suitable literature and organize campaigns, schemes, etc. in the achievements of the objectives of the Corporation.
8. To appoint representatives, contractors, brokers, convassers, agents and other persons and to establish and maintain agencies or branches in any part of Himachal Pradesh or elsewhere for the purposes of carrying on business of the Company.
9. To apply or tender, purchase or otherwise acquire any contract, sub-contract, licenses and concessions for or in relation to the object or business here-in-above mentioned or any of them and to undertake execute, carry out, dispose off or otherwise turn to account the same.
10. To sponsor and underwrite new issue of shares, debentures and other securities in which undertakings dealing in the fields of horticultural marketing, processing, cold storage and provision of horticultural inputs in the State of Himachal Pradesh are directly interested.
11. To undertake or assist investigation Of problems concerning horticulture, horticultural marketing. processing, cold storage and provision of horticulture inputs and/or industry concerning horticultural industrial development in general and prepare or cause to be prepared the reports and statistics useful to such enterprises.
12. To accept upon suitable remuneration or otherwise apprentices and trainees for the purpose of being trained in the business' with a view to their subsequent employment by the Company or otherwise.
13. To arrange or pay for the training in India or abroad of any of the Company's employees or any candidates in the interest and/or for the furtherance of Company's objects.
14. To impart managerial, technical and/or administrative advice, consultancy and/or render assistance to horticulture and or horticulture industrial enterprises in obtaining know how of managerial. Technical and administrative services.
15. To aid and advise in securing foreign exchange and/or foreign collaboration required by horticulture industrial enterprises.

16. To provide financial aid for the promotion of research work on horticultural problems particularly in respect of marketing, packing and processing of subsidizing and assisting of existing laboratories, workshop, libraries, lecturers, meetings, conferences, scholarships, prizes and grants for the studies or otherwise to reward studies, researches, investigations, experiment tests and inventions of any kind that may be considered likely to assist any of the business which the company is authorized to carry on.
17. To construct, build, equip, maintain and manage in Himachal Pradesh and elsewhere, cold storage chambers, room coolers, refrigerators, refrigerated vans freezing houses for storing and preserving fruits, fruit products vegetables, vegetable products and other perishable horticultural and allied commodities including those of animal origin.
18. To take part in the formation management, supervision and/or control of the business or operations of any company or undertaking and for that purpose to render technical services or in any other capacity and to appoint and remunerate any Director, Administrators. Managers or Accountants or agents and to share, in the remuneration payable by such company or undertakings, subject to the provision of the Companies Act.
19. To borrow, raise and/or secure the payment of money by the issue and/or sale of debentures, debentures-stocks, obligations, mortgages and/or securities of all kinds, either perpetual or terminable and redeemable or otherwise and to charge or secure the same by trust/deed or otherwise on the undertaking of the Company including its uncalled capital, or upon any specific property or right, present and future of the Company.
20. To prosecute and/or execute directly or by contributions or other assistance any works undertaking projects or enterprises in which or for the prosecution whereof or on the security whereof or of any profits or emoluments derivable there from the Company shall have invested money, embarked capital, or engaged its credit.
21. To form, promote or organise & assist or aid in forming, subsidizing organizing or aiding companies, syndicates or partnership of all kinds for the purpose of acquiring and developing any property and liabilities of this Company or any other company or of advancing directly or indirectly, the objects thereof or for any other purpose which the company may think expedient and to take or otherwise acquire hold and dispose of shares, debentures and other securities in or of any such company and to subsidies or otherwise assist any such company.
22. To pay for any property or rights acquired by the Company, either in case or fully or partly paid shares or by the issue of securities, or partly in one mode and partly in another and generally on such terms as may be determined.
23. To draw, make, accept endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and Issue bills of exchange promissory notes and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
24. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake the whole or any part of or any interest in the business, goodwill property, contracts agreements, rights, privileges effects and liabilities of any other company, corporation, partnership body, persons carrying on, or having ceased to carry on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on. or acquire property suitable for the purposes of the Company and upon such terms and subject to such stipulations and conditions and at or for such price or consideration (if any) in money share or moneys worth or otherwise as may be deemed advisable.
25. To carry on business of financiers and merchants and to undertake and carry on and execute, all kinds of financial commercial trading and other operations and to carry on any other business (permissible by the law of the country) which may seem to be capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the objects or calculated directly or Indirectly to enhance the value of or facilitate the realisation of or render profitable any of the properties or rights of the Company.
26. To apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire and protect and renew in any part of tile world any trade-marks, trade names, copy-rights, patents, brevet-d' inventions, licences, concession and the like conferring any exclusive or non-exclusive or limited right to their used or any secret or other information as to any invention

which may seem capable of being use for any of the purposes of the Company or the acquisition of which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to use, exercise, development or grant licences in respect of, or otherwise turn to account of property, rights or information so required.

27. To insure the whole or any part of property of the Company either fully or partially; to protect either fully partially any liability or loss in respect thereof and also to ensure and protect and indemnify on mutual principal or otherwise.
28. To purchase or otherwise acquire, sell, dispose of and deal in real and personal property of all kinds in particular land, buildings, hereditaments, business concerns undertakings, mortgages, charges, annuities, debentures stock, securities concession and chooses in action of all kinds.
29. To amalgamate, enter into partnership and/or into any arrangement for sharing profits or into any union or interest, joint-venture, reciprocal concession or cooperation with any person or persons company or companies carrying on or being authorized to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which this company is authorized to carry on or engage in/or any business or transaction which the company is authorized to carry on/or engage in/or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.
30. To invest and deal in with the moneys of the Company not immediately required In such manner as may from time to time be determined.
31. Subject to the restrictions of the Reserve Bank of India, issued in this behalf to receive money on deposit and/or loan and borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit.
32. To sell, lease, mortgage, surrender, abandon and in any other manner deal with or dispose of the undertaking or property of the Company or any part thereof including rights of the Company patents trade mark technical know-how for such consideration as the Company may think fit and in particular for shares, debentures or securities of any other Company.
33. To undertake and execute any trust, the undertaking of which may seem to the Company desirable, either gratuitously or otherwise.
34. To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person or Company and to undertake and perform sub-contract and to do all or any of the above things in any part of the World, and either, as principals, agents, trustees, contractors or otherwise and either alone or jointly with others and either by or through agents, sub-contractors, trustees or otherwise.
35. To establish and support, or aid in the establishment and support of association, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the Company or its predecessors in business or the dependants or connections of such persons and to grant pension and allowances and to make payments towards insurance and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition for any public, general or useful objects.
36. To remunerate any persons or company for services rendered, or to be rendered in placing of and assisting to placing or guaranteeing the placing of any shares in the company's capital or any debentures, debenture stock or other securities of the Company or in or about the formation of promotion of the Company or the acquisition of property by the Company or the conduct of its business.
37. To refer or agree to refer any claims, demands, disputes or any other question. by or against the Company and whether between the Company and the member or members or his or their representatives or between the Company and third party to arbitration in India or at any place outside India, and to observe and perform and to do all acts, deeds, matters and things to carry out or enforce and if necessary to contest the awards.
38. To pay all expenses of an incidental to the formation and registration of the Company and the issue of its capital.

39. To aid, pecuniarily or otherwise any association, body or movement having for any object the solution, settlement or surmounting of horticultural or labour problems or troubles or the promotion of horticulture, horticultural industry or trades.
40. To create any depreciation fund, reserve fund, sinking fund, insurance fund or any other special fund whether for depreciation or for repairing, improving, extending or maintaining the business or any of the property of Company or for any other purposes conducive to the interests of the Company.
41. To provide for the welfare of any employee or employees of the Company, the wives, and families or the dependants or connection of such persons by grants of money, pensions, allowances bonus or other payment. or by creating and from time to time, subscribing to provident institutions, associations, funds or trusts and by providing or subscribing or contributing towards places of instruction and recreation, hospital and dispensaries medical aid and other assistance as the Company shall think and otherwise to assist or which shall have any moral or other claim to support or aid by the Company either by reason of locality of operations or of utility to the Company or its employees.
42. To organise, conduct or manage engineering or repair shop or work-shops of all description for the repair of horticultural machinery, implements, machine, tools and accessories.
43. To undertake systematic study of demand, supply and production trends in the activities of interest to the Company.
44. To effect any modification of the Company's articles of association or change its objects in the manner prescribed by the Companies Act, 1956.
45. To carry on the work of transport in its branches i.e. by Land, Air & Sea in order to purchase and sell the material required for the Company or its finished product and to own a fleet of transport vehicles for the purpose of the Company.

PART. III

(C) OTHER OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY NOT INCLUDED IN PART- I AND II ABOVE ARE AS UNDER:

1. To aid, assist, promote, establish, develop, execute, arrange, supply, manufacture and/or undertake any other projects like those of roads and rope-ways, building material. bee-keeping industry and/or any other item in furtherance of the said objects of the Company in the field of horticulture.
2. To aid, assist, establish, develop, execute, arrange, supply, manufacture and/or undertake any project connected with brewing and distillation of different fruits, vegetable, cereals and other food items.

OBJECTS INCIDENTAL OR ANCILLARY CONTINUED.

46. To promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the properties rights and liabilities of the company, or for any other purpose calculated to benefit the company directly or indirectly and to distribute as may be resolved, amongst the members of the Company the assets possessed or received by the company provided that this does not amount to reduction of share-capital of the Company except in accordance with the provisions of the companies Act 1956.
47. To direct the management control and supervision of any company, associations or concern by nominating, controllers, supervisors or otherwise or to collaborate with the company association or concern formed carrying on or engaging in any manufacture or business with the objects of the Company or similar thereto.
48. To promote subsidiary companies for the purpose of implementing any of the objects of the company here-in-above mentioned. Holding in such subsidiaries shall be restricted by section 372 c; the companies Act, 1956.