**Major Government Sponsored Scheme**

1. **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)**

**Implementing Agencies**: Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIB) & District Industries Centers (DICs).

**Objectives:**

(i) To generate employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of the country through setting up of new self-employment ventures/projects/micro enterprises.

(ii) To bring together widely dispersed traditional artisans, rural and urban unemployed youth and give them self-employment opportunities to the extent possible, at their place.

(iii) To provide continuous and sustainable employment to a large segment of traditional and prospective artisans and rural and urban unemployed youth in the country, so as to help arrest migration of rural youth to urban areas.

(iv) To increase the wage-earning capacity of workers and artisans and contribute to increase in the growth rate of rural and urban employment.

**Project cost**: Manufacturing sector: Rs. 50 lakhs, Business/Services sector: Rs.20 lakhs

**Eligible Entrepreneurs / Borrowers**: For setting up of project costing above Rs.10 lakhs in the Manufacturing sector and above Rs.5 lakhs in the Business /Service sector, any individual above 18 years of age and should possess at least VIII standard pass educational qualification.

**Repayment:** 3 to 7 years with an initial moratorium not exceeding 6 months.

**Security:** Assets created out of the bank's finance. Personal guarantee of the proprietor / promoter. No collateral security up to Rs.10 lakhs.

Eligible units to be covered under CGMSE. (excluding Margin Money / subsidy component)

The program is applicable for setting up new units only.

**Margin Money (Subsidy) & Beneficiary own contribution:**

(I) For setting up of new micro enterprise (units):

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| **Categories of beneficiaries under PMEGP** | **Beneficiary’s own contribution (of project cost)** | **Rate of Subsidy** | |
| **Area (location of project/unit)** |  | **Urban** | **Rural** |
| General Category | 10% | 15% | 25% |
| Special (including SC/ST/OBC /Minorities/ Women, Ex-Servicemen, Physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc) | 5% | 25% | 35% |

(ii) 2nd Loan for upgradation of existing PMEGP/REGP/MUDRA units.

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| **Categories of beneficiaries under PMEGP (for upgradation of existing units)** | **Beneficiary's contribution**  **(of project cost)** | **Rate of Subsidy**  **(of project cost)** |
| All Categories | 10% | 15% (20% in NER and Hill States) |

Source:https://www.kviconline.gov.in/pmegpeportal/dashboard/notification/PMEGP\_Guidelines\_Certified\_2022\_3.pdf

**2. PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME)**

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a centrally sponsored "PM Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country.

**Aim:** i) Enhance the competitiveness of existing or new individual micro -enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector and

ii) Support Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.

**Objectives:** The objectives of scheme are to build capability of microenterprises to enable:

1. Increased access to credit by existing micro food processing entrepreneurs, FPOs, Self Help Groups and Co-operatives;
2. Integration with organized supply chain by strengthening branding & marketing;
3. Support for transition of existing 2,00,000 enterprises into formal framework;
4. Increased access to common services like common processing facility, laboratories, storage, packaging, marketing and incubation services;
5. Strengthening of institutions, research and training in the food processing sector; and
6. Increased access for the enterprises, to professional and technical support.

**Scheme Duration**: From 2020-21 to 2024-25

**Important Guidelines:**

1. The Scheme adopts One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap the benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products.
2. As per letter from Joint Sec dated 08.08.2023, some relaxation has been provided in ODOP and eligibility of beneficiaries availed credit under some other Govt. Schemes.
3. The applications with CIBIL score above 650 may be considered.
4. Exemption of service area concept.
5. Enterprise should employ less than 10 workers.
6. Convergence is applicable.

**Support/Subsidy to Food Processing Units:**

* 1. Credit linked grant at 35% of the project cost with max grant of up to Rs.10.00 Lakhs & 10% beneficiary contribution.
  2. Support to individual SHG member as a single unit of food processing industry with credit linked grant @35% with maximum amount being Rs 10 lakhs.
  3. Support for capital investment at federation of SHG level, with credit linked grant @35%. Maximum limit of grant in such cases would be as prescribed.

Source:<https://www.pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/newsletters/docs/SchemeGuidelines.pdf>

**3. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**

Hon’ble Finance Minister announced on 15.05.2020, Rs.1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers. Financing facility of Rs. 1,00,000 crores will be provided for funding Agriculture Infrastructure Projects at farm-gate & aggregation points (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, Farmers Producer Organizations, Agriculture entrepreneurs, Start-ups, etc).

**Objective:** To mobilize a medium - long term debt finances facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through incentives and financial support in order to improve agriculture infrastructure in the country.

**Implementation Period of Scheme:** The Scheme will be operational from 2020-21 to 2032-33.

**Repayment period and Moratorium**: maximum period of 7 years including the moratorium period of up to 2 years. (Minimum of 6 Months).

**Interest Subvention:** All loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of ₹ 2 crore. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of 7 years. In case of loans beyond ₹ 2 crore, then interest subvention will be limited up to ₹ 2 crore.

**CGTMSE Coverage**: Credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers from this financing facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to ₹ 2 crore. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Government. In case of FPOs the credit guarantee may be availed from the facility created under FPO promotion scheme of DA&FW. However, FPOs are also eligible for reimbursement of credit guarantee fee under AIF.

**Convergence:** Any grant or subsidy available under any present or future scheme of Central/State government can be availed for projects under this financing facility, e.g. MIDH, PMFME, SMAM, Gobar-Dhan, PMKSY, AMI, PACS as MSC, RKVY, PM-KUSUM (B and C), PMEGP etc. In cases of capital subsidy such amount shall be considered as promoter’s contribution.

However, a minimum of 10% of the project cost shall be mandatory as promoter’s contribution.

**Sector specific focus:** 24% of total grants – in – aid under the scheme should be utilized for SC/ST entrepreneurs (16% for SC and 8% for ST). Besides this, lending institutions would ensure adequate coverage of entrepreneurs belonging to women and other weaker segments of society may be provided loan on priority basis to ensure that benefits of implementation are inclusive and accrued to the intended beneficiaries in accordance with Government guidelines and policies.

**Source:** <https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Content/DocAttachment/FINALSchemeGuidelinesAIF.pdf>

**4. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)**

**Objectives:**

1. To help increasing of milk and meat processing capacity and product diversification thereby
2. providing greater access for unorganized rural milk and meat producers to organized milk and meat market
3. To make available increased price realization for the producer
4. To make available quality milk and meat products for the domestic consumer
5. To fulfill the objective of protein enriched quality food requirement of the growing population of the country and prevent malnutrition in one of the highest malnourished children population in the world.
6. Develop entrepreneurship and generate employment
7. To promote exports and increase the export contribution in the milk and meat sector.
8. To make available quality concentrated animals feed to the cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, pig and poultry to provide balanced ration at affordable prices.

**Eligible Entities (EEs) for Support Under AHIDF:**

Following are the eligible entities for availing benefits under the AHIDF Scheme

a. Farmer Producer Organization(FPO)

b. Private companies

c. Individual entrepreneurs

d. Section 8 companies

e. Micro Small and Medium Enterprises

**Implementing Agency:** Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund will be implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**Quantum of Loan:** The project under the AHIDF shall be eligible for loan up to 90% of the estimated/ actual project cost from any Scheduled Bank, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), based on submission of viable projects by eligible beneficiaries.

**Margin money:** 10% - 25%

**Interest Subvention**: 3% for all eligible entities. Eligible Entities will not be able to get the interest subvention, if the EE is defaulter of repayment of loan amount in any given year.

**Credit Guarantee:** The credit guarantee will be provided only for those projects which are viable and are covered under MSME defined ceiling and the guarantee coverage would up to 25% of the credit facility available to the borrower.

**Repayment period:** Max 8 years inclusive of moratorium of 2 years on principal amount.

**Source:**https://ahidf.udyamimitra.in/PDF/ANIMAL-HUSBANDRY-INFRASTRUCTURE-DEVELOPMENT-FUND.pdf

1. **PM Vishwakarma**

PM Vishwakarma, aims at improving the quality, as well as the reach of products and services of artisans and craftspeople and to ensure that the Vishwakarmas are integrated with the domestic and global value chains.

**Scheme Period:** Five years up to 2027-28.

**Eligibility:** An artisan or craftsperson working with hands and tools and engaged in one of the family-based traditional trades specified in Para 2.3 of the guidelines, in the unorganized sector on self-employment basis, shall be eligible for registration under PM Vishwakarma.

**Age:** The minimum age of the beneficiary should be 18 years on the date of registration.

**Benefits under PM Vishwakarma:**

**a. Recognition:** PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card.

**b. Skill Upgradation** - Each beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a training stipend of Rs.500 per day while undergoing the Basic and Advanced Training programmes.

**c. Toolkit Incentive** - A toolkit incentive of Rs. 15,000 will be provided to the beneficiary after Skill Verification at the start of Basic Training.

**d. Credit Support -** The total quantum of loan assistance would be Rs.3,00,000/- wherein, the beneficiaries can avail the first loan tranche upto Rs.1,00,000/- and second loan tranche upto Rs 2,00,000/-.

**e. Incentive for Digital Transactions** - An amount of Re. 1 per eligible digital transaction (upto a maximum of 100 eligible transaction) monthly will be credited to the beneficiary’s bank account in DBT mode.

**f. Marketing Support-** The National Committee for Marketing (NCM) will provide marketing and branding support for the products of the artisans and craftspeople registered under the Scheme.

**Tenure of the Loan**: 1st Tranche Loan amount up to Rs.1.0 Lakh, Repayment period 18 Months.

2nd Tranche Loan amount up to Rs.2.00 Lakhs, Repayment period 30 months.

**Rate of Interest:** Concessional rate of interest chargeable for loans from beneficiaries will be fixed at 5%. The interest subvention by the Government of India will be to an extent of 8% and provided upfront to the banks.

**Credit Guarantee:** A Graded Guarantee Cover for all loans sanctioned by the Lending Institutions shall be covered by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).

Source:https://pmvishwakarma.gov.in/cdn/MiscFiles/eng\_v28.0\_PM\_Vishwakarma\_Guidelines\_final.pdf

**7. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**

DAY-NRLM is the flagship program of Govt. of India for promoting poverty reduction through building strong institutions of the poor, particularly women, and enabling these institutions to access a range of financial services and livelihood services.

A women’s Self-Help Group (SHG), coming together on the basis of mutual affinity is the primary building block of the DAY-NRLM community institutional design. DAY-NRLM focuses on building, nurturing and strengthening the institutions of the poor women, including the SHGs and their Federations at village and higher levels.

**Members in one SHG**: Women SHGs under DAY-NRLM consist of 10-20 persons. In case of special SHGs i.e. groups in the difficult areas, groups with disabled persons, and groups formed in remote tribal areas, this number may be a minimum of 5 persons.

**Revolving Fund (RF):** DAY-NRLM would provide Revolving Fund (RF) support to SHGs in existence for a minimum period of 3/6 months and follow the norms of good SHGs, i.e. they follow ‘Panchasutra’ – regular meetings, regular savings, regular internal lending, regular recoveries and maintenance of proper books of accounts. Only such SHGs that have not received any RF earlier will be provided with RF, as corpus, with a minimum of ₹10, 000 and up to a maximum of ₹15,000 per SHG. The purpose of RF is to strengthen their institutional and financial management capacity and build a good credit history within the group.

**No Capital Subsidy will be sanctioned to any SHG from the date of implementation of DAY-NRLM.**

**Interest Subvention:** DAY-NRLM has a provision for interest subvention, to cover the difference between the Lending Rate of the banks and 7%, on all credit from the banks/ financial institutions availed by women SHGs, for a maximum of ₹3,00,000 per SHG.

**The eligibility criteria for the SHGs to avail loans:**

* SHG should be in active existence at least since the last 6 months as per the books of account of SHGs and not from the date of opening of S/B account.
* SHG should be practicing ‘Panchasutras’ i.e. Regular meetings; Regular savings; Regular inter-loaning; Timely repayment; and Up-to-date books of accounts;
* Qualified as per grading norms fixed by NABARD. As and when the federations of the SHGs come to existence, the grading exercise can be done by the Federations to support the Banks.
* The existing defunct SHGs are also eligible for credit if they are revived and continue to be active for a minimum period of 3 months.

**Security and Margin:** No collateral and no margin will be charged up to ₹10.00 lakhs limit to the SHGs. No lien should be marked against savings bank account of SHGs and no deposits should be insisted upon while sanctioning loans.

Source: FIDD.GSSD.CO.BC.No.05/09.01.01/2018-19, July 03, 2018

1. **Dr. Ambedkar Development Corporation – SEP, ISB and Dairy Schemes**

Target group : SC

Ager limit : upto 60 years

Income Ceiling : Rural Rs. 81000 PA

Urban Rs. 103000 PA

Type of activities : SEP, ISB & Dairy

**Project Cost & Subsidy:**

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| **Activity** | **Project Cost** | **Subsidy** |
| **SEP** | Upto 1 Lakh | 50% of project cost or  Rs.35000 whichever is lesser |
| **ISB** | 1 Lakh to 20 20 Lakhs  Upto 5 Lakhs  5 Lakhs to 10 Lakhs  10 Lakhs to 20 Lakhs | 70% of project cost or  Rs.3.50 Lakhs whichever is lesser.  60% of project cost or  Rs.5.00 Lakhs whichever is lesser.  50% of project cost or  Rs.5.00 Lakhs whichever is lesser |
| **DAIRY**  2 Animals (6 Liters/day)  2 Animals (8 Liters/day)  2 Animals (10 Liters/day) | Rs. 82000/-  Rs. 92000/-  Rs. 102000/- | .  Rs. 41000/- (50%)  Rs. 46000/- (50%)  Rs. 50000/-  **Subsidy :Front ended** |

Source: <https://adcl.karnataka.gov.in/23/schemes/en>

**9. Udyogini**

Encouraging women to take loans from Banks and other financial institutions to take up income generating activities listed by KSWDC or other profitable activities for which KSWDC assists in the form of subsidy.

**Unit cost and subsidy:**

1. For women belonging to Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribe, unit cost is minimum Rs.1.00 lakh to maximum of Rs.3.00 lakhs. Subsidy is 50% of the loan amount, income limit of the family should be below Rs.2.00 lakhs per year.
2. For women belonging to special category and general category maximum unit cost is Rs.3.00 lakhs. Subsidy for special category women and for general category women is 30% or maximum of Rs. 90,000/-. With EDP training to selected beneficiaries.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Family income should be less than Rs.1,50,000/- for women belonging to general and special category.
* Age limit is between 18 to 55 years for all categories.
* After the sanction of loan, EDP training for 3 to 6 days is provided to these women before the release of loan.

The objective of the scheme is to avoid women going to private money lenders or other financial institutions for loan with higher interest rate.

Source: <https://kswdc.karnataka.gov.in/21/udyogini/en>

**10. Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation limited**

**Self-Employment Programmes:-**

1. **Self-Employment Direct Loan Scheme (1.0 Lakh Subsidy):**

To facilitate the scheduled tribes to engage themselves for Diary Farming in Rural areas on 50% of Schemes Total Target and rest 50% for small business activities like, petty shop, readymade garments shop, sheep and goat raring, fishery, fruits and vegetable shop, tailoring etc in Urban areas. Corporation is extending financial assistance of Rs.1,00,000/- to each beneficiary 50% on total target for Diary Farming purpose and rest 50% for other business. This amount of assistance includes subsidy of Rs. 50,000/- and Loan of Rs. 50,000/-.

1. **Women’s- Industries, Services, and Business(2.0 Lakhs subsidy):**

Under this scheme, the Scheduled Tribal women will be provided with subsidy from the Corporation and bank loan facility to start self-employment units in small business, small industry and service sectors. 70% of the unit cost or a maximum of Rs.2.00 lakhs will be subsidy and the remaining amount will be bank loan.

1. **Svavalambhi Sarathi Scheme (4.0 Lakhs subsidy):**

Under this scheme, the Scheduled Tribe youth and women will be provided with subsidy from the Corporation and bank loan facility to start self-employment units in small business, small industry and service sectors. 70% of the unit cost or a maximum of Rs.4.00 lakhs will be subsidy for the purpose of purchasing goods transport vehicle, Tractor and the remaining amount will be bank loan.

Source: <https://kmvstdcl.karnataka.gov.in/info-2/Self+Employment+Program/en>

**11. Karnataka Adijamabava Development Corporation**

**Self-Employment Schemes - ISB Scheme (Industry Service Business)**

**ISB-1:-** Under this scheme Rs.2.00 Lakhs subsidy will be sanctioned to the unemployed madiga and related scheduled caste beneficiary for the loan sanctioned by the bank.

**ISB-2:-** Under this scheme Rs.3.50 Lakhs subsidy will be sanctioned to the unemployed madiga and related scheduled caste beneficiary for the purpose of goods vehicle for the loan sanctioned by the bank.

**ISB-3:-** Under this scheme electric or non-electric two wheeler vehicle will be sanctioned to the unemployed madiga and related scheduled caste beneficiary under e-commerce. The unit cost is Rs.0.70 Lakhs out of which Rs.0.50 Lakhs is Subsidy and Rs.0.20 Lakhs is Loan.

**Features:**

* Under this scheme to engage in self-employment activity the financial assistance will be provided to the men and women belonging to scheduled castes madiga and related castes.

**Eligibility:**

* Applicants must belong to scheduled castes madiga and its related community.
* If the caste certificate is submitted in the name of Adi Karnataka, Adi Andhra, Adi dravida then a self-declaration certificate is to be submitted by the applicant stating his original caste.
* Should be resident of Karnataka state.
* The applicant and no member of his family should not be in employment in any Govt./Semi Govt organization.
* The applicant and his family members if availed any loan will be considered ineligible.
* The applicant should have a required space to start the unit.

**Conditions:**

* Beneficiaries must be selected by the Selection Committee.
* Annual income of the applicant’s family shall be within the limit of Rs.1.50 lakhs in case of rural areas and Rs.2.00 lakhs in case of urban areas.
* Applicant shall be at the age of 21 and above and 50 and below.
* Subsidy amount will be sanctioned only to those units in which bank loan is sanctioned.
* Application will be rejected, if he/she found to be ineligible during the process of selection.
* The subsidy amount will be released directly to the bank in the name of beneficiary.

**The documents to be submitted by the applicant along with application:**

* Application
* Photo
* Caste certificate (with R.D. Number)
* Income certificate (with R.D. Number)
* Aadhar Card
* Bank Pass book
* Experience Certificate
* Vehicle License

Source:<https://adijambava.karnataka.gov.in/5/entrepreneurship-scheme-isb-scheme/en>

**12. 4% Interest Subsidy Scheme for SC/ST Entrepreneurs**

The Government of Karnataka, social welfare Department is implementing the 4% interest subsidy scheme for SC/SST entrepreneurs through Karnataka State Financial Corporation. However in view of the representations to implement this scheme through commercial banks including co-operative banks, the following is announcement is made in the budget of 2016-17.

**Terms & Conditions of the Scheme:**

* The units of manufacturing /industry/service activities as per the norms of the banks are eligible to claim interest subsidy under the scheme by SC/ST entrepreneurs.
* For fresh unit as well as for expansion and modernization of existing unit but not availed the interest subsidy earlier from KSFC.
* The entrepreneurs are eligible to avail the benefit only once.
* The unit shall be fully owned i.e. 100% by SC / ST entrepreneurs.
* SC/ST Certificate should be issued from competent authority in Karnataka only.
* Maximum loan limit of Rs. 10.00 Cr includes Term Loan and one time working capital based on the project proposal but working capital is restricted to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs.
* The proposal should be for minimum loan amount is Rs. 20.00 Lakhs under this scheme.
* The beneficiary has to pay only 4% interest on the loan amount.
* Repayment period is 8 years including moratorium in case of loan upto Rs. 5.00 Cr and up to 10 years in case of loan above Rs. 5.00 Cr but below 10.00 Cr.
* Banks are at liberty to consider any amount of project cost/loan. However, the interest subsidy is restricted up to Rs. 10.00 Cr only. If the loan amount is more than 10.00 Cr, then the full interest amount on the balance loan over and above Rs. 10.00 cr is required to be borne by the entrepreneurs.
* Banks may sanction loans with normal applicable rate of interest. The effective interest rate to be paid by the barrower is 4% only. The difference between the normal lending rate of banks and effective interest rate of 4% will be reimbursed by the Government of Karnataka.
* Banks will be fully responsible for recovery of the principle and interest @ 4% from the barrower. Government shall release these subsidies over and above 4% interest only after paying the principle installments due along with interest by the borrower. Further, in case of defaults in payment of instalment and interest the Government will not extend interest subsidy for that period. But once the installments are regularized again the interest subsidy is eligible.
* The units which availed the interest subsidy under any other scheme of Government of Karnataka / Government of India are not eligible for interest subsidy under this scheme.
* The banks should also prescribe a condition that the unit availing the interest subsidy scheme should provide employment to SC / ST persons to the extend of 50% of the employees to be employed.
* The interest subsidy 3mount shall be reimbursed to the banks by the Commissioner for Social Welfare for Scheduled Caste applicants and Director for Scheduled Tribes for Scheduled Tribe applicants on receiving the claims from the banks through their Nodal officer.

**13. Agriclincs And Agri-Business Centres (ACABC) Scheme**

**Objectives of the scheme:**

* To supplement efforts of public extension by necessarily providing extension and other services to the farmers on payment basis or free of cost as per business model of agri-preneur, local needs and affordability of target group of farmers;
* To support agricultural development; and
* To create gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed agricultural graduates, agricultural diploma holders, intermediate in agriculture and biological science graduates with PG in agri-related courses.

**Agri-Clinics:** Agri-Clinics are envisaged to provide expert advice and services to farmers on various technologies including soil health, cropping practices, plant protection, crop insurance, post harvest technology and clinical services for animals, feed and fodder management, prices of various crops in the market etc. which would enhance productivity of crops/animals and ensure increased income to farmers.

**Agri-Business Centres:** Agri-Business Centres are commercial units of agriventures established by trained agriculture professionals. Such ventures may include maintenance and custom hiring of farm equipment, sale of inputs and other services in agriculture and allied areas, including post harvest management and market linkages for income generation and entrepreneurship development**.**

**Eligibility criteria for candidates:**

The borrower should be an Agriculture Graduates / Graduates in subjects allied to agriculture like horticulture, animal husbandry, and forestry, dairy, veterinary, poultry farming, pisciculture and other allied activities.

Constitution – individual, joint or partnership firms, Limited companies,

**Training and hand holding:** National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) will be responsible for providing training to eligible candidates, through Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs) and motivating them for setting up of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres.

**Project Cost Ceiling:** Ceiling of project cost for subsidy is Rs. 20 lakh for an individual project (25 lakh in case of extremely successful individual projects) and up to Rs. 100 lakh for a group project (Established by a group comprising at least 5 trained persons under the scheme).

**Term Loan:** The term loan would be composite in nature and participating bank(s) would extend bank loan as per the TFO, which would include fixed capital cost and working capital for one operating cycle. Loan sanctioned will be the differential amount between TFO and margin money.

**Repayment:** Repayment period will depend on the nature of activity and will vary between 5 to 10 years. The repayment period may include a maximum grace period of 2 years (to be decided by the financing bank as per needs of individual projects).

**Rate of interest:** ROI on term loan shall be as per RBI guidelines and declared policy of the bank in this regard. Interest would be chargeable on borrower’s accounts as per RBI/ Bank’s policy.

**Margin money:** The stipulations on margin money shall be in accordance with the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India issued from time to time. In case of loans up to Rs. 5 lakh, no margin money is required as per present norms.

**Security:** As most of the eligible activities pertain to agricultural input supply and services and the cost of investment will be less than Rs. 25 lakh in most cases, the security norms applicable to tiny industries as prescribed in RBI circular No.RPCD.PLNFS.BC.65/06.02.31/ 99-2000 dated 31.3.2000 would be made applicable to these units. Accordingly, up to a loan amount of Rs. 5 lakh, the loans can be secured against hypothecation of assets created and no further security

would be necessary.

**Time limit for completion of the project:** Time limit for completion of the project would be as envisaged under the project, subject to maximum of 6 months period from the date of disbursement of the first instalment of loan by financial institution, which may be extended by a

further period of 6 months, if reasons for such delay are considered justifiable by the financial institution concerned.

If the project is not completed within the stipulated period, benefit of subsidy shall not be available and advance subsidy placed with the participating bank, if any, will have to be refunded forthwith to NABARD.

**Subsidy:** Subsidy pattern has been revised from “capital and interest subsidy” to “Composite Subsidy” which will be back-ended in nature. It will be 44% of project cost for women, SC/ST & all categories of candidates from NE and Hill states and 36% of project cost for all others. Interest subsidy scheme is replaced with enhanced quantum of back-ended subsidy.

**Source:** Revised Agri Clinics and Agri Business Centers (ACABC) scheme – 2018

**14. Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)**

**Major objectives**:

* To develop marketing infrastructure to effectively handle and manage marketable surpluses of agricultural and allied produce including horticulture livestock, poultry, fishery, bamboo, minor forest produce and such like produce supportive to enhance farmers’ income.
* To promote innovative and latest technologies in post-harvest and agricultural marketing infrastructure.
* To benefit the farmers individually and collectively through FPOs from farm level processing and marketing of processed produce along with promotion of small size processing units.
* To provide infrastructure facilities for grading, standardization and quality certification of agricultural and allied produce with the objectives of (a) ensuring produce quality based value realization to farmers; and (b) promoting pledge financing, e-NWRS and futures trading.

**Eligible Marketing Infrastructure:**

As one of the objectives of the sub-scheme is to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce, activities which are in the nature of either storage or other marketing infrastructure up to primary processing will be covered. Primary processing for the purpose of this sub scheme relates to value addition to a raw agricultural produce which, after processing, does not result in change of product form. Primary processing for which subsidy under AMI is available are those such as cleaning, cutting, de-podding, de-cortication, dehusking, de-sheller, Grain cleaner, specific gravity separator, mini rice huller, drying equipments (solar/normal), bleaching, grading, sorting, packing/bag stitching, labelling, waxing, ripening, chilling, pasteurization, homogenization, freezing, refrigeration and other value addition activities etc.

Further, Mini Oil expeller for extraction of edible vegetable oil (as per FSSAI but without refining) from indigenous oilseeds (viz. Mustard seed, Sesame seed, Ground nut, Linseed, Mahua, Safflower, Nigerseed Oil, Coconut, Almond and Olive only) and Mini Dal mill for primary processing of pulses, which includes cleaning, grading, sorting, splitting, packaging and labelling for promoting direct marketing, are also eligible. The subsidy for such projects is restricted to the construction of sheds and oil expellers operated up to the power of 7.5 Horse Power (HP).

Capacity of 50-5000 MT for all categories of promoters across the country and Capacity of 50-10000 MT for State agencies, in all the States/UTs are eligible for claiming subsidy under the sub-scheme.

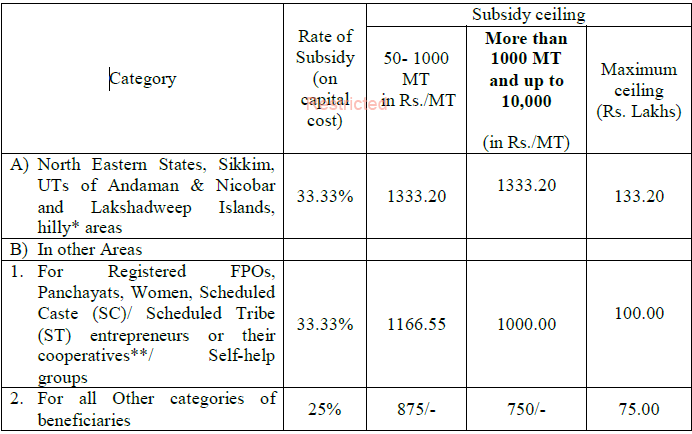
**There is no provision of assistance for renovation of storage infrastructure projects under the Scheme.**

**Promoter’s Contribution & Term Loan:**

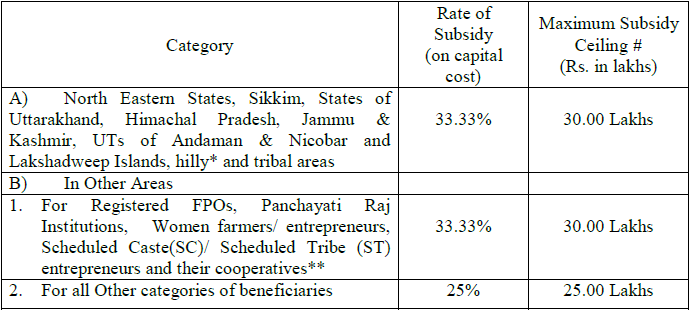
Minimum promoter’s contribution should be 20% of the project cost. This should also be ensured at the time of actual expenditure on completion of the project. If it is less than 20%, the actual TFO of the project shall be restricted to 5 times of the promoter’s contribution on completion of the project for the calculation of subsidy. Minimum Term loan (including subsidy) to be sanctioned by the Financial Institution (FI) should be 50% of the project cost. The promoter’s contribution may vary from 20-50% of TFO and the term loan may vary from 50-80% of the TFO.

However, Promoter’s contribution for storage infrastructure projects of State Government and State Government agencies financed under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)/ Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) of NABARD may be relaxed as per their respective fund guidelines.

Promoter’s Contribution in case of own funded State agency projects should be 75% / 66.67% of the project cost as the case may be.

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**15. Pradhan Mantri – Samajik Utthan Evam Rozgar Aadharit Jankalyan (PM – SURAJ)**

Hon’ble Prime Minister digitally launched the ‘Pradhan Mantri – Samajik Utthan Evam Rozgar Aadharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) scheme and its portal 13.03.2024. The scheme has been launched to economically empower people belonging to socially backward classes, scheduled castes, tribes and other disadvantaged sections of the society.

The program provides a subsidy of 60% for system up to 2 KW capacity, and 40% for system between 2 and 3 KW capacity. The subsidy is limited to a maximum capacity of 3 KW.

**Subsidy:** At current benchmark pricing, this translates to a Rs. 30000/- subsidy for a 1 KW system, Rs. 60000/- for a 2 KW system and Rs. 78000/- for 3 KW system or above.

**Eligibility:**

* 1. The applicant must be an Indian citizen.
  2. Must own a house with roof that is suitable for installing solar panels.
  3. The household must have a valid electricity connection.
  4. The house hold must not have availed of any other subsidy for solar panels.

**Margin:** Minimum 10% of Total Project cost shall be contributed by the Borrower.

**Security:** Hypothecation of the equipment to be purchased out of the loan component.

**Loan amount:** Max 2 lakhs

**Maximum loan tenure:** 120 months (10 Years)

**\*Note:** Kindly refer scheme guidelines for complete information regarding Govt. sponsored schemes.