

Clusters - Scheme for Assistance to Cluster Development

Introduction

The State Government intends to encourage Research & Development Institutions/ University/ Industries Associations for creating necessary common infrastructure facilities in different activities like environmental protection measures, productivity improvement, quality up gradation, promotional activities like trade & export promotion, participation in trade fairs, contract research work for member units, creating/ up gradation of common infrastructure facilities.

Benefits

The quantum of assistance will be need based depending on the type of the proposal and activities covered by the Association, besides technical and managerial capability of the Association, level of maturity, administrative set up, past track record, transparency in operations etc.

Normally the financial assistance will range between 25% of the project proposal in case of training expenditure component and 25% to 50% of cost in other components. The State Level Committee will take the final decision depending on the activities covered in the project.

Eligible Criteria

The Government aims to empower the clusters by providing need based financial assistance for taking up activities like technology up gradation among member units with the assistance from R&D Institution/University, product design, quality improvement, common branding and marketing facilities, development of common facilities such as raw material or product warehouse, testing laboratory, R&D institution, tool room facilities, skill development facilities/programmes for workers and supervisors, capacity building and productivity improvement through different schemes. Besides, assistance will be provided for up gradation/creation of common infrastructure facilities.

The Industries Association in the cluster will be encouraged.

Application Process Flow

1. Proposal submitted by R&D institution/Industries Association/Industrial units.
2. Preliminary Scrutiny.
3. Modified/Revised proposal.
4. Presentation by the proposer.
5. Inclusion of proposed suggestion in the proposal by the proposer.
6. Consideration of the proposal by the R&D Committee.
7. Sanction and Release of Grant.
8. Submission of detailed action plan by the proposer.
9. Implementation of the project.
10. Monitoring and review by Monitoring Committee.

Necessary Documents(Mandatory)

Project proposal should include details of proposed activities, proposer's profile and details of the sources of funds and assistance required for specific purposes and the impact of the project on industrial development and technology up gradation.

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