

4. FUNCTIONS

- i. To finance viable income generating Scheme(s)/ Project(s) through the SCAs for the economic development of eligible Scheduled Tribes.
- ii. To provide grants through the SCAs for undertaking training programmes for the skill and entrepreneurial development of eligible Scheduled Tribes.
- iii. To upgrade skills of officials of the SCAs through periodic training.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- i. The beneficiary should belong to the Scheduled Tribes community.
- ii. Annual family income of the beneficiary should not exceed double the poverty line (DPL) income limit (presently Rs.31,952/- p.a. for the rural areas and Rs.42,412/- p.a. for the urban areas).
- iii. Individual, Partnership Firms/Co-operative Societies / any other form of Legal Associations are eligible to avail financial assistance from NSTFDC. However, proposals submitted by the Partnership Firms, Co-operative Societies and any other forms of Legal Associations shall be subject to the following:
 - a) All the members should belong to the Scheduled Tribes community.
 - b) Annual family income of each member/applicant should not exceed double the poverty line income limit.

6. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

a) CRITERIA

At the beginning of each financial year, funds are notionally allocated by the NSTFDC to the SCAs in proportion to the Scheduled Tribes population in the respective States and UTs. This is intimated to the SCAs. The SCAs may ensure the flow of funds in such a manner so as to maintain proper balance among different districts/regions, sectors and achieve an equitable gender-wise balance among the beneficiaries.

b) UNIT COST

Within the overall allocation, funds are to be allocated keeping the following broad norms:

	<u>%age of Notional Allocation</u>
i) Scheme(s)/Project(s)/per unit/profit centre costing upto Rs.5.00 lakh	90%
ii) Scheme(s)/Project(s)/per unit/profit centre costing above Rs.5.00 lakh	10%

c) SECTORAL ALLOCATION

SCAs are to ensure a balanced approach on sectoral allocation while forwarding Scheme(s)/ Project(s) to NSTFDC for consideration. The broad norms of sectoral allocation are as under:-

<u>Sector</u>	<u>%age of Notional Allocation</u>
i) Agriculture & Allied Sector	40%
ii) Service Sector (Including Transport)	50%
iii) Industrial Sector	10%

7. NORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A. TERM LOAN

i) UNIT COST

NSTFDC provides term loan for Scheme(s)/Project(s) costing upto Rs.10.00 lakh Per Unit/Profit Centre.

ii) QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE

NSTFDC provides term loan upto 90% of the cost of the Scheme/Project, subject to the condition that the SCAs contribute their share of assistance as per the scheme and provide the required subsidy. The SCAs may also tie up financial assistance from other sources, if any.

iii) Entire Working Capital requirement for unit/profit centre costing upto Re.1.00 lakh is treated as a part of the project cost.

iv) For Unit/Profit Centre costing above Rs.1.00 lakh, Working Capital requirement upto 30% of the cost of Scheme/Project, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.00 lakhs, is considered as part of the cost of project.

v) PROMOTER'S CONTRIBUTION

<u>Cost Per Unit./ Profit Centre</u>	<u>Minimum Promoter's Contribution</u> (as % age of cost of project) not to be insisted upon
a) Upto Re.1.00 lakh	
b) Above Re.1.00 lakh and upto Rs.2.50 lakh.	2%
c) Above Rs.2.50 lakh and upto Rs.5.00 lakh.	3%
d) Above Rs.5.00 lakh	5%