

(iii) Eligible applicant(s) may submit project proposal in line with NSTFDC's application formats 1, 2 and 3 as may be applicable, to the SCAs.

(iv) The SCAs/other borrowing agencies may also formulate group scheme(s)/project(s) after taking into account the specific needs of the target group.

(v) The SCAs may recommend/submit the proposal(s) to NSTFDC subject to applicant(s) fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

(vi) Copy(ies) of Annual Family Income and Tribe Certificate of the applicant(s) (duly attested) is/are to be sent along with the project report in respect of individual Scheme(s), Project(s).

15. GRANT FOR SKILL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

A. NORM OF ASSISTANCE

(i) Financial assistance in the form of grant is provided through the SCAs for imparting skill and entrepreneurial development training to the eligible Scheduled Tribe persons so as to create opportunities for employment/self employment.

(ii) Under this scheme, upto 85% of the recurring expenditure of the training programme is extended as grant by NSTFDC. Remaining 15% is to be provided by the SCA and or implementing agency /concerned institute etc.

(iii) SCAs while recommending the training programme shall also take necessary steps to assist the trained candidates in getting suitable employment/self employment after the training.

(iv) Along with the proposal, concerned training institute shall submit all relevant information regarding the training course i.e. syllabus, candidates age group, educational level, recognition certificate of the course (if any), details regarding institute's main activities, training programmes already conducted, copies of the Bye-laws, Registration Certificate and Annual Reports (last 3 years, if available) of the Institute etc.

(v) After approval of the proposal, NSTFDC's share shall be released in two instalments i.e. 70% after receipt of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Selection Committee along with list of selected candidates and copy(ies) of advertisement(s), if any for the training Programme. The final instalment of 30% shall be released only after the completion of the course, subject to implementation of the same as per terms and conditions stipulated in the sanction order.

B. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING GRANTS

Detailed proposal may be submitted to NSTFDC by the SCAs.

16. GRANT FOR COMPUTERISATION OF DATABASE OF SCAs

A. NORMS OF ASSISTANCE

NSTFDC may provide one time assistance in the form of grant upto Re.1.00 lakh per SCA for computerisation of their database. However the grant is not available to the SCAs who have already availed the same from NSFDC/Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment/Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

B. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING GRANTS

i. Proposals indicating the items required along with quotations for creation of data base of SCAs may be submitted by them to NSTFDC. A certificate to the effect of not having received any assistance for this purpose from the NSFDC/Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment/Ministry of Tribal Affairs may also be given.

ii. Details of existing infrastructure (equipment, if any and manpower.) concerning management of the database of SCAs may also be included in the proposal.

17. EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (EDPs) FOR OFFICIALS OF SCAs

i) NSTFDC provides training to the officials of SCAs for upgradation of their skills in project identification, formulation, appraisal, implementation, monitoring and recovery of loans etc. For this purpose, the SCAs may approach NSTFDC.

ii) NSTFDC meets the entire expenditure towards cost of faculty and course material etc. for undertaking such programmes.

18. GENERAL

a) Financial assistance from NSTFDC is routed through the SCAs only.

b) Separate account of funds and beneficiaries, etc. are to be maintained by the SCAs in respect of assistance received from NSTFDC.

c) Where a scheme contains identical unit(s)/profit centre(s), in such cases NSTFDC's assistance will be limited to Rs.150 lakhs per scheme.

d) Those who own the assets under NSTFDC assistance are considered as beneficiaries.

e) NSTFDC Term loan/Bridge loan is not extended for sick/existing units.

f) Working Capital Assistance is extended through the existing agencies only.

g) Under transport sector schemes, only one vehicle per beneficiary/institution is considered for sanction and the applicant should have valid driving licence for this purpose.

h) Under NSTFDC assisted schemes, physical assets are required to display prominently of having been financed by NSTFDC. Advertisement, if any, released for this purpose shall also indicate this fact.