

Financial assistance from the corporation would flow towards training and education requirements of the disabled groups under both formal and non-formal education/training which would impart useful knowledge and skill. Formal training would equip the beneficiary to improve his/her chances of employment and self-employment through completing appropriate vocational/academic courses leading to the certificate/diploma or other qualification. While higher education (under graduate, post-graduate and doctoral studies) applications would be considered for loan whereas application for technical education/training leading to diplomas and certificates will be considered as grants, which would meet the beneficiary's expenses towards both tuition fees and hostel facilities provided no other financial assistance or concession(s) is available from any other source for this purpose.

Channelising Agencies are required to furnish lists of recognised institutions identified for imparting training in these areas which will be approved by the Corporation.

Additionally, technical training including non-formal training wherever required will not form part of the project and the expenditure incurred therein will not form part of a loan.

4. Assistance for Agricultural Activities :

Loan assistance is provided to disabled persons for :

- a) Agricultural production and related field such as irrigation, purchase of agriculture machinery, horticulture, sericulture etc.
- b) Purchase of equipment for agriculture services such as custom service (pesticide spray, harvesting etc.) custom hiring of agriculture machinery.
- c) Agriculture marketing (through cooperative societies/Association of disabled farmers), Setting up grading and packing houses, purchase of transport vehicles for marketing of agriculture produce etc.
- d) Purchase of land for agriculture purpose by individual disabled person or by cooperative societies of disabled persons.
- e) Commission agents at Mandi Samities.
- f) Small business such as retail outlets for marketing Organic fertilisers, Pesticides/insecticides. Improved variety of seeds, farm machinery etc.

Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs. 5.00 lakh.

5. Scheme to Promote Manufacturing/Production of Assistive Devices for Disabled persons :

Loan Assistance is provided for setting up small scale industry for manufacturing aids and appliances developed under R&D programmes of Govt./academic institutions of repute for disabled within the country. The company should employ disabled persons.

Maximum loan available under this scheme is Rs. 25.00 lakh.

6. Assistance for Skills & Entrepreneurial Development Programmes :

- a) Financial assistance in the form of loan is provided to the channelising agencies, reputed NGO's, RRTC's and recognised technical institutions for imparting skills and entrepreneurial development training to disabled persons.

Financial assistance is also provided for setting up vocational training centres including computer training centre, exclusively for imparting skills and entrepreneurial development training to disabled persons.