

## Guidelines for Submission of Proposals under Societal Development Schemes

### About the Scheme:

The department has a scheme on "Biotech-based Programmes for Societal Upliftment", which is being implemented throughout the country to benefit SC/ST, women and rural people. Through this scheme, proven and field-tested technologies are being transferred to help the target population in their skills development, employment and income generation etc.

### Mode of Funding:

In this programme area (SC/ST Population, Rural Development and Women), proposals will be invited through announcements on DBT website with the mechanism adopted. No proposals will be accepted directly submitted through open ended mechanism from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016. Only short-listed/ qualified concepts/ ideas will be invited to submit the detail proposal in the prescribed format available on the DBT online systems i.e. through e-ProMIS (website: [www.dbtpromis.nic.in](http://www.dbtpromis.nic.in)).

### Supporting Areas:

The projects are being supported in the areas viz. agriculture and allied sector, health, nutrition & sanitation, environment, value chain, agripreneurship development and biodiversity conservation. The programme will also be supported in rehabilitation and restoration of natural calamity affected areas.

### Who can apply?

- J Universities, National Labs, Autonomous Institutions and Colleges, partially funded KVKs, voluntary organizations/ NGOs/VOs/ Social Trust/ Foundations etc. can apply for the funding support.
- J In case of NGOs, projects should be submitted in collaboration with other Government funded agencies/ institutes having proven track record etc.
- J Proposals receiving from NGOs/ Social Trusts/ Foundations would be considered support only in joint collaboration with the Government Institutions by reflecting the project activities and work plan and implementation schedule jointly. To complete the goal in joint collective efforts DBT will provide budget to both the Govt. Institutes and the associated NGOs/ Social Trusts/ Foundations proportionately. However, Government Agencies can apply directly for funding the projects without association of NGOs/ Social Trusts/ Foundations, with a demonstration of their activities in societal based extension programmes and based on the success of projects undertaken by them previously.

### Essential Requirements:

- J Before the submission of the proposal the baseline survey data should be available for the work to be undertaken.
- J The PI should have essential qualifications/ experience in the proposed area.

- J At least one co-investigator of the similar background is required to be included in the proposal. However, in network project two or three co-investigators may be included in the proposal.
- J PI and Co-PI should not beyond the age of 65 years at the time of proposal submission.
- J Detailed self signed bio-data of the Investigators (in the prescribed format, which is given at the end of the project proforma) are essential and necessary forwarding by the organization is mandatory.
- J In case of collaborating networking project, forwarding is required in the certification format of the proforma separately from each of the participating organizations.
- J If ethical clearance is required in the project, the same may be submitted at the time of project submission.
- J The proposal which is submitted to DBT, should not be submitted to any other organization for funding.

#### Requirements for Non-Government Organizations (NGOs):

- J Registration Certificate of the Society/ Association
- J MoA and By-laws
- J Audit report of the organization for the last three years indicating an average transaction of Rs. 10.00 lakhs as per receipt and expenditure statement for each financial year.
- J Annual Report/progress activities for last three years

#### Programme Details:

- J The proposal should be specifically aimed at diffusion of extension activities for the benefit of the society (SC/ST & weaker section, rural population and women) using biotechnological processes/techniques. If required, upto 25% R&D component can be included for standardization/ refinement of protocol/ techniques already developed. The department will not consider proposals purely based on R&D and without having any outreach activity.
- J The objectives of the proposal should be well focused and compact. Maximum 3-4 objectives are required in the proposal.
- J Work-plan and methodology should indicate about number of awareness, training and demonstration programmes, number of direct and indirect beneficiaries (in terms of individuals, families, villages, blocks and districts etc.), names of crops/species and types of interventions proposed alongwith village level exhibition, workshop and other related events should be proposed at the time of proposal submission.
- J The methodology, organization of work elements and time schedule of activities giving milestones should be very clear.
- J The targets and milestones should be laid on a quarterly basis and they should be quantifiable.
- J The number of beneficiaries should be provided both in terms of number of persons and number of families covering with clusters, villages, blocks etc.
- J Marketing linkages with documentary evidences and buyback arrangements should be clearly specified in value chain based projects.

#### Infrastructure requirement:

- J Organizations seeking DBT funding support for conducting training and demonstration activities are required to have essential infrastructure for the proposed activities viz. building, demonstration farms, other field based facility,

essential equipments for analytical and training work, projection facility and other transportation facilities.

#### Selection of the Beneficiaries:

- J The implementing agency should target the villages in the vicinity (which should not be concentrated at the organization's office/headquarter), in which the need of interventions are required for the benefit of the target population.
- J In case of agro based activities, details are required to be provided on new crops cultivation, area to be covered under each activity, likely beneficiaries to be trained, buy-back arrangements and linkages with other user agencies.
- J Self-Help Group (SHG)/ producer group approach is required to be build-up in the implementation schedule. It may help other categories of beneficiaries, who does not have their own land and they can be trained in various other professions like marketing, product making and its launching.

#### Expected Deliverables:

- J The project should clearly bring out the benefits to the target population through technology transfer using locally available resources.
- J Emphasis should be given on income and employment generation in addition to quality life.
- J The impact from the project should create avenues for the target population to get relief from drudgery and migration.
- J Judicious utilization of bio-resources/ conservation in the implementation area through the involvement of target population. It should not lead to environmental degradation or ecological imbalance.
- J During the project duration, implementing agency should encourage formation of SHG/ Cooperatives of the beneficiaries to continue the activity in a sustainable manner. After termination of funding support, assets generated are required to be transferred to the cooperatives formed for further continuation of the project activities. As far as possible assets created from the DBT supported funds should be placed in the vicinity of the beneficiaries in the project operational area.

#### Funding support:

- J Marginal support would be provided for creating small infrastructure/equipment, if it is absolutely essential to create field based labs/KIOSK/ village knowledge centre. In extension programme for diffusion of technology, sophisticated and costly equipment would not be supported.
- J Recurring grant will be limited for engaging project staff, consumables, training and demonstration, travel, contingencies etc.
- J The agencies who fulfill the eligibility conditions may submit the proposal online i.e. through DBT e-ProMIS System (<http://dbtepromis.gov.in/>).

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