



AGRI-CLINICS AND AGRI-BUSINESS CENTRES SCHEME

Better Farming By Every Farmer

Commencement of the scheme	❖ 9 th April 2002 and revised in 2010.
Eligibility criteria for Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Graduates in Agriculture and Allied subjects from Universities recognized by ICAR / UGC, SAUs and of other Agencies approved by DAC, GoI. ❖ Biological Science Graduates with post-Graduation in Agriculture & Allied subjects. ❖ Degree courses recognized by UGC having more than 60% of the course in Agriculture and Allied subjects. ❖ Diploma / Post Graduate Diploma courses with more than 60% of course content in Agriculture and Allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences, from recognized college or universities. ❖ Agricultural Intermediate (i.e. plus two) with at least 55% marks.
Age	❖ No Bar.
Training Period	❖ Two months free residential programme.
Project Cost	❖ Actual total project cost.
Type of Projects	❖ Individual or Group projects under Agriculture / Allied sectors.
Margin Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ No margin money upto Rs.5.00 Lakhs. ❖ 10-15% or as decided by the individual Banks.
Rate of Interest	❖ As determined by Bank (Commercial Bank/ private/ RRB/Cooperative Bank).
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Collateral Security upto a loan amount of Rs.5.00 Lakhs is waived. ❖ Hypothecation of assets, mortgage of lands or third party guarantee.
Repayment period	❖ 5 – 10 years - depends on the project.
Handholding	❖ Up to one year after completion of the training.
Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Total project cost upto Rs.20 Lakhs (Individual) and Rs.100 Lakhs (for a group of 5) is eligible for subsidy. ❖ An additional limit of Rs.5.00 lakhs for subsidy purpose is also provided for extremely successful ventures. ❖ Credit linked, composite and back ended subsidy with a lock in period of 3 years. ❖ Subsidy is linked to extension services to farmers. ❖ 36% for General category. ❖ 44% for Women, SC/ST & North Eastern & Hill States.
Project Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 32 Indicative Projects. ❖ Any project which provides extension services to farmers.
Linkages with ATMA	❖ Minimum 10% of resources of ATMA to be utilized on extension activities through Non-Governmental Sector, including Agripreneurs.
Refresher Training programmes	❖ Conducted for established Agripreneurs with minimum of 3 years experience for updating their knowledge in the chosen area of activity and to promote business links and Bank linkages.
Sensitization of Bankers	❖ Bank officials are sensitized about the AC&ABC scheme and motivated to provide credit and subsidy to Agripreneurs.
Progress till date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 49,031 trained through 77 Nodal Training Institutions. ❖ 20,999 Agri ventures established.

Please submit your application at: <http://www.agriclinics.net/onlineform.asp>

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