

INTEGRATED COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) is a Central Sector Scheme implemented through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Subsidy is available for implementation of the Project under Restructured Central Sector Scheme for under-developed State. This Scheme has an integrated area based approach taking into account the local needs and resources. The Scheme aims at development of cooperatives in agriculture and allied sectors, transforming cooperative as multi-purpose entities and promoting horizontal & vertical functional linkages so as to enable the Cooperatives to cater to the overall needs of rural community.

Activities under the Project:

Under the Scheme, assistance to the Cooperatives is provided for i) development of infrastructural facilities, ii) strengthening working capital in shape of share capital and margin money for augmenting business and iii) manpower development and motivation of personnel in cooperatives. A Project Implementation Agency (PIA), generally the concerned District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB), is identified for each district for implementing the project. The PIA is assisted by a Project Implementing Team (PIT) created specially for implementing the project, the duration of which is normally five years. Project activities are monitored by a Cell specially created for the purpose at the State level.

Under ICDP, emphasis is given on infrastructure development by village level cooperatives, such as establishment of modern office & banking facilities, setting up of consumer shop, construction of scientific storage, godowns; facilities for food processing for value addition; marketing of agricultural and horticultural produce etc. Keeping in view, the importance of manpower development and training, the Scheme provides subsidy for training, managerial assistance for project implementation and monitoring and preparation of project reports and documentation etc.

Funding Pattern :

The ICDP is funded by the NCDC through the State Government. As per the funding pattern of the Scheme, Loan and Subsidy are provided to the State Government for project implementation. The loan is meant for creation of infrastructure facilities, such as godowns, banking counter, transport vehicles, small processing units etc and strengthening the working capital base by providing share capital and margin money assistance for augmenting business. For cooperatively under developed states like Odisha, 20% subsidy is available for creation of infrastructural facilities and also for share capital/ margin money assistance for business development programme under the Restructured Central Sector Scheme. Also, subsidy is provided for project implementation, project preparation, manpower development, monitoring and incentives etc. This is shared by the NCDC and State Government on 50:50 basis. The State Government fund the project by providing 50% of the project cost as loan, 20% as subsidy and balance 30% as share capital to the PIA for various activities at the level of the Cooperative Societies.

The entire PIT cost which includes the administrative expenses of PIT personnel and other contingent expenditure in connection with monitoring and supervising implementation of the project at the Bank/ District! State level, training and manpower development, etc. is provided as subsidy. The total subsidy component, however, should not exceed 30% of the total project cost. Thus, under the Scheme, assistance to cooperatives is provided for development of infrastructural facilities; margin money to enable them to raise requisite working capital and PIT cost which includes capacity building and training of the personnel and members of Cooperatives.