

Assistance for Strengthening of Training Infrastructure of existing and new Entrepreneurship Development Institutions

The scheme will be implemented by the Small Industry Development Organization (MSME-DO) which has the responsibility of promoting and developing the MSME sector in the country through State Governments/Union Territories.

The central assistance to be provided would be only catalytic and supplementary to the contributions and efforts of the States/UT Governments and other agencies involved in the programme. The financial assistance will be for specific needs of each case for improvement in areas like building, training aids/equipment and other support services and will be on matching basis, say 50% of the cost restricted to Rs. 100.00 lakh in each case. The State Govt. will examine the expansion/modernisation programmes of EDIs and forward the same to the Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, recommending central assistance. The proposals would indicate clearly the item-wise estimated cost of the project, and also the sources of finance. The proposals of EDIs received through State Govt. would be scrutinized by the Screening Committee, whose composition would be as under:

- i) AS & DC (MSME) - Chairman
- ii) Director (Deptt. of MSME and ARI) - Member
- iii) Industrial Adviser - Member
- iv) Director/Dy. Secretary (I.F. Wing) - Member

The screening Committee while approving the projects, will decide the quantum of item-wise Central Assistance, as per pattern of assistance given in para 3 above, which would be released/re-imbursed on receipt of a formal request from the State Govt. after taking into consideration the availability of counterpart contribution from States Uts and other agencies involved in the programme and the utilization of funds already released.

The State Govts. will furnish the utilization certificates in the prescribed form, to Deptt. of MSME & ARI, about the proper utilization of the grant by the concerned EDI