

Skilled Youth Startup Scheme

Details

The issue of employment creation has been a matter of great concern since long in Sikkim. The Government of Sikkim having pro-people attitude and the vision to reduce unemployment and create adequate self employment opportunities in the long run has formulated the Skilled Youth Start Up Scheme. The Scheme is intended to generate equitable entrepreneurial opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of the State, particularly among the educated unemployed youth to become self employed by setting up

Manufacturing/Service/Business/Cooperative/Agriculture & allied activities by availing loan (category wise) with back ended subsidy assistance from the State Government @ 50% for BPL and @ 35% for rest on financially viable/ bankable Projects cost.

Objectives:

1. To promote entrepreneurial qualities amongst the local unemployed youth and encourage them for setting up any commercially viable/ bankable business venture in any sector including Agriculture / Horticulture / Food Processing / Animal Husbandry / Handloom & Handicrafts / Retail / Tourism / Services / Manufacturing etc. in the State in tune with the State Government policies.
2. To generate equitable entrepreneurial opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of the State through the setting up of new self-employment ventures/projects by providing one-time non-refundable financial assistance of 50% / 35% with back-ended subsidy on project approval by the Bank/ PSU financial institution.

Benefits

1. Financial support through bank loans with back-ended subsidy of 35% or 50%.
2. Maximum admissible project cost varies by category, up to ₹20 lakhs.
3. Mandatory Entrepreneur Development Training (3 days) provided before loan disbursement.
4. Preference for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) with 50% subsidy eligibility.
5. Support for a wide range of sectors including:
 - Dairy, poultry, piggery, food processing.
 - Wood and bamboo crafts.

- Homestays and tourism.
- IT services, tailoring, coaching centers.
- Automobile workshops and diagnostic centers.

Activities covered and maximum project cost:

S. No.	Category	Maximum Project cost
1	Animal Husbandry, Agriculture & Allied activities-Dairy, Poultry and Piggery	Dairy:5 lakhs, Poultry: 10 lakhs
2	Organic Farming - Green house	3 lakhs
3	Food Processing and other manufacturing sectors	10 lakhs
4	Wood Handicraft & Cottage Industries	10 lakhs
5	Metal Fabrication works	10 lakhs
6	Tourism -Paragliding, Mountain cycling, etc.	10 lakhs
7	Rural Homestays 15 lakhs 8 IT & IT enabled services	10 lakhs
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9	Cutting and tailoring for Cooperative registered societies	20 lakhs
10	Bakery & Restaurants **	15 lakhs
11	Beauty Parlours/Boutique/Grocery/Manihari & other Retail shops 10 lakhs	10 lakhs
12	Coaching Institute/Training Centre	5 lakhs
13	Herbal Products Industry including Nurseries 10 lakhs	10 lakhs
14	Paper bags/Paper plates 10 lakhs	10 lakhs
15	Bamboo based Industry (Cane & Bamboo) 10 lakhs	10 lakhs
16	Automobile Workshop Garage/Car spa 10 lakhs	10 lakhs
17	Diagnostic Centres 20 lakhs	20 lakhs

18	Film Industry/Film Auditorium (Minisize) excluding construction	20 lakhs
19	19 Any Other Project which the Committee deems to be fit for funding	Nominal funding

Eligibility

1. Applicant must possess a Certificate of Identification (COI) or Sikkim Subject Certificate / Residential Certificate (for urban areas).
2. Applicant must be unemployed and have completed at least Class V from a recognized school.
3. For technical, manufacturing, or service-based projects, the applicant should have a valid certificate from a recognized technical institute.
4. Applicant must be between 18 to 45 years of age at the time of application.
5. Only one member per family is eligible to apply under the scheme.
6. Applicant's family income must not exceed ₹8 lakhs per annum.
 - For married applicants: family includes self, spouse, and children.
 - For unmarried applicants: family includes parents and unmarried siblings.
7. If the applicant is a child of a Government employee, only children of Group 'C' or 'D' employees are eligible.
8. Applicant must contribute 5–15% of the project cost, as per bank norms.
9. Applicant must not be a defaulter with any nationalized bank, financial institution, or co-operative bank.
10. Applicant must not have availed subsidy under CMSS or PMEGP schemes earlier.
11. Applicant must possess a valid trade license for the proposed business or project.
12. Applicants under the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) category will be given priority and are eligible for a 50% loan subsidy.

Exclusions

1. Individuals who have already availed subsidy under CMSS or PMEGP schemes.

2. Applicants who are bank defaulters.
3. Government employees' children are only eligible if the parent is in Group 'C' or 'D' service.

Application Process

Offline

1. Submit the prescribed application form ([Annexure-I](#)) along with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and required documents to:
2. General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) at Gangtok or Jorethang.
3. Application is reviewed by a Selection Committee comprising departmental and bank representatives.
4. Post-approval, the project is forwarded to banks for loan sanctioning.
5. Training completion is mandatory before disbursement.

Repayment of Loan:

Repayment of the loan amount along with interest obtained from the bank shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant as per the terms and conditions of the bank. If the beneficiary wants to close the loan account before the completion of the loan period, he can do so with the approval of the Commerce & Industries Department. If the beneficiary wants to close after one year, they are free to do for agriculture & allied activities, and for other projects, the lock-in is 3 years.

Note:

Exaggeration in the cost of the project with a view only to availing a higher amount of subsidy shall not be considered for approval by the Committee.

Documents Required

1. Two recent passport-sized photographs.
2. Sikkim Subject Certificate/COI/Residential Certificate.
3. Educational certificates and mark sheets.

- 4. Birth Certificate or Panchayat certification.**
- 5. Project Report verified by the concerned Line Department (2 copies).**
- 6. Voter ID card (as address proof).**
- 7. Unemployment Card from respective BAC.**
- 8. Land lease agreement or Land Parcha, if applicable.**
- 9. Relevant trade license or permit at the time of loan sanction.**
- 10. BPL certificate from DESME.**
- 11. Income certificate from BDO/SDM.**
- 12. NOC from SABCO/SIDICO.**