



# Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

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The Union Cabinet in July 2020 has approved a new pan India Central Sector Scheme called Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (National Agriculture Infra Financing Facility). The scheme shall provide a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.

## Scheme duration

The duration of the Scheme shall be from FY2020 to FY2032 (10 years).

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**

**Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan  
Through  
Agri Infrastructure Fund**

**Golden Opportunity to Invest  
through the Schemes of  
National Horticulture Board**  
In convergence with Agri Infrastructure Fund



**Financing Facility**


₹ 1,00,000 crore will be provided for financing Agriculture Infrastructure Projects at farm-gate and aggregation points for following activities:-

- (i) Supply chain services including e-marketing platforms
- (ii) Warehouses
- (iii) Silos

**Financial Assistance**

Financial Assistance in the form of back ended capital investment subsidy is available for the following activities :-

Sr.	Item	Cost Norms
1	Integrated Post Harvest Management Projects e.g. Pack House, Ripening Chamber, Refer Van,	₹145.00 lakh per project.



- (iv) Pack houses
- (v) Assaying units
- (vi) Sorting and grading units
- (vii) Cold chains
- (viii) Logistics facilities
- (ix) Primary processing centers
- (x) Ripening Chambers

**Pattern of Financing and Participating Institutions**

- All loans to have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of ₹2 crore for a maximum period of 7 years.
- Credit guarantee coverage for a loan upto ₹2 crores. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Government.
- In case of FPOs, the credit guarantee may be availed from the facility created under FPO Promotion Scheme of DAC&FW.
- All Scheduled Commercial Banks, Scheduled Co-operative Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Small Finance Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).

**Note : This Financing Facility and Interest Subvention is available in addition to capital subsidy under NHB Schemes.**

	Retail Outlets, Pre-cooling units, Primary Processing etc.	
2	Integrated pack house with facilities for conveyer belt, sorting, grading units, washing, drying and weighing.	₹50.00 lakh per unit with size of 9Mx18M
3	Pre-cooling	₹25.00 lakh / unit with capacity of 6MT.
4	Ripening Chamber	₹1.00 lakh/MT
5	Primary Processing of F&V, Aromatic Plants and Cashew	₹25.00 lakh/unit
6	Cold Storage and Controlled atmosphere storages from 5001 to 10000 MT capacity	From ₹6800 to ₹9500 per MT plus component-wise cost norms for add on components

**Pattern of Assistance**

**A. For Post Harvest Infrastructure**  
Credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of cost limited to ₹50.75 lakh per project in general areas and @ 50% upto ₹72.50 lakh per project in NE Region, Hilly States and Scheduled Areas.

**B. For Cold Storage and Controlled Atmosphere Storages**  
Credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% per project in general areas and @ 50% per project in NE Region, Hilly States and Scheduled Areas.

For more details about Agri. Infrastructure Fund Scheme please visit [agricoop.nic.in](http://agricoop.nic.in) and for the Schemes of NHB visit [nhb.gov.in](http://nhb.gov.in)



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## Intended beneficiaries

- Agricultural Produce Market Committee
- Agri-Entrepreneur
- Central sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project
- Farmer
- Farmer Producers Organization
- Federation of Farmer Produce Organisations
- Joint Liability Groups
- Local Body sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project
- Marketing Cooperative Society
- Multipurpose Cooperative Society
- National Federations of Cooperatives
- Primary Agricultural Credit Society
- Self Help Group
- Federations of Self Help Groups
- Start-Up
- State Agencies
- State Federations of Cooperatives
- State sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project

## Eligible projects under AIF

### A. Eligible projects for all beneficiaries

- Organic inputs production
- Bio stimulant production units
- Nursery
- Tissue culture
- Seed Processing
- Custom Hiring Center
- Infrastructure for smart and precision agriculture Farm/Harvest Automation
- Purchase of drones, putting up specialized sensors on field, Blockchain and AI in agriculture etc.
- Remote sensing and Internet of Things (IOT) such as automatic weather station, Farm advisory services through GIS applications.
- Logistics facilities - Reefer Van & Insulated vehicles
- Assaying Units
- Supply chain services including e-marketing platforms
- Warehouse & Silos
- Cold Stores and Cold Chain
- Packaging Units
- Primary Processing activities

### B. Eligible projects for building community farming assets

In addition to above activities farmer groups such as FPOs, PACS, SHGs, JLGs, Cooperatives, National and State Level Federation of Co-operatives, FPOs federations, Federations of SHGs, National and State Level Agencies etc. are eligible for following activities:

- Hydroponic Farming
- Mushroom farming
- Vertical farming
- Aeroponic farming
- Poly house/ Greenhouse
- Logistics facilities (including non-refrigerated/insulated vehicles)


## Benefits

- All loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of seven years.
- Further, credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers from this financing facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to Rs. 2 crore. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Government.
- In case of FPOs the credit guarantee may be availed from the facility created under FPO

promotion scheme of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DACFW).

- Moratorium for repayment under this financing facility may vary subject to minimum of 6 months and maximum of 2 years.


## How to apply

To apply online, [click here](#) .

### Checklist of Documents

- Bank's loan application form / Customer Request Letter for AIF Loan duly filled and signed
- Passport size photographs of the promoter/partners/director
- Identity proof – Voter ID card/PAN card/Aadhaar card/Driving license
- Address Proof :
  - Residence: Voter ID card/Passport/Aadhaar card/Driving license/Electricity Bill/Latest property Tax Bill
  - Business Office/Registered Office: Electricity Bill/Latest Property Tax Receipt/Certificate of Incorporation in case of Companies/Certificate of Registration in ca of partnership Firms
- Proof of Registration
  - In case of Company : Article of Association
  - In case of Partnership : Certificate of Registration of Firm with Registrar of Firm
  - In case of MSMEs : Certificate of Registration with District Industries Centre (DIC)/Udyog Aadhar Copy
- Income Tax Return for last three years, If available.
- Audited Balance Sheet of last 3 Years, If available.
- GST Certificate, if applicable.
- Land ownership records – title deed/lease deed. If applicable, then Permission to mortgage the Immovable Property from the Lessor in case the Property is Leasehold (for primary security)

- ROC Search Report of the Company
- KYC documents of the promoter/firm/company
- Copy of Bank Statement for last one year (If available)
- Repayment track record of existing loans (Loan Statement)
- Net Worth Statements of promoter
- Detailed Project Report
- As applicable - Local authority permissions, Layout plans/estimates, Building sanction

To view the complete scheme guidelines, [click here](#) .

**Source : National Agriculture Infra Financing Facility** .

## Related resources

1. [Model Project Reports of Agri enterprises](#) 

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