

Information Bulletin

(Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)

“Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Cold-chain Projects”

Cold-chain logistics is a thrust area for development, and considered as part of the second green revolution. Cold-chain is an end-to-end logistics bridge and provides for uninterrupted custody of the value harvested at farm-gate, up to end-consumers. The Government of India supports the development of cold-chain through the Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. MIDH provides several incentives to interested stakeholders and promoters. Financial assistance of 35% to 50% of admissible cost of projects is granted.

Who can apply: **Private Industry, Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Farmer groups, PSUs.**

When to apply: **Scheme is demand driven and can be availed all through the year.**

Where to apply: **Office of local Horticulture Mission or National Horticulture Board.**

Components: **Modern Pack-houses with Pre-coolers, Cold Rooms, Cold Stores, Reefer Vehicles, Reefer Containers, Ripening Units, Alternate Energy, Retail shelves, Vending carts.**

Requirements: Fully funded project with loan sanctioned from a nationalised Bank. Subsidy is directly linked to credit availed to incentivise owners by reducing their credit burden. The supported components are explained in the scheme Guidelines, and should abide minimum System Standards.

Guidelines & System Standards: See www.MIDH.gov.in or www.NCCD.gov.in

For more information: Contact the closest State Horticulture Department or your State's Nodal Officer for Cold-chain Development (NOCD).

Benefits of investing in Cold-chain

- Low interest loan from Warehousing Infrastructure Fund (NABARD) -
- 100% FDI through the automatic approval route, and ECB route open -
- Credit linked Subsidy to projects @ 35% to 50% of admissible costs (MIDH) -
- GST exemption for preconditioning, storing, transporting agricultural produce -
- Rewards of endless Demand, Smart-Bridge between rural & urban, reduce Food loss -
- Growing market for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, domestic and international -
- Option to avail of Negotiable Warehousing Receipts as per WDRA norms -
- Investment Linked 100% Tax Deduction (Section 35-AD of IT Act) -