

Assistance for Tools, Equipment, Shorting/Grading Equipment, PHM Equipment for Scheduled Castes (HRT-4)

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Benefits (Assistance for Tools, Equipment, Shorting/Grading Equipment, PHM Equipment for Scheduled Castes (HRT-4))

- The Scheduled Castes farmers will be eligible for assistance up to 75% of the cost of the Tools/Equipment or ₹3,750/- , whichever is less. Farmer groups/cooperative societies will be eligible for assistance of 90% of the cost of equipment or up to ₹7,50,000/- , whichever is less, for the installation of Post Harvest Management (PHM) Equipment.

Eligibility (Assistance for Tools, Equipment, Shorting/Grading Equipment, PHM Equipment for Scheduled Castes (HRT-4))

- The beneficiary should be a permanent resident of Gujarat.
- The beneficiary should belong to the Scheduled Caste category.
- The individual farmer or farmer groups/Cooperative Societies are eligible to avail benefits under the scheme.
- Note 01: The tool/equipment has to be purchased from the authorised dealer of the empanelled manufacturer for the purpose of price discovery as notified by the Department of Agriculture from time to time.
- Note 02: Companies empanelled by the Department of Agriculture for tarpaulin seats and their regulations will have to be implemented as per the norms.
- Note 03: Companies empanelled by the Department of Agriculture for plastic crates and their regulations will have to be implemented as per the norms.

Application Process (Assistance for Tools, Equipment, Shorting/Grading Equipment, PHM Equipment for Scheduled Castes (HRT-4))

- Application Procedure: Step 01: The applicant may visit and apply online at I-Khedut Portal: <https://ikhedut.gujarat.gov.in/> ■ Step 02: On the home page, click on 'Schemes' and then click on 'Horticulture Schemes'.
- Step 03: Now select the scheme and then read the instructions for HRT-4.
- Step 04: Click on the 'Apply' button and an application page will open.
- Step 05: Click on the "Apply New" button and submit a new application.
- Step 06: Click on the "Update Application" button to add corrections to the application.
- Step 07: Once the application is done, confirm it.
- Step 08: Take a printout of the confirmed application.
- Step 09: Take a printout of the online application and submit it to the office/office address mentioned on the application along with the necessary documents.
- Or after applying Khedut online on the iKhedut Portal, take a print of the signature/fingerprint and scan it, and upload it by clicking on the "Upload Signed Copy of Application Print" menu on the portal.
- Note 01: The facility to upload a scanned copy of the caste certificate is also enabled in the "Other Document Upload" menu wherever applicable.
- Note 02: There is no need for the farmer to submit the application in person at the office.
- Note 03: Scanned copy uploaded in PDF format should not exceed 200 KB in size.
- Application Tracking: Applicant can also check their Application Status/View/Print/Upload Application details from the below link: https://ikhedut.gujarat.gov.in/public/frm_Applicant_Corner.aspx ■

Documents Required (Assistance for Tools, Equipment, Shorting/Grading Equipment, PHM Equipment for Scheduled Castes (HRT-4))

- Scheduled Castes Certificate issued by competent authority Disability Certificate issued by Competent Authority (only for PWDs) (if applicable) Copy of land details 7/12 and 8-A Copy of Aadhaar Card Copy of bank passbook/ cancelled cheque Copy of forest rights Letter (if applicable) Any other documents as required

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