

Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme

Details (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

The Scheme encourages participation of public/private industries, especially MSMEs and startups, so as to create an ecosystem for enhancing cutting-edge technology capability in the defence sector. Objective: The Scheme aims to provide a major fillip to the defence manufacturing sector by encouraging the industry to innovate on defence technologies, in order to place India on the self-reliance trajectory. In addition to providing the grants-in-aid for the development of indigenous technology, the Scheme also provides the industry with various benefits. Focus Areas: Significant upgradation/ improvements/developments in the existing products/processes/applications. The scheme will be limited to development of technologies or prototypes of products having potential use for National Defence.

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Important Features (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

- Import substitution of components whose technologies do not exist in the Indian industry.

Benefits (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

- Funding Support: The project cost of up to INR 50,00,00,000/-
- will be considered for funding. The funding may be up to 90% of the total project cost. Industry may work in collaboration with academia or research institutions. The funding will be linked to mutually agreed milestones. Funds will be released either in advance against a bank guarantee of the same amount as collateral, or reimbursement based on the completion of milestones. Subsequent installments will be released on successful completion of milestones. Purpose of Funding Support: Aims to provide financial assistance to startups for prototype development and trials. Proposes to target nascent startups for project requirements inclusive of funding support of up to 20% to the incubators associated with the startup. Option to create partnerships with academia, where the contribution of the academia is up to 40% of the total project effort. ■

Eligibility (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

- Public limited company, a private limited company, a partnership firm, a limited liability partnership, one person company, sole proprietorship registered as per applicable Indian laws registered in India especially MSMEs and Startups. Startup must be recognized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as per Government of India (GOI) guidelines. Startup incorporated for less than 3 years from date of submission of application will be considered as nascent startups. Nascent Startup should be incubated at one of the Central/State government assisted incubators. Startup should not have received any grants/grants
- in aid by any government scheme for a similar technology. The startup must be owned and controlled by a Resident Indian citizen with a shareholding of at least 51%. ■

Application Process (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

- Registration process: Every interested Industry /Technology expert/Academia must first register on the TDF portal: <https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/user/custom-popup> ■ Click on " Proceed to Login" button and then click on "Register" .
- Fill Name, Contact Details, Organisation Name and choose your value in "Register As" and in "Focus Area" option.
- Click on the Check Box For Self-declaration of being an Indian Company with 51% of stakes with a Resident Indian Citizen.

- Agree to the Terms and Conditions by clicking the check box.
- Verify the captcha then click on "Register" button.
- ■ Post-Registration process: Visit: <https://tdf.drdo.gov.in/user/custom-popup> ■ Click on "Proceed to Login" button and enter Email, Password and verify the captcha.
- Click on " Login" button and furnish all the details as required.

Documents Required (Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme)

- For release of subsequent installments
- the DAs shall be required to submit the following documents: Detailed Project Update Report Utilization Certificate & Statement of Expenses (UC & SE) Certificate from Chartered Accountant

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