

Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS): Plantation Development for Small Tea Growers (PDSTG): Mechanization for Individual Small Growers

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The objective of the scheme is to improve the production, productivity, and quality of Indian teas in order to remain competitive in global markets, focus on the development of the small tea growers, their collectivization for moving up in the value chain, value addition in teas for better price realization and share in export markets, explore the potential of tea grown in the North Eastern States, focus on improving the per capita consumption of tea, improving tea exports from India to high-value markets, encouraging research and development and other technological innovation to bring transparency in the entire supply chain as envisaged in the Tea Act, 1953.

"Plantation Development for Small Tea Growers (PDSTG)" Component of the TDP The objective of this component is to increase the production, productivity and quality of tea, overall development of small tea growers to help them move up in the value chain, sustainability of production by promoting organic tea cultivation & climate resilient tea and to make them self-reliant by setting up their own processing units.

Benefits Equipment and Scale of Assistance

Equipment: Pruning Machine; Ceiling Limit (â‚¹): 30,000; Other Eligibility: One (1) Machine for each / upto 5.00 ha of tea area

Equipment: Mechanical Harvester; Ceiling Limit (â‚¹): Single Man Harvester @ 25,000; Double Man Harvester @ 40,000; Other Eligibility: For each / up to 10.00 ha of tea area

Equipment: Power Sprayer; Ceiling Limit (â‚¹): 15,000; Other Eligibility: For each / up to 5.00 ha of tea area

Equipment: Brush Cutter; Ceiling Limit (â‚¹): 28,000; Other Eligibility: For each / up to 10.00 ha of tea area

Equipment: Plucking Shear; Ceiling Limit (â‚¹): 550; Other Eligibility: For each / up to 0.40 Ha of tea area

Mode of Payment All payments will be through electronic mode i.e., RTGS/NEFT/PFMS.

Eligibility The applicants can be small tea growers including members of self-help groups and Farmers' Producer Organizations.

Exclusions In the event of a change in the ownership of the tea garden before the completion of disbursement of the sanctioned subsidy amount, the transferor/seller of the tea garden shall cease to receive any further subsidy remaining to be paid by the Tea Board after the transfer/sale is affected.

Application Process Online Offline

Step 1: Registration Visit the official portal of the Tea Board. To create an account, click on the "Register" or "Sign Up" button. You'll be asked to provide information such as Name, date of birth, Gender, Mobile Number and Email Address. Choose a username and password. Ensure the password meets security requirements. After providing your details, you will receive a One-Time Password (OTP) on your registered mobile number and email. Enter the OTP to verify your identity.

Step 3: Application Use the credentials you created during registration to log in. Once logged in, you'll access your user dashboard. Navigate to the Online Application Form of the Scheme. In the application form, fill in all the mandatory fields and upload the necessary documents. Carefully review all the information provided and the documents uploaded. Make any necessary corrections. Acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions, declaration, and privacy policy. Click the "Submit" button to send your application. After the successful submission of the application, an acknowledgement will be generated by the system.

Step 4: Check Application Status You can track your application status on your dashboard using the Application Reference ID. The portal may provide updates via email or SMS regarding your application status.

NOTE: Only one application under each component will be considered, however, the applicant may apply for more than one activity in a single application as per the eligibility.

Application Fee All the applications shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of â‚¹ 100/- (Rupees one hundred only) + GST (Exempted for SC, ST, female and differently-abled persons). No application will be accepted without payment of application fees except for exempted stakeholders.

Documents Required Tea Board registration or identity smart card (QR-based) issued by Tea Board/ have a unique identification number generated. Survey map (A-4 size) of the tea area in case of individual small tea growers drawn by a government-approved surveyor/Land Revenue department duly certified and signed by both the issuing authority as well as the applicant, wherever applicable. Self-declaration under PPC compliance. Aadhar Card in case of individual/ PAN/TAN/GST registration in case of others, as applicable. Details of Bank Account (linked with mobile number and Aadhar) for claiming financial assistance with IFSC code (one cancelled cheque is to be uploaded). Copy of recent resolution in case of SHGs/FPOs/FPCs along with the details of office bearer and members with tea area in command.

NOTE: Applicant (small tea growers) who does not have the identity Card issued by the Tea Board can obtain the same on the production of documents to establish the ownership of land and where title deeds are not available, a possession certificate issued by the concerned State Government from the nearest field office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there any limitation on the number of applications a single applicant can submit for each scheme component? Yes, the scheme specifies that only one application under each component will be considered. However, applicants may apply for more than one activity in a single application, depending on their eligibility.

Are there any specific fees associated with the application process, and are there exemptions for certain categories of applicants? Yes, an application fee of Rs. 100/- (plus GST) is applicable for all applicants, except for those in the SC, ST, female, and differently-abled categories. These exempted stakeholders do not need to pay the application fee.

What are the two application modes available for this scheme, and under what circumstances is physical submission of applications accepted? The two application modes are offline and online. Initially, the scheme allows for physical submission of applications at field offices (ZO/ROs/SROs/HQ) if the online platform is not yet ready for use. The Competent Authority may accept physical submissions until the online platform becomes operational.

Could you explain the mode of payment for the scheme's subsidies? What electronic payment methods are employed? All subsidy payments under the scheme are made through electronic modes, which include RTGS (Real-Time Gross Settlement), NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer), and PFMS (Public Financial Management System).

What are the specific exclusions mentioned in the scheme, particularly regarding the ownership of tea gardens? Exclusions are in place to prevent misuse. In the event of a change in ownership of a tea garden before the completion of the subsidy disbursement, the previous owner will cease to receive any further subsidy payments after the transfer or sale is completed.

How does the scheme define the eligibility criteria for applicants, particularly small tea growers, including members of self-help groups and Farmers' Producer Organizations? Eligible applicants include small tea growers who are members of self-help groups or Farmers' Producer Organizations, provided they have Tea Board registration or an identity smart card issued by the Tea Board. The identity card serves as a unique identification number for eligibility verification.

What are the ceiling limits and eligibility criteria for small tea growers to obtain equipment like the Pruning Machine and Mechanical Harvester under the PDSTG component? Small tea growers are eligible for equipment under the PDSTG component. The ceiling limit for a Pruning Machine is â‚¹ 30,000, and one machine is allowed for each or up to 5.00 hectares of tea area. For the Mechanical Harvester, the ceiling limit is â‚¹ 25,000 for a Single Man Harvester and â‚¹ 40,000 for a Double Man Harvester. Eligibility for the Mechanical Harvester is for each or up to 10.00 hectares of tea area.

Could you elaborate on the specific components of

the TDPS and how they contribute to the Indian tea industry's growth and sustainability?The TDPS comprises seven major components, each serving distinct purposes within the Indian tea industry. These components are designed to protect, grow, and sustain the industry. One such component is "Plantation Development for Small Tea Growers (PDSTG)," which aims to boost the production and quality of tea and help small growers move up the value chain. Sustainability is addressed through the promotion of organic and climate-resilient tea. Another component focuses on the mechanization for individual small growers. Could you explain what "Self-declaration under PPC compliance" entails and why it's a part of the required documents?Self-declaration under PPC compliance refers to an assurance by the applicant that they are compliant with all relevant laws and regulations, particularly those related to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act. It serves as a declaration of adherence to food safety standards in tea production. Are there any specific requirements for the survey map of the tea area, particularly in terms of who can certify it and how it should be prepared?The scheme requires a survey map of the tea area, preferably A-4 size, to be drawn by a government-approved surveyor or the Land Revenue department. The map should be duly certified and signed by both the issuing authority and the applicant, where applicable. This ensures the accuracy and authenticity of the map. How does the scheme define the concept of "organic tea cultivation" in the context of the PDSTG component, and what practices are encouraged?Organic tea cultivation refers to the cultivation of tea without the use of synthetic chemicals or pesticides. The PDSTG component encourages practices such as using organic fertilizers, practicing integrated pest management, and promoting sustainability in tea cultivation to ensure the tea is free from harmful chemicals. Could you explain the significance of mechanization for individual small tea growers within the PDSTG component? How does it benefit these growers?Mechanization is a critical aspect of the PDSTG component. It provides small tea growers with equipment like pruning machines, mechanical harvesters, power sprayers, brush cutters, and plucking shears. These tools significantly improve efficiency, reduce labor costs, and enhance tea quality, making the entire tea cultivation process more sustainable and profitable. Can you provide insights into the objectives of the "Plantation Development for Small Tea Growers (PDSTG)" component and how it contributes to the growth of small tea growers?The PDSTG component aims to enhance the production, productivity, and quality of tea among small tea growers. It promotes their overall development, encourages organic tea cultivation and climate-resilient tea, and assists in setting up their own processing units. This empowers small growers and helps them move up the value chain. Sources And ReferencesGuidelinesOkWas this helpful?News and UpdatesNo new news and updates availableShareSomething went wrong. Please try again later.OkYou need to sign in before applying for schemesCancelSign InSomething went wrong. 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