

Comprehensive FAQs- Agriculture Schemes

1 . Kisan Credit Card

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme
A	To ensure working capital requirements of cultivation of crops, post-harvest expenses, produce marketing loan, consumption requirements, working capital for fisheries, animal husbandry, other allied activities and other investment credit under Agriculture & allied activities.
Q.2	Who are the eligible borrowers for applying the loan under the scheme
A	Owner cultivators, Tenant farmers, Oral lessees, Share croppers, SHG,JLG etc.
Q.3	What are the type of facilities available for finance under the scheme
A	Kisan Credit Card & Term loan
Q.4	What is the validity period of the Kisan Credit Card
A	The limit is valid for 5 years, subject to annual review.
Q.5	What is the repayment period allowed under this scheme
A	The repayment period may be fixed by banks as per the anticipated harvesting and marketing period for the crops for which the loan has been granted. Repayment period for term loan is decided based on the type of investment. The loan in case of fisheries & animal husbandry, will be in the nature of a revolving cash credit limit. Repayment will be fixed as per the cash flow/income generation pattern of the activity undertaken by the borrower.
Q.6	What is the margin for financing under the scheme
A	No specific margin is necessary for finance to production credit. For investment credit, margin varies with the purpose of investment. However no margin is required for loan upto Rs.1.60 lakh
Q.7	What are benefits provided by Govt of India to improve finance under KCC
A	The interest subvention @2% and prompt repayment incentive benefit @3% on KCC loan (i.e. crop loan+ working capital loan for animal husbandry and fisheries) will be available on an overall limit of Rs. 3 lakh per annum and subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 2 lakh per farmer involved in activities only related to animal husbandry and / or fisheries.
Q.8	What are the Security norms for financing under Kisan credit card.
A	For limits upto Rs.1.60 lakh & limits upto Rs.3 lakh (in case of tie up), security is the hypothecation of crops. For limits above the specified norms, mortgage of land/ or third party guarantee in addition to hypothecated crops / assets.
Q.9	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly filled and signed application form. • Passport Size Photograph • Aadhaar Card copy • Photo identity, address and signature proof • Pan card/Form 60 • Land details like IB, Pahani, Khasra.7/12- Satbara extract, Patta as per State Govt. provisions. • Declaration on availment of Crop insurance • Declaration of availment of Personal accident insurance scheme (PAIS) • Tie up Agreement in case of tie up arrangements. • Security or other documents (Wherever applicable) • Land valuation report and Legal Opinion from empanelled valuer/ Advocate (wherever applicable)

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2 . Self Help Groups

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme
A	For meeting emergent requirements of the group or for purchase of assets and income generating activities. The loans may be used by members for meeting social needs, high cost debt swapping, construction or repair of house, construction of toilets and taking up sustainable livelihoods by the individual members within the SHGs or to finance any viable common activity started by the SHGs.
Q.2	What is the eligibility criteria to apply for bank loan
A	<p>The SHG should be in active existence atleast since the last for 6 months as per Books of account of SHG.</p> <p>SHG should be practising Panchasutras i.e Regular meetings, Regular savings, Regular interloaning, Timely repayment and upto date of books of accounts.</p> <p>Members of Group may vary from 10-20 members. In case of special SHGs like groups in difficult areas, disabled persons and remote tribal areas minimum numbers in the group must be 5 persons.</p> <p>Qualified as per the grading norms fixed by NABARD. Group must score minimum rating of 70 marks as per grading sheet.</p>
Q.3	What are the type of facilities available for finance under the scheme
A	SHGs may avail either Term Loan (TL) or a Cash Credit Limit (CCL) loan or both based on the needs.
Q.4	What is the Quantum of loan under this scheme
A	As per operational guidelines issued by NABARD, SHGs may be sanctioned savings linked loans by banks (varying from a saving to loan ratio of 1:1 to 1:6) in first phase depending on the assessment of SHG subject to minimum of Rs.1 lakh per group. However, in case of matured SHGs, loans may be given beyond the limit of six times of the savings as per the discretion of the bank in the subsequent phases of credit linkage depending on the assessment of SHG.
Q.5	What is the repayment period allowed under this scheme
A	In case of term loan, repayment varies from 36 months to 84 months based on number of linkage & type of activity.
Q.6	What are the Security norms for financing SHG
A	<p>For loans to SHGs up to Rs 10.00lakh, no collateral security is required.</p> <p>For loans to SHGs above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs 20 lakh, the entire loan (irrespective of the loan outstanding, even if it subsequently goes below Rs 10 lakh) will be eligible for coverage under Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU).</p>
Q.7	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly filled & signed application • Resolution / loan authorization letter from members of the group • Inter-se Agreement executed by all members of SHG • Records related with Group maintenance like Savings register, loan register, Minutes register, internal lending register, attendance register etc. • Micro credit plan prepared by the SHGs and appraised by the Federations /Support agency (from 3rd linkage onwards) • Recommendations of SRLM / SHPI • KYC documents of members of group • Passport Photos of members of Group

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3 . Gold loans

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme
A	It's a secured loan that enables borrowers to pledge their gold for meeting the activities related to Agriculture, Other priority & Non priority sectors.
Q.2	Who are the eligible borrowers for applying the loan under the scheme
A	Individual & Joint customers aged above 18 years are eligible for finance under this scheme
Q.3	What are the type of facilities available for finance under the scheme
A	Term loan, Cash credit & overdraft loans
Q.4	What is the Quantum of loan under this scheme
A	Amount of loan is arrived based on the rate per gram fixed by the bank for 22 carat or 75% of the appraised value or loan amount requirement of the borrower whichever is lesser.
Q.5	What is the repayment period allowed under this scheme
A	Principal repayment schedules may be fixed at monthly, quarterly, half yearly, yearly installment or bullet repayment depending on income generation and/or seasonality.
Q.6	Can I get Gold loan by pledging gold coins
A	Yes. You can avail a Gold loan against special Gold coins sold by the Banks subject to maximum limit of 50 gm per customer.
Q.7	Do I need to be an existing customer of the bank to take gold loan?
A	No, the customer need not be an existing customer of the bank. Gold loan can be sanctioned to a new borrower by opening Saving bank account.
Q.8	Do I need a guarantor to avail the gold loan?
A	No Guarantor is required.
Q.9	Can I make part payment towards loan against Gold
A	Yes, you can make part prepayment any number of times during tenure of the loan.
Q.10	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duly filled and signed application form.• Passport Size Photographs• Proof agricultural land records / allied agricultural activity / Business activities (wherever applicable)• Photo identity, address and signature proof• Pan card/Form 60

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4 . Farm Mechanization

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme																	
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Purchase of new Tractors with accessories. ❖ Purchase of new Combine Harvester with accessories. ❖ Purchase of new Power Tillers with accessories. 																	
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A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Up to Rs. 1.60 lac : Nil ❖ Above Rs. 1.60 lac : Minimum 15% on Road Price includes registration charges, accessories, insurance and road tax. Second tractor (after disposal of first tractor) : 25% 																	
Q.5	What is the Quantum of loan under this scheme																	
A	Maximum 85% of unit cost (Including implements) based on quotation.																	
Q.6	Whether any limit can be financed for repairs/overhauling of tractors																	
A	Loan for repair/overhauling of tractor which is not older than 5 years can be considered.																	
Q.7	What is the maximum loan amount that can be financed for repairs/overhauling of tractors																	
A	Maximum Rs.0.50 Lakh																	
Q.8	What are security requirements for loan under the scheme																	
A	Hypothecation of asset created out of bank finance for loan upto Rs.1.60 lakh, while for loans above Rs.1.60 lakh, mortgage of land (Accepted value of land should be more than 100% of loan amount) &/ or third party guarantee along with hypothecation is required.																	
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Q.12	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duly filled and signed application form.• Passport Sized Photographs• Photo identity, address and signature proof• Pan card/Form 60• Driving license of Borrower / Driver• Estimates/Quotation of the Machineries/ Equipments• Proof of land holding• Land valuation report from empanelled valuer (wherever applicable)• Past loan track record of the customer (wherever applicable)• Security or other documents (Wherever applicable)• Land valuation report and Legal Opinion from empanelled valuer/ Advocate (wherever applicable)

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5 . Purchase of land for Agriculture purpose

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme
A	The scheme aims at providing term loan to small/marginal farmers including share croppers /tenant cultivators to purchase agricultural land as well as fallow and waste land production /to develop and cultivate it with a view to increase production/ productivity.
Q.2	What are the eligible guidelines for applying the loan under the scheme
A	Farmers should remain under the category of small farmer (5 acres of non-irrigated land or 2.50 acres of irrigated land) even after purchasing the proposed land.
Q.3	What are the type of facilities available for finance under the scheme
A	Term loan
Q.4	What are margin requirements
A	The margin shall be minimum of 20%.
Q.5	What is the maximum Quantum of loan under this scheme
A	Maximum amount Rs 10.00 lacs.
Q.6	What are security requirements for loan under the scheme
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ As land being financed by the bank is a primary security, mortgage of land proposed to be purchased has to be done irrespective of quantum of loan.❖ Also Mortgage of land presently owned, if any, as collateral security.
Q.7	What is the repayment tenor for the loan financed under the scheme
A	The loan is to be repaid in maximum 10 years in half yearly / yearly installments including a maximum moratorium period of 24 months.
Q.8	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duly filled and signed application form.• Passport Sized Photographs• Photo identity, address and signature proof• Pan card/Form 60• Copies of land records regarding land owned and to be purchased, certified by the concerned revenue Authorities.• No due certificate from Co Operative Credit Society/ Commodity Boards/ Financial Institutions. This can be waived provided Sanctioning Authority is satisfied that the applicant does not have liability with society / financial institution for loan upto Rs.1.00 Lacs.• Documents of title and other relevant documents to establish the right over presently held landed property as well as lands to be purchased is to be produced.• Copy of sale agreement if any entered into or offer letter by the vendor• Security or other documents (Wherever applicable)• Land valuation report and Legal Opinion from empanelled valuer/ Advocate (wherever applicable)

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6 . Farm Transport Scheme

Q.1	What is the purpose of the scheme									
A	For purchasing of new two/three/four wheelers/trucks/jeeps/pickup vans, Refrigerated Van, Delivery Vehicles, Mini Trucks, Vehicle with trolley etc. by the agriculturists.									
Q.2	Who are the eligible guidelines for applying the loan under the scheme									
A	The applicant should be an agriculturist having sizeable own land. Age of borrower restricted to 70 years									
Q.3	What are the type of facilities available for finance under the scheme									
A	Term loan									
Q.4	What are margin requirements									
A	15% of the cost of the vehicle. All other charges & Taxes like insurance charges & registration charges, etc. is to be borne by the Applicant.									
Q.5	What is the maximum Quantum of loan under this scheme									
A	85% of the cost of the vehicle (Ex-showroom price) excluding insurance charges & registration charges, etc. subject to:									
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	Maximum moratorium period of 6 months. Repayment schedule can be fixed as per the cash flow i.e. Monthly / Quarterly/ Half yearly installments coinciding with the surplus available with the farmer after harvesting / marketing of agriculture produce or otherwise based on cash flow.									
Q.8	Is Bank's hypothecation charge on vehicle registered with RTA necessary									
A	Bank's hypothecation charge on vehicle should be registered with RTA and ensured that Bank's lien is recorded in registration book.									
Q.9	What are list of Documents required for applying the loan									
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly filled and signed application form. • Passport Sized Photographs • Photo identity, address and signature proof • Pan card/Form 60 • Driving license of Borrower /Driver. • Quotation of vehicle issued by dealer to customer • Proof of land holding • Land valuation report from empanelled valuer (wherever applicable) • Past loan track record of the customer (wherever applicable) • Security or other documents (Wherever applicable) 									

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7 . Agri infrastructure fund scheme

Q.1	What is the coverage of the scheme?
A	The scheme covers post-harvest management projects like supply chain services including e-marketing platforms, warehouse, silos, pack-houses, assaying units, sorting & grading units, cold chain, logistics facilities, primary processing centres, ripening chambers and other viable projects for building community farming assets such as organic input production, bio stimulant production units, infrastructure for smart and precision agriculture, supply chain infrastructure for clusters of crops including exports clusters etc.
Q.2	Whether processing units also covered under this scheme?
A	The scheme is limited to primary processing units. Advanced processing activities are not a part of the scheme. However, some components of such processing units such as warehouse, cold storages, pack-houses, collection centres etc. can get benefit of agriculture infrastructure fund.
Q.3	What is the implementation period of the scheme?
A	The Scheme will be operational from 2020-21 to 2032-33. However, the loan disbursement period will be between 2020-21 and 2025-26. Interest subvention and credit guarantee for loan will be applicable only for 7 years from the date of first disbursement of loan.
Q.4	What is the interest subvention cost borne by the Government?
A	All loans up to a limit of Rs. 2 crores under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of 7 years. In case of loans beyond Rs.2 crores, the interest subvention will be limited up to Rs. 2 crores.
Q.5	What is the moratorium period for the project under the scheme?
A	The moratorium period will vary from project to project and that is minimum six months and maximum two years.
Q.6	Whether subvention will be allowed for moratorium period of the project?
A	The subvention will be available for a maximum period of seven years which also includes moratorium period. (Overall availability for subvention is 07 years).
Q.7	What is the minimum or maximum loan quantum under AIF scheme?
A	The scheme does not have a minimum or maximum loan cap. However, the maximum loan quantum on which the benefit of the scheme applicable is up to Rs.2 crores.
Q.8	What is the credit guarantee coverage available for eligible farmers?
A	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 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
Q.9	Who can avail financing under this scheme?
A	The eligible entities under this project are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)II. Marketing Cooperative SocietiesIII. Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)IV. Self Help Group (SHG), FarmersV. Joint Liability Groups (JLG)VI. Multipurpose Cooperative SocietiesVII. Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups and

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	VIII. Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored Public Private Partnership Projects
Q.10	What is the process flow of the scheme?
A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The applicant will register on the online portal after which he/ she will receive registration credentials. II. After getting credentials, beneficiary can apply for loan through the online portal by filling an application form available on the portal. III. Along with the application soft copy of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and related documents will be uploaded on the portal by applicant. IV. This application along with DPR will then be forwarded to the lending institution opted by the applicant for appraisal. V. The lending institute will appraise the project and decide whether to sanction the loan or reject the application based on viability of project. VI. Once the loan is sanctioned then funds will be transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiary. VII. After the disbursement of loan to beneficiary by lending institute, interest subvention and credit guarantee fee will be released by GOI to the lending institute and CGTMSE respectively.
Q.11	How much time will it take to get decision from the lending institutions on the loan application?
A	The time limit to convey the decision on the loan application to the applicant is set for a maximum period of 60 days from the date of application of the loan.
Q.12	Is there cap on lending rate?
A	Yes, The cap on lending rate of up to Rs 2.00 Cr. (Rupees two crore) will be 06 monthly/ Annual MCLR plus 100 basis point (floating) subject to maximum 9.00 percent (Nine percent per annum) for all eligible projects.
Q.13	Is there any capital subsidy available from the Central Government under the scheme?
A	There is no capital or margin subsidy under the scheme but central government will provide 3% interest subvention per annum upto an outstanding loan limit of Rs.2.00 crores and credit guarantee fee for loan amount upto Rs.2.00 crores.
Q.14	Can loan be availed by offline mode?
A	Yes, loan can be availed through offline mode but it is mandatory for lending institutions to make its entry on the online platform in due course of time to get the benefits of AIF.
Q.15	Will the scheme encourage convergence with other schemes?
A	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Scheme is a top-up scheme along with all other available state and central government schemes. Any grant or subsidy available under any present or future scheme of Central/State government can be availed for projects in addition to this financing facility. In cases of capital subsidy such amount shall be considered as promoter's contribution. However, a minimum of 10% of the project cost shall be mandatory as promoter's contribution
Q.16	Is the borrower margin mandatory to be eligible under the scheme?
A	Yes, it is mandatory for borrowers to contribute atleast 10% of total project cost irrespective of available capital subsidy.

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8 . Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development (AHIDF) scheme

Q.1	What is AHIDF?
A	The Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development (AHIDF) is a Central Sector Scheme under the Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan stimulus package for incentivizing investments (i) the dairy processing and value addition infrastructure, (ii) meat processing and value addition infrastructure and (iii) Animal Feed Plant with budget allocation of Rs.15000 crore.
Q.2	Who are eligible under AHIDF?
A	The following entities will be eligible under AHIDF a) Farmer Producer Organization(FPO) b) Private companies c) Individual entrepreneurs d) Section 8 companies e) Micro Small and Medium Enterprises
Q.3	What activities can be covered under Dairy Sector?
A	Establishment of new units and Strengthening of existing dairy Processing Units with quality and hygienic milk processing facilities, packaging facilities or any other activities related to dairy processing.
Q.4	What activities can be covered under Meat Sector?
A	Establishment of new meat processing unit and strengthening of existing meat processing facilities for sheep/goat/ poultry/pig/buffalo in rural, semi-urban and urban areas. Large scale integrated meat processing facilities/ plant/ unit.
Q.5	What activities can be supported related to animal feed?
A	Establishment of Animal Feed manufacturing and strengthening of existing units/ plant of the following categories: Establishment of Mini, Medium and Large Animal Feed Plant, Total Mixed Ration Block Making Unit, By pass protein unit, Mineral Mixture Plant, Enrich Silage making unit, Animal Feed Testing Laboratory and any other activities related to animal feed manufacturing.
Q.6	What will be the loan amount for a beneficiary under AHIDF?
A	The project under the AHIDF shall be eligible for loan up to 90% of the estimated/ actual project cost on submission of viable projects by eligible beneficiaries.
Q.7	What will be the beneficiary contribution?
A	The beneficiary contribution in case of Micro and Small units as per MSME defined ceiling could be 10% while in case of Medium Enterprises as per defined MSME ceiling, beneficiary contribution could go up to 15%. The beneficiary contribution in other categories of enterprises could go up to 25%.
Q.8	What will be the lending rate of interest?
A	Lending rate should not exceed at 200 basis points plus External Bench Mark Based Lending Rate (EBLR) for the Eligible Entities whose project cost are falling within MSME defined ceilings. However, rate of interest for other project could be based on commercial interest rates of Bank.
Q.9	What will be the interest subvention provided by GOI?
A	Interest subvention of 3% is provided to all eligible entities. However, Interest subvention will not be allowed for the loan sanctioned for procurement of land, working capital, old machineries and vehicle for personal use. The Eligible Entities will not be able to get the interest subvention, if the Eligible Entities is defaulter of re-payment of loan amount in any given year.
Q.10	Whether any credit guarantee is provided under the scheme?
A	Yes, the credit guarantee will be provided only for those projects which are viable and are covered under MSME defined ceilings and the guarantee coverage would be up to 25% of the credit facility available to the borrower. The Credit Guarantee

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	will not be provided to other beneficiaries who are not covered under MSME norms, however, those EEs will be eligible to get interest subvention.
Q.11	What will be the maximum repayment period?
A	The Scheduled Bank shall ensure that maximum re-payment period should not exceed 10 years from the date of first disbursement inclusive of moratorium of 2 years on repayment of principal.
Q.12	How can an entity submit a proposal and what is the process?
A	The EE will submit the proposal with complete DPR through “Udyami Mitra” Portal developed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi). The Schedule Bank after due appraisal and sanction of the project will forward the application/ project to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying for approval of interest subvention through online mechanism.
Q.13	What is the process of sanction of interest subvention?
A	The project proposal may be submitted to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying either by the Bank or by the beneficiary through online mechanism for approval of interest subvention by the Project Sanctioning Committee.
Q.14	Is there any limit of amount of loan under AHIDF?
A	There is as such no upper limit/ lower limit of the loan provided
Q.15	Where from the credit guarantee will be made available?
A	Credit guarantee will be made available by NABARD
Q.16	What percentage of loan will be covered under credit guarantee?
A	Credit guarantee coverage will be of 25 % of loan for eligible entities covered under MSME
Q.17	Up to what percentage of loan amount will be eligible for 3 % interest subvention?
A	Up to 90% of loan of the total project cost will be eligible for interest subvention
Q.18	What will happen when the repayment period exceeds eight years repayment period?
A	The interest subvention will be provided only up to 8 years of repayment period. Beyond no interest subvention will be provided.

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9 . Prime Minister formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme

Q.1	What is PM FME Scheme?
A	PM FME stands for “ <i>Prime Minister Micro Food Processing Enterprises</i> ”. PMFME is an all India Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crores for coverage of 2,00,000 enterprises over 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 being implemented by MOFPI.
Q.2	Is there any initial investment required by the person for the scheme?
A	Yes, the applicant should be willing to contribute 10% of the project cost.
Q.3	Who are the eligible borrowers under the scheme?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer producer organization • SHGs • Cooperatives • Existing Micro food processing entrepreneurs • New units, whether for individuals or groups would only be supported for One District and One product.
Q.4	Is there any eligible criteria for individual micro enterprises
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enterprise should be unincorporated and should employ less than 10 workers • The applicant should be above 18 years of age and should possess at least VIII standard pass educational qualification • Only one person from one family would be eligible for obtaining financial assistance. The “family” for this purpose would include self, spouse and children
Q.5	What is the eligible Quantum of loan under the scheme
A	The project under the PM FME scheme shall be eligible for loan up to 90% of the estimated/ actual project cost on submission of viable projects by eligible beneficiaries.
Q.6	What is the Credit Linked Grant/ Subsidy under the scheme
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit linked grant @35% for the existing Micro food processing enterprises subject to a maximum of Rs.10 lakh. • Credit linked capital investment Grant @ 35 % to FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives • Credit linked grant @ 35% for common infrastructure development by groups, government agencies or private entities.
Q.7	What are the Collateral security guidelines under the scheme
A	No collateral should be obtained for limit up to Rs. 10 Lakhs. Eligible units have to be covered under CGTMSE or CGFMU (in case of SHG), otherwise mortgage of immovable property &/or pledge of specified financial assets (Deposits, LIC, NSC etc.) has to be obtained.
Q.8	What is the repayment period specified as per the guidelines of the scheme
A	The term loan component will be normally repayable within a period of 10 years inclusive of moratorium period of 1 year depending on the type of activity / investment in line with the projected cash flows.

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10 . Agriclinic and Agribusiness Centres Scheme

Q.1	What is Agri Clinics
A	Agri-Clinics are envisaged to provide expert advice and services to farmers on various technologies including soil health, cropping practices, plant protection, crop insurance, post-harvest technology and clinical services for animals, feed and fodder management, prices of various crops in the market etc. which would enhance productivity of crops/ animals and ensure increased income to farmers.
Q.2	What is Agri Business Centre
A	Agri-Business Centres are commercial units of agri ventures established by trained agriculture professionals. Such ventures may include maintenance and custom hiring of farm equipment, sale of inputs and other services in agriculture and allied areas, including post harvest management and market linkages for income generation and entrepreneurship development.
Q.3	Who are eligible to apply loan under the scheme
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduates in agriculture and allied subjects from State Agriculture Universities (SAUs)/Central Agricultural Universities/Universities recognised by ICAR/UGC. Degree in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, GoI, on recommendation of the State Government• Diploma (with at least 50% marks)/Post Graduate Diploma holders in Agriculture and allied subjects from State Agricultural Universities, State Agriculture and Allied Departments and State Department of Technical Education.• Diploma in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, GoI on recommendation of the State Government• Biological Science Graduates with Post Graduation in Agriculture & allied subjects• Degree courses recognised by UGC having more than 60 percent of the course content in Agriculture and allied subjects• Diploma/Post Graduate Diploma courses with more than 60 percent of course content in Agriculture and allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences, from recognised colleges and universities.• Agriculture related courses at intermediate (i.e. plus two) level, with at least 55% marks.
Q.4	What is the Age criteria to apply for loan under this scheme
A	Candidates of age group between 18 to 60 years are eligible for loan under the scheme
Q.5	Who is responsible for providing training to eligible candidates?
A	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) will be responsible for providing training to eligible candidates, through Nodal Training Institutes (NTIS) and motivating them for setting up of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres.
Q.6	How can I apply for training
A	Applications for training will be accepted only through online portal https://acabcmis.gov.in

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Q.7	What is the subsidy available from GOI under this scheme
A	GOI is supporting the scheme by providing Composite Subsidy which is back-ended in nature. It will be 44% of project cost for women, SC/ST & all categories of candidates from NE and Hill states and 36% of project cost for all others.
Q.8	Is there any lock in period for subsidy?
A	The subsidy will be back ended with minimum 3 years lock-in period. This implies that once the loan is taken with subsidy, the account cannot be closed within three years.
Q.9	What is the ceiling of project cost for subsidy under this scheme?
A	Ceiling of project cost for subsidy is Rs. 20 lakh for an individual project (25 lakh in case of extremely successful individual projects) and up to Rs. 100 lakh for a group project (Established by a group comprising at least 5 trained persons under the scheme)
Q.10	What is the repayment schedule for loan obtained under the scheme?
A	Repayment period will depend on the nature of activity and will vary between 5 to 10 years. The repayment period may include a maximum grace period of 2 years (to be decided by the financing bank as per needs of individual projects).
Q.11	What is the margin money stipulation under the scheme?
A	In case of loans up to Rs. 5 lakh, no margin money is required as per present norms.

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