

Facilitation Centres

Development of medicinal plants requires an effective institutional mechanism for technology transfer on crops and varieties that can be grown in an agro climatic zone, the soil suitability for a particular crop, the cultivation practices, sources of seed and quality planting material. Farmers/ growers have felt need for hand holding support so that medicinal plants as a crop diversification option may pick up to the desired level.

The National Medicinal Plants Board in this regard through its Facilitation Centres (FCs) will provide a service window for growers of Medicinal Plants for supporting cultivation, provide handholding support to stakeholders in terms of technology dissemination, trainings, data compilation and maintenance etc.,. The NMPB consider project based proposal for facilitation Centre.

The Facilitation Centres work in close co-ordination with the concerned State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPB) and also provide Training in the formulation of projects of Medicinal Plants Cultivation, Development and conduct following activities.

- Authentication of quality raw materials on the basis of Taxonomic identification and chemical parameters.
- Organisation of Stakeholders Meets
- Publication and dissemination of scheme guidelines, information on Agro-techniques, markets, prices etc. especially in local languages.
- To help in production of quality planting material by various agencies including Forest Department, NGOs and the private nurseries.
- Making available testing facilities for the material produced under NMPB schemes, where such facilities exist within the facilitation centres.

In the districts where Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) have a presence, they should also be involved in the technology dissemination and capacity building exercises.

Pattern of Assistance

The cost per Facilitation Center will be Rs.50.00 Lakhs for a period of three years.

S.No.	Particulars		Years			Total Amount (₹ in lacs)
			Ist	Ist	Ist	
1.	Training	No. of Trainings (No.)	5	5	5	
		No. of trainees (No.)	150	150	150	9.00
		Total amount @ ₹ 2000 per trainee for a minimum of 2 days duration/exposure visits within the State (₹ in lakhs)				
2.	Exposure visits @ Rs. 5000/- per trainee		-	-	-	5.00
3.	Stake holders meet (Workshop) (₹ in lacs)		2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
4.	(a) Publication of pamphlets, technical literature, Periodicals (including translation in the local languages)		2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
5.	Staff- (Project Assistant/ PDF-1) @ 15,000/- (Data Entry Operator-1) @10,000/-		3.00	3.00	3.00	9.00
6.	Mobility Support		1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
7.	Institutional charges, (Ls)					2.00
8.	Kisan Call Centre		2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00
9.	Contingency		1.00	1.00	2.00	4.00
	Total					50.00

Note: The above table is indicative. Need based change within different heads, with due justification, will be permitted subject to approval by the PSC and SFC.

Eligibility

Departments of State Agriculture Universities, National and State Level Research Institutions, Non-profit making/philanthropic organizations doing considerable work on medicinal plants or related activities, with sound track record will be eligible.

Coordination with SMPB/Regional Centers

The Facilitation Center will work in close coordination with the SMPBs/Regional Centres. Maintaining Germ Plasm banks or the raising of QPM through the FC or appropriate scientific partners identified by FCs, if considered necessary, will be demand based and will be proposed as a separate project, for consideration of PSC and SFC.

The project proposal covering the above key parameters/ costing with minor variations depending upon local situations are permissible.

Performance Monitoring

The institution will also put in place an internal monitoring mechanism to review the progress.

Submission of Proposals

Eligible Organizations can apply to NMPB in the relevant proformas where the proposal will go through scrutiny by the Project Screening Committee (PSC) before approval by Standing Finance Committee (SFC).

Management Support

One project management Consultant along with one Data Entry Operator will be engaged for providing support at NMPB level for activities relating to scrutiny, implementation, monitoring and technical support to the state.