TIFAC - SIDBI REVOLVING FUND



TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAMME सूजन (SRIJAN)

...Catalyzing development, demonstration, commercialization of innovative technologies





Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (T I F A C)

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Need for developing national capabilities to innovate and create business opportunities in emerging technological areas has been acutely felt as there continues to be a dearth of early stage funding for commercialization of innovations by MSMEs due to higher risks of investment in un-proven technologies. Thus, major proportion of the available early stage funding gets invested in relatively low risk opportunities based on proven technologies, thereby limiting innovations to reach the market.

Objective

The collaborative programme of TIFAC & SIDBI launched on November 01, 2010, aims at facilitating development, demonstration and commercialization of technology innovation projects pertaining to new product or process development to encourage and promote development of capabilities in MSMEs to innovate and to bring high-risk innovations to the market for opening up opportunities for business linked with innovations.

Revolving Fund for Technology Innovation

TIFAC created a Revolving Fund of ₹30.00 crores for Technology Innovation and placed it with SIDBI to provide assistance to MSMEs for development, up-scaling, demonstration and commercialization of innovative technology based projects.

MSMEs seeking financial assistance from the Fund for technology innovation projects may send detailed project proposal either to TIFAC or SIDBI. The technical evaluation of the project proposals shall be carried out by TIFAC and financial appraisal shall be done by SIDBI. The proposals recommended both technically & financially shall be considered for sanction towards implementation by a Project Approval Committee (PAC) consisting of SIDBI and TIFAC officials. SIDBI will manage the Fund on behalf of TIFAC. The detailed format for submission of proposals may be downloaded from www.tifac.org.in or www.sidbi.in.

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About the Scheme

Scheme	सृजन (SRIJAN)
Fund	TIFAC – SIDBI Revolving Fund for Technology Innovation
Purpose	Development, demonstration, up-scaling and commercialization of innovative technology based projects by MSMEs. The Scheme will provide developmental loan at flexible terms & softer interest rate to encourage and promote innovative technology based process / product/application development and its commercialization.
Eligibility	New / existing Indian MSME units.
Quantum of assistance	Assistance upto 80% of the total project cost, which would normally be not more than ₹100.00 lakhs. Higher assistance could be considered selectively based on innovation content in the projects.
Project Cost	 Capital expenditure e.g. factory shed for the project, plants & machinery, utilities, testing & quality control equipment etc. Intangibles e.g. patents/ copy rights / R&D / technology transfer fee / licensing / Marketing / brand building expenses Working capital margin Pre-operative expenses Manpower cost Contingencies / Any other heads required for the project
Upfront Fee	Not more than 0.5% of the sanctioned amount + service tax as applicable for the sanctioned projects only.
Instruments of Finance	Secured Term Loan
Rate of Interest	Not more than 5% p.a.
Repayment Period	Loan repayment period including moratorium should generally be not more than 6 years from the date of completion of the project.
Security	 First charge on assets (both moveable / immoveable) created / to be created under the project. First / pari passu / second charge on other assets of the unit depending upon prior charge created/ to be created Personal guarantees of promoters.
Promoter's Contribution	Minimum 20% of the total project cost

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About TIFAC

Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) was set up as an autonomous organization (registered society) under the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India in the year 1988. Its activities encompass broad areas towards identifying, facilitating and implementing technology development projects under Technology Vision 2020; undertaking technology forecasting & assessment studies and technology & market linked business opportunity reports in emerging technology areas of national importance. TIFAC continues to strive for technology development in the country by leveraging technology innovations through sustained and concerted programmes in close association with academia, R&D and industry.

About SIDBI

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) was set up on April 02, 1990 under an Act of the Parliament, functions as the Principal Financial Institution for the promotion, financing and development of the micro, small and medium Enterprise (MSME) Sector and co-ordinate the functions of the institutions engaged in similar activities. SIDBI started as refinancing institution, has emerged as a complete financial solution institution meeting all the financial and capacity building needs of MSME sector. SIDBI also plays a proactive role of a change agent and engages in such policy advocacy for MSMEs, as aligned to national priorities. SIDBI gives increasing emphasis on promotional activities in clusters to foster sustainable development of Indian MSMEs. The activities shall also be aligned more with the emerging areas such as energy efficiency, climate change, CDM, green rating, etc. as also those which result in improving the competitiveness of the sector.

TIFAC & SIDBI invite project proposals from MSMEs in the prescribed format, which can be downloaded from www.tifac.org.in or www.sidbi.in

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