

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT
INDUSTRIES AND MINES DEPARTMENT
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Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Dated 10th JUNE 2004

Read:- 1. Gujarat Industrial Policy 2003.
2. Industries and Mines Department GR No.APN/10-2001/I
dated 14/11/2000

1.0 **Preamble**

In the present environment of globalization, industrial units are required to face competition both internal as well as external. They have to continue sly upgrade technology and modernize their plants. The industries with superior technology will have a cutting edge being equipped with the ability to provide quality products and services in a cost effective manner. It is very essential that the industrial units try to keep pace with the rapid changes in the technology and identify suitable technology for their set up. The State Government appreciates this fact and has decided to encourage industrial units taking up projects to upgrade their existing technology.

2.0 **The Scheme**

The scheme will be known as financial assistance to industrial units for technology upgradation. It will come into force with immediate effect & remain operational for 5 years.

3.0 Eligibility

Any SSI unit having Permanent SSI registration with DIC or any medium and large industrial unit having approval under IDR Act having investment in gross fixed assets covering land, building and plant and machinery not exceeding Rs. 10 crore.

4.0 Quantum of Assistance

Financial assistance in the form of interest subsidy @ 3% per annum will be provided on term loan received from financial Institutions/banks towards purchase of capital equipments necessary for technology upgradation. The period of assistance will be for five years subject to maximum of Rs. 3 lakhs per year.

The amount of interest subsidy will be paid direct to the financial Institution/Bank.

No penal interest or other charges will be considered.

The unit availing assistance under any other scheme of the State Government for the same purpose will not be eligible under this scheme. However, the units can avail assistance in any scheme of Government of India/financial Institution.

5.0 Technology Acquisition Fund

Acquisition of technology is a complex process. Some times it may not be possible for industrial units to acquire technology on their own. The State Government therefore intends to create set up a cell in Industries Commissionerate in order to acquire appropriate technologies in different sectors for identified products. The technology in turn can be transferred to small/medium industrial units.

The acquisition of technology can be in any form including purchase of drawings and design, technology development through engaging Experts/institutions, technology development through any Research and Development Institution and/or consultancy form or any other method.

A revolving fund will be created for technology acquisition. The price to be recovered from the units will depend on the cost of acquisition/development of technology.

The total fund spent for technology acquisition will be recovered from participating units in a project.

The revolving fund however, will not exceed Rs. 10 crores. Further guidelines will be laid down by the State Level Approval Committee. .

6.0 Patent Tracking.

In the changing business environment, it is necessary to keep a close track on the details of Patent Registration taking place globally. It will be required to select such consultancy firms/professional agencies as also the items on which patent tracking would be necessary. Government will make such selection. Further terms & conditions would be decided by the State Level Approval Committee. The information collected will be disseminated to the industrial units in the State including clusters.

7.0 Patent Registration

Assistance (Cash Subsidy) will be provided for meeting the expenses incurred by any organization, institution, individual or industrial units for obtaining patent registration as per national / international rules and regulations. For this purpose assistance will be provided at the rate of 50

per cent (maximum Rs. 5/- lakhs) of necessary expenditure incurred for obtaining the Patent. However this assistance will be given only once per product/process per institution/individual.

Considering the large lead time, needed in receiving patents by applicants, partial reimbursement upto 50% will be made when the Patent Office issues final receipt of the application to the applicant who applied and got approval from the R & D Committee. Fees paid to approved Patent Assistance Cells such as PAC of GIAN and GITCO will be considered as eligible expenses.

Patents received after November 14, 2000 only will be considered as eligible.

8.0 State Level Approval Committee

In order to sanction assistance to industrial units of interest subsidy for technology upgradation, creating Technology Acquisition Fund and assistance towards Patent Tracking and Patent Registration a the State Level Approval Committee is constituted with following members.

Industries Commissioner	Chairman
Addl. Secretary, FD	Member
Addl. Secretary/Dy. Secretary(I&M)	Member
Principal Chief Industrial Advisor	Member
Addl./Jt. Commissioner of Industries	Member – Secretary

9.0 Procedures

The small scale industrial units requiring assistance for technology upgradation are required to apply in a prescribed form to District Industries Centre. Units Other than small scale industrial units are required to apply to Industries Commissionerate in the prescribed form within six months of sanction of term loan from Financial Institution/Bank.

In case of Patent Registration, the scientist/institution/unit is required to apply to Industries Commissionerate within six months of filing Patent to the Patent office.

The expenditure on account of the scheme will be made from the sanctioned grant for the respective financial year under the Budget Head

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Major Head 2851
village and small industries.
Minor Head (102) Small Scale Industries
Sub Head (16) IND-1, financial Assistance to Industries
Detailed Head
3135 Grant -In -Aid(C) to others

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By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat

R.S. Dave
Section Officer
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