



# Schemes for **MODERNISATION & INNOVATION**

in the Food Crop and  
Livestock Sectors



Ministry of Agro Industry and  
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# FOREWORD

The policy objectives of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security as enunciated in the Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for the Food Crop, Livestock and Forestry Sectors aim at:

- i. Promoting food security and food safety;
- ii. Increasing production of strategic crops, milk and meat products to attain an appreciable level of self-sufficiency;
- iii. Developing the agri-business sector for the processing of primary agricultural produce into high value added products to gradually reduce our dependency on imports;
- iv. Encouraging smart agriculture and organic farming systems for production of safer and healthier food products.



The farming community which is a key partner in this development strategy has to stand numerous challenges, namely, shortage of labour, effects of climate change, lack of working capital, and ever increasing production costs.

They need, therefore, to be empowered and further supported by Government to fulfill the objectives set and to operate in a more conducive environment.

It is in this context that the package of incentives put up by Government for the Ago-Industrial Sector has been reviewed and further consolidated with new schemes in a bid to instill a more conducive environment and provide the farming community with effective support in terms of technical and financial assistance.

All these schemes are compiled in this handy booklet which is now available as a key information tool for the public at large and the farming community in particular as well as prospective promoters.

I wish to commend this booklet to all stakeholders of the agro-industrial sector and sincerely hope that they will take full benefit of the incentives being offered to leverage their production potential.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahen Kumar Seeruttun'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**MAHEN KUMAR SEERUTTUN**  
Minister of Agro Industry and Food Security

# SHELTERED FARMING SCHEME

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Encouraging farmers to shift from traditional open field cultivation to sheltered farming system. This will enable farmers to mitigate effects of adverse climatic conditions; improve production capacity and the quality of farm produce.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- A grant of 50% on investment costs up to a maximum of Rs 400,000.
- The scope of the Scheme is being extended to farmers engaged in production of cut flowers, ornamentals, as well as hydroponics and bio farming activities.
- Farmers will also benefit from the Scheme to have quick replacement of plastic cover on sheltered farm damaged in case of natural calamities.
- Scheme applicable to Sheltered Farming activities approved by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).
- Prospective applicants will benefit from the Scheme only once.

## 3. BENEFICIARIES

Registered planters, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies and Farmers Associations operating in the agro-industrial sector and engaged in production of high value crops/horticultural crops on a minimum extent of 0.5 arpent and having a maximum annual turnover of Rs 3 million. New promoters who are already owners of land or who hold land leases for at least 5 years and whose projects meet other conditions of the Scheme are also eligible.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and
- Holder of title deed or lease agreement (minimum 5 years) for land hosting the proposed sheltered farming project.



## SHELTERED FARMING SCHEME



### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Farmer has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting document, where applicable, as follows:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate in case of Co-operative Societies/ Companies/ Farmers Associations or Copy of Small Planters Welfare Fund (SFWF) registration card in case of individuals;
- (b) copy of Identity Card for members of Co-operative Societies / Companies /Farmers Associations
- (c) copy of relevant permits, licences;
- (d) proof of funding from a recognised financial institution(e.g. updated letter from bank); and
- (e) quotation(s) from the Supplier(s).

The application form is available at any sub office of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly filled along with the relevant documents should be submitted at the nearest sub-offices of FAREI.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (a) Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.
- (b) All facilities funded under Sheltered Farming Scheme will be utilised solely for horticultural production.
- (c) Mode of payment for the scheme will be 40% on submission of receipts and the remaining 60% on submission of project completion report.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

# RAIN WATER HARVESTING SCHEME

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To encourage crop/livestock farmers 'harvest' rainwater to optimise use of water resources.

The Scheme provides partial funding as grant for acquisition of appropriate equipment to collect, store and supply of rainwater on-farm for the sole purpose of agricultural production.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) A grant of 50% on investment costs for installation of rainwater harvesting facilities up to a maximum of Rs 100,000.
- (b) The scheme caters for on-farm installation of rainwater harvesting system on existing shed or construction/setting up of a rain water collecting pond/or any other light structure for collecting rain water.
- (c) Construction of a new farm shed / store is excluded.
- (d) Prospective applicants will benefit from the Scheme only once.

## 3. BENEFICIARIES

Individual planters/breeders registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF), Co-operative Societies/Companies engaged in the commercial production of food crops, ornamentals and livestock.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (a) Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the farming activities where applicable;
- (b) Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and
- (c) Holder of title deed or lease agreement (minimum 5 years) for land hosting the proposed rainwater harvesting facility.





## RAIN WATER HARVESTING SCHEME



### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Farmer has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting document, where applicable, as follows:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate in case of Co-operative Societies/Companies/Farmers Associations or Copy of Small Planters Welfare Fund (SFWF) registration card in case of individuals;
- (b) copy of Identity Card for members of Co-operative Societies/Companies;
- (c) copy of relevant permits, licences;
- (d) proof of funding from a recognised financial institution (e.g. updated letter from bank);
- (e) quotation(s) from the Supplier(s); and
- (f) layout plan of unit.

The application form is available at any sub office of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly filled along with the relevant documents and sketch/plan should be submitted at the nearest sub-offices of FAREI.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (a) Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.
- (b) All facilities funded under Sheltered Farming Scheme will be utilised solely for horticultural production.
- (c) Mode of payment for the scheme will be 40% on submission of receipts and the remaining 60% on submission of project completion report.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL/PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (CROP AND LIVESTOCK)

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Encouraging farmers engaged in crop / livestock production activities and agro-entrepreneurs to acquire farm machinery/equipment for mechanisation of their production system and also venture in food processing or other value-addition activities (list available at Food and Agricultural Research Extension Institute).



### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) A grant of 50% on the costs of investment up to a maximum of Rs 350,000 for the purchase of equipment for processing and/or mechanisation of agricultural operations.
- (b) Scheme applicable to Agricultural/Processing equipment approved by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).
- (c) Prospective applicants will benefit from the Scheme only once.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Planters registered with the SFWE, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies engaged in production of food crops and ornamentals/ and livestock on a minimum extent of 0.25 arpent, and agro-entrepreneurs holding a Business registration Certificate from SMEDA.

New promoters who are already owners of land or who hold land leases for at least 5 years and whose projects meet other conditions of the Scheme are also eligible.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (a) Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the proposed activities;
- (b) Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and
- (c) Holder of title deed/lease agreement.



## PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL/PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (CROP AND LIVESTOCK)



### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Farmer has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting document, where applicable, as follows:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate in case of Co-operative Societies / Companies/Farmers Associations or Copy of Small Planters Welfare Fund (SFWF) registration card in case of planter; and SMEDA registration in case of agro-processors;
- (b) copy of Identity Card for members of Co-operative Societies/ Companies /Farmers Associations;
- (c) copy of relevant permits/ licences for agro processing;
- (d) layout of irrigation network (where applicable); and
- (e) quotation(s) from the Supplier(s).

The application form is available at any sub office of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly filled along with the relevant documents and sketch/plan should be submitted at the nearest sub-offices of FAREI.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.

All facilities funded under Purchase of Agricultural/Processing equipment scheme will be utilised solely for agricultural production/ agro-processing.

### 7. MODE OF PAYMENT

Disbursement is conditional to proof of purchase and verification of equipment on site.

### 8. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## FRUIT PROTECTION SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Protection of fruit trees in orchards and in backyard from being attacked by bats.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) Subsidy of 75% on costs for the purchase of anti-bird net to cover 50% of the extent of the orchard up to a maximum of 2 arpents.
- (b) For backyards, subsidy of 75% on costs for the purchase of anti-bird net for a maximum of 5 fruit trees.
- (c) Each beneficiary will be eligible for the Scheme only once in a fruit season.
- (d) Fruit Trees mainly concerned by the Scheme include:  
Mango, Litchi and Longan.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Member of the public, orchard owner, planters, members of Cooperative Societies/ Companies/ Farmers Associations.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Member of the public/orchard owner having at least one fruit bearing tree.



## FRUIT PROTECTION SCHEME



### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Farmer has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting document, where applicable, as follows:

- (a) Copy of Identity Card;
- (b) Proof of applicant's address; and
- (c) Title deed or lease agreement.

The application form is available at any sub office of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly filled along with the relevant documents and sketch/plan should be submitted at the nearest sub-offices of FAREI.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (a) Purchase of nets should be effected from list of registered suppliers at FAREI;
- (b) Copy of title deed or lease agreement of land for orchard owners (5 years); and
- (c) Payment will be effected upon verification of orchard sites.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## BANANA BAGGING SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Encouraging banana growers to adopt a more integrated approach in view of protecting banana bunches from infection and physical damage.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) Subsidy of 50% for the purchase of a maximum of 450 polyethene plastic bags (75 cm x 130 cm x 50µ) per arpent.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Banana growers registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, Cooperative Societies/Companies engaged in the commercial production of banana.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Planters engaged in banana cultivation on a commercial basis on a minimum of 0.25 arpent.

### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Planters have to fill the appropriate application form and submit the following supporting documents to the nearest sub offices of FAREI:

- (a) copy of national ID card;
- (b) copy of Utility Bill (CEB/CWA);
- (c) title deed where applicable; and
- (d) planters registration Card (SFWF) optional.



## BANANA BAGGING SCHEME



### 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

### 7. PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- (a) Banana growers will apply for the purchase of plastic bags at the respective sub offices of FAREI and fill in application form;
- (b) the Extension Officer then recommends for the purchase of the plastic bags as per requirements thereon;
- (c) the applicant will be issued a purchase voucher with a FAREI code number (for traceability) indicating the number of bags recommended for purchase. After the sale effected, the supplier fills in each purchase voucher indicating total cost of bags (Rs) and amount claimed as subsidy (50% of cost) and submits claim to FAREI;
- (d) producers pay only 50% of the cost of the bag at the time of purchase and the remaining 50% is refunded only after the supplier has furnished to FAREI the purchase voucher indicating the cost and number of bags supplied to applicant; and
- (e) producers may be contacted for verification of purchase by FAREI.

## POTATO SEED PURCHASE SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

This scheme is intended for individual small planters. It aims at alleviating the significantly high financial cost involved in the purchase of potato seed by providing a source of funding.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- Planters will have to make a minimum part payment of 10% of the cost of seed purchased at the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).
- The remaining amount shall be paid without interest after beneficiaries have harvested their crops.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Planters must be registered with either the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board (SIFB).

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Field of beneficiary should be situated in regions suitable to potato cultivation as recommended by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

Planters have to fill in the appropriate application form and submit same together with documents mentioned below to the AMB:

- Copy of registration certificate/card of Small Farmers Welfare (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board(SIFB);
- copy of Identity Card; and
- proof of evidence of land availability for the area they would wish to plant under the scheme as well as the approximate date/s of plantation.





## POTATO SEED PURCHASE SCHEME



### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Planters taking advantage of the scheme will have to sell to AMB, at the official recommended floor price, a minimum of 3 tonnes of table potato for every tonne of seed purchased.

Planters wishing to enlist above 3 arpents under the Scheme, a bank guarantee representing at least 90% of the cost of the potato seeds will be required. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of at least 12 months as from the date of lifting of the seeds at AMB.

In case of death of a beneficiary his/her heirs shall be liable to pay the amount due under the Scheme. Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the AMB and the beneficiary.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).

## ONION SEED PURCHASE SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

This scheme is intended for individual small planters. It aims at alleviating the significantly high financial cost involved in the purchase of onion seeds by providing a source of funding.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- Planters will have to make a minimum part payment of 10% of the cost of seed purchased at the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).
- Planters will also benefit from a grant of 10% on the total cost of seed purchased at the AMB.
- The remaining amount shall be paid without interest after beneficiaries have harvested their crop.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Planters must be registered with either the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board (SIFB).

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Field of beneficiary should not be situated in sensitive regions as declared by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Planters have to fill in the appropriate application form and submit same together with documents mentioned below to the AMB:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate/card of Small Farmers Welfare (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board (SIFB);
- (b) copy of Identity Card; and
- (c) proof of evidence of land availability for the area they would wish to plant under the scheme as well as the approximate date/s of plantation.



## ONION SEED PURCHASE SCHEME



### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Planters taking advantage of the scheme will have to sell to AMB, at the official recommended floor price, a minimum of 3 tonnes of onion bulbs, for every 2 Kg of seed purchased.

Planters wishing to enlist above 3 arpents under the Scheme, a bank guarantee representing at least 90% of the cost of the onion seeds will be required. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of at least 12 months as from the date of lifting of the seeds at AMB.

In case of death of a beneficiary his/her heirs shall be liable to pay the amount due under the Scheme. Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the AMB and the beneficiary.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).

## GARLIC SEED PURCHASE SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

This scheme is intended for individual small planters. It aims at alleviating the significantly high financial cost involved in the purchase of garlic seeds by providing a source of funding.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- Planters will have to make a minimum part payment of 10% of the cost of seed purchased at the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).
- Planters will also benefit from a grant of 10% on the total cost of seed purchased at the AMB.
- The remaining amount shall be paid without interest after beneficiaries have harvested their crops

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Planters must be registered with either the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board (SIFB).

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Field of beneficiary should not be situated in sensitive regions as declared by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

Planters have to fill in the appropriate application form and submit same together with documents mentioned below to the AMB:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate/card of Small Farmers Welfare (SFWF) or the Sugar Insurance Fund Board(SIFB);
- (b) copy of Identity Card; and
- (c) proof of evidence of land availability for the area they would wish to plant under the scheme as well as the approximate date/s of plantation.



## GARLIC SEED PURCHASE SCHEME



### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Planters taking advantage of the scheme will have to sell to AMB, at the official recommended floor price, a minimum quantity of garlic bulb as specified by the AMB.

Planters wishing to enlist above 3 arpents under the Scheme, a bank guarantee representing at least 90% of the cost of the potato seeds will be required. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of at least 12 months as from the date of lifting of the seeds at AMB.

In case of death of a beneficiary his/her heirs shall be liable to pay the amount due under the Scheme. Upon approval, an Agreement will be signed between the AMB and the beneficiary.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).

## COMPOST SUBSIDY SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Support to small planters to shift from the use of chemical inputs to organic ones so as to promote sustainable agriculture.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

Provision of locally produced compost up to a maximum of 1 ton/arpent.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Small planters registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) and sugar cane planters registered with the Sugar Insurance Fund Board (SIFB).

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Holder of title deed/ lease agreement
- Show proof of registration with SFWF or SIFB

### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Applicant has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting documents.

Application forms are available at:

- (a) SFWF Head Office at St Pierre and Sub-Offices for small planters.
- (b) Forms are also available on the SFWF's Website: <http://sfwf.govmu.org> or Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly filled in along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Small Farmers Welfare Fund.



## COMPOST SUBSIDY SCHEME



### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Vouchers will be issued to eligible planters, who have to present same to the supplier to take delivery of their respective compost.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF).

## HEIFER PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVE SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To encourage breeders to keep their calves healthy up to adult stage so as to increase production capacity in milk and meat.

To encourage breeders to take better care of their calves.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A cash grant of Rs 2,500 is payable to breeders under the Heifer Productivity Incentive Scheme, for each calf they have successfully bred up to 3 months and for a maximum of 30 weaned calves per year.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Small breeders registered with the SFWF.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) The breeder must be registered with the SFWF.
- (ii) The calf/calves must be duly tagged by the Division of Veterinary Services (DVS).
- (iii) The calf/calves must be at least 3 months old.
- (iv) The Cash Grant is payable to breeders who meet the eligibility criteria and after verification of the existence of the animal/(s) on the farm.





## HEIFER PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVE SCHEME



### 6. MODE OF APPLICATION

Applicant has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting documents, where applicable.

The application form is available at the Small Farmers Welfare Fund or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The duly filled application form along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Small Farmers Welfare Fund.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF).

# AGRICULTURAL CALAMITIES SOLIDARITY SCHEME

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To enable farmers restart production promptly after the occurrence of natural calamities, hence enhancing farmers' sustainability and reducing gap in supply of agricultural produce on the market.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

The Agricultural Calamities Solidarity Scheme (ACSS) is a National Solidarity Fund consolidated from grant received from the Government and contribution from farmers to be used to provide support to planters whose crops would have been affected by natural calamities, namely cyclone, excessive rainfall and drought.

## 3. BENEFICIARIES

Small planters registered with the SFWF and cultivating vegetables, fruits and/or flowers.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Registered with the SFWF.
- Holder of valid title deed/lease agreement.
- Cultivating crops covered under the ACASS.

## 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

- Fill in application form available at the SFWF Head Office at St Pierre and its sub offices.
- Forms are available on the <http://agriculture.gov.mu>



## AGRICULTURAL CALAMITIES SOLIDARITY SCHEME



### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (a) The coverage of ACASS will be for a period of 12 consecutive months as from the date he/she has registered his/her crop(s) under the Scheme.
- (b) The amount of annual contribution will be Rs 600 per arpent for a maximum of 24 arpents.
- (c) Assistance will be provided for one crop loss in a year in case, an extent of 50% or more of the covered crop/s has/have been destroyed by the said calamities.
- (d) Financial Support will be provided to the tune of Rs 5000 per arpent.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF).

## PREMARKET TEST AND CERTIFICATION SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To provide support to agro processors /enterprises in tapping additional and more profitable market for their products, as well as, ensure delivery of safe food to customers.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A grant of up to Rs 400,000 will be provided to registered agro processors to meet the costs of the pre-market test and certification of their products at the Government Analyst Division (GAD), for a maximum of 10 products.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Agro processors/Enterprises registered with the SFWE.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The agro processors registered with the SFWE.

### 5. CONDITION

List of Priority products (In case there is more than 10 products and/or the amount requested exceeds Rs 400,000).



## PREMARKET TEST AND CERTIFICATION SCHEME



### 6. MODE OF APPLICATION

- Applicant has to fill the appropriate application form and submit supporting documents.

The application form is available at the Small Farmers Welfare Fund or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The application form duly along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted at the SFWF.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF).

## TEA SECTOR SUPPORT SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To assist tea planters in increasing their field productivity and production, in line with Government's objective of boosting the tea sector.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

To provide fertilizer (22:5:7.5:7.5), free of charge (175 kgs per arpent) to registered tea planters.



## TEA SECTOR SUPPORT SCHEME



### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Tea planters registered with the SFWF.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Tea growers registered and licensed with the NAPRO and with the SFWF.

### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Fill in application form available at the SFWF.

### 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF).

## FREIGHT REBATE SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To promote the exportation of various agricultural products grown in Mauritius and to increase local production of specific fruits, vegetables and flowers

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

This scheme is applicable to selected fruits, vegetables and flowers and comprises of a rebate on exportation freight costs of 25% to be shared equally amongst exporters and producers.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

- Exporters registered with the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).
- Producers registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) and known to the Food and Agricultural Research Extension Institute (FAREI).

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Scheme shall only be applicable to the following selected produce:

- **Fruits:** Avocado, Fruits de Cythère, Litchis, Passion Fruits, Pineapples, Star Fruits (Caramboles).
- **Vegetables:** Anguives, Fine Beans, Extra Fine Beans, Green Chillies, Greens (Brèdes), Palm Shoots, Bitter Gourds, Ridged Gourds, Moringa (Brede Mourougue), Colocassia, Bread Fruit and Lady Finger.
- **Flowers:** Anthuriums, Orchids, Decorative Foliage, Tropical Flowers, Ornamentals and associated parts.

The eligible selected produce shall be either unprocessed or minimally processed (i.e., produce which is peeled, sliced/carved, dried and vacuum packed).





## FREIGHT REBATE SCHEME



Pickles and other produce in jars/food containers shall not be eligible under this Scheme.

The Scheme shall only be applicable to produce exported to countries with which Mauritius has international trade relations.

### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

All exporters seeking to benefit from this scheme should first register themselves with the AMB.

The exporter should fill in the required application form available at the AMB.

Office Moka or on its Website:  
<http://amb.intnet.mu>

### 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).

## BIO FARMING PROMOTION SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To encourage the development of Bio-Farming activities on a commercial scale

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) Income Tax Holiday for the first eight years of operation of approved Bio-Farming Project;
- (b) Value Added Tax Exemption on production equipment and other inputs acquired for the implementation of the project;
- (c) Loan facilities at an annual interest rate of Key Repo less 1% (presently 3.4%) over a period of ten years for a maximum of 90% project financing under the MauBank SME Development Scheme.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

The Scheme will be opened to Companies incorporated under the Companies Act on or after 02 June 2015, Cooperative Societies and individuals willing to embark in bio/organic farming activities and/or other natural farming systems for food crop production in either open field and/or under protected structures.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) In case of Individuals, applicants shall be duly registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) and with the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA);
- (ii) Enterprises should have been incorporated under the Companies Act or registered as a Cooperative Society under the Cooperative Act on or after 02 June 2015\*, be registered under the SMEDA Act and hold a Business Registration Number.



## BIO FARMING PROMOTION SCHEME



*\*Existing enterprises registered with the SMEDA, with a turnover of less than Rs 10M, will ONLY be eligible for a 4-year tax holiday in respect of their business income starting as from year of assessment 2016-2017.*

- (iii) The applicant or his/her representative should have attended training in Bio-Farming as approved by FAREI or hold proven expertise in the subject matter acceptable to FAREI;
- (iv) The applicant or his/her representative should either be the owner of the plot of land released for the project or shall hold a registered lease agreement for same which is valid for a period of at least 7 years at the time of application;
- (v) The applicant shall take commitment to implement the requirements of MauriGAP Part I (MG I) – Basic requirements, and to be MG I certified within a period not exceeding 1 year from the starting date of the project; and
- (vi) The applicant shall take commitment to comply with the requirements of MauriGAP Part 2 and MauriGAP Part 3, or any other internationally recognized Organic standards, within a maximum period of 7 years after the starting date of the project.

### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Applications for Bio Farming Promotion Scheme should be submitted in sealed envelopes to the **Bio-Farming Unit of the Ministry**. The application should be accompanied with a project proposal together with any relevant supporting documents mentioned at paragraph (4) above.

### 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## THE UPGRADING OF LIVESTOCK FARM SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

To assist breeders in the upgrading/construction of livestock farms and pig sties.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A **50%** grant up to a maximum of **Rs 200,000** on the cost of the building project. Priority will be given to those engaging in production of small ruminants, rabbits, geese, turkeys, ducks and quails.

Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies and Companies.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Holder of relevant permits/licences to carry out the project; and
- Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount.
- Applicants who have benefitted previously from grants or other financial incentives for upgrading/construction of livestock farm buildings will not be considered.

### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

Breeder has to fill the appropriate application form and submit the following documents:

- Copy of registration certificate in case of Cooperative Societies/ Companies or copy of breeder's card in case of individuals;
- copy of Identity Card for members of cooperative Societies/ Companies;
- copy of relevant permits/licences;
- proof of funding from a recognised financial institution (e.g. updated letter from bank);



## THE UPGRADING OF LIVESTOCK FARM SCHEME



### (e) Quotation from the Contractors(s)

The application form is available at any sub office of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITION

- (a) An Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.
- (b) Disbursement of funds will be made in two instalments equivalent to 50% of the grant depending on progress of work.
- (c) Applicants will not benefit from more than two Schemes.
- (d) Mode of payment;
  - 50% of the grant would be disbursed upon completion of 50% of the project.
  - Remaining 50% of the grant would be disbursed upon final completion of the project and following submission of technical report from FAREI.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## PASTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Encouraging the production of good quality fodder for proper feeding of livestock.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A **50%** grant up to a maximum of **Rs 20,000** per arpent on the cost of establishment of perennial fodder and maize up to a maximum of 25 arpents.

Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Registered breeders / Cooperative Societies/Companies.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Beneficiary should be owner/lessee of agricultural land of at least 1 arpent for at least 5 years.

### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

The Applicant has to fill the appropriate form and submit the following documents:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate in case of Co-operative Societies/Companies or copy of breeder's card in case of individuals;
- (b) copy of Identity Card for members of Cooperative Societies/Companies;
- (c) copy of title deed/lease agreement of land; and
- (d) cost of establishment of fodder plantation.



## PASTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME



The application form is available at all sub offices of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The duly filled application form along with the relevant documents should be submitted to the nearest sub-office of FAREI.

### 6. CONDITION

- (a) The beneficiary shall complete the plantation within 3 months as from date of first disbursement of grant allocated.
- (b) The beneficiary shall maintain the fodder plantation under good cultural practices and keep the plantation for at least 5 years.
- (c) The beneficiary shall provide monthly production data on harvest and its use.
- (d) The Ministry will disburse 50% of the grant payable up to a maximum of Rs 10,000 per arpent upon plantation of 50% of the total acreage to be planted. The remaining 50% grant will be disbursed after the first harvest of fodder.

### 7. SPECIAL CONDITION

An Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.

### 8. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

## TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION AND DIFFUSION SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Facilitating the introduction of new animal breeds/crops as well as access to expert/consultancy services, high performing equipment/technology in a bid to foster innovative production systems and boost production in the non-sugar agricultural sub-sector including agro-processing activities.



### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

- (a) Cash grant representing 75% of costs of consultancy / expert services / equipment / breeding stock/crop/planting material up to a maximum of Rs 1M payable as follows: 50% on approval of project and 25% on successful utilisation of project output.
- (b) A bonus of an additional 25% on successful dissemination of project output to other producers.
- (c) Scope of activities: Crops, livestock, cut flowers, ornamentals, bio/organic farming undertaken under open-field or sheltered conditions including Agro-processing and apiculture activities.



### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Individual farmers registered with SFWF; Cooperative Societies/registered companies engaged in agro-based activities and having an annual turnover of less than Rs 20M.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) Have proof of funding (from recognised financial institution) to cater for remaining cost of investment of project; and
- (ii) have secured all Permits/licences from relevant authorities (whenever applicable) in respect of proposed business venture.



## TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION AND DIFFUSION SCHEME



### 5. MODE OF APPLICATION

Filling of appropriate application form consolidated with:

- (i) A concept note on project stating how expert advice/technology/new crop/breeding stock will help to leverage production;
- (ii) terms of Reference (TOR) of Consultant; and curriculum vitae of consultant;
- (iii) specifications of Equipment/Crop/animal breeding stock to be acquired; and
- (iv) quotation(s) from suppliers.

Duly filled application form consolidated with supporting document should be submitted to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (i) Upon approval of the project proposal, the promoter will be called upon to sign an agreement with the Ministry;
- (ii) the promoter shall put up contract with service provider/or supplier;
- (iii) any authorised representative of the Ministry will have access to project site whenever required and at reasonable time;
- (iv) promoter shall organise Meetings with the consultant/expert service provider in presence of authorised representative of the Ministry to monitor work progress during period of assignment; and
- (v) promoter shall submit a final Report to the Ministry on completion of the assignment for evaluation prior to final payment of cash grant.

Note that in case of foreign consultancy/expert service, the Scheme will bear costs of air travel in Economy class by most direct route and accommodation at reasonable prices.

### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.

## CATTLE BREEDING SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Enabling breeders to purchase heifers/pregnant heifers/cows of genetically improved breeds.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A 50% grant up to a maximum of Rs 50,000 per head on the cost of the animal up to a maximum of 10 heads will be refunded as approved by the Ministry.

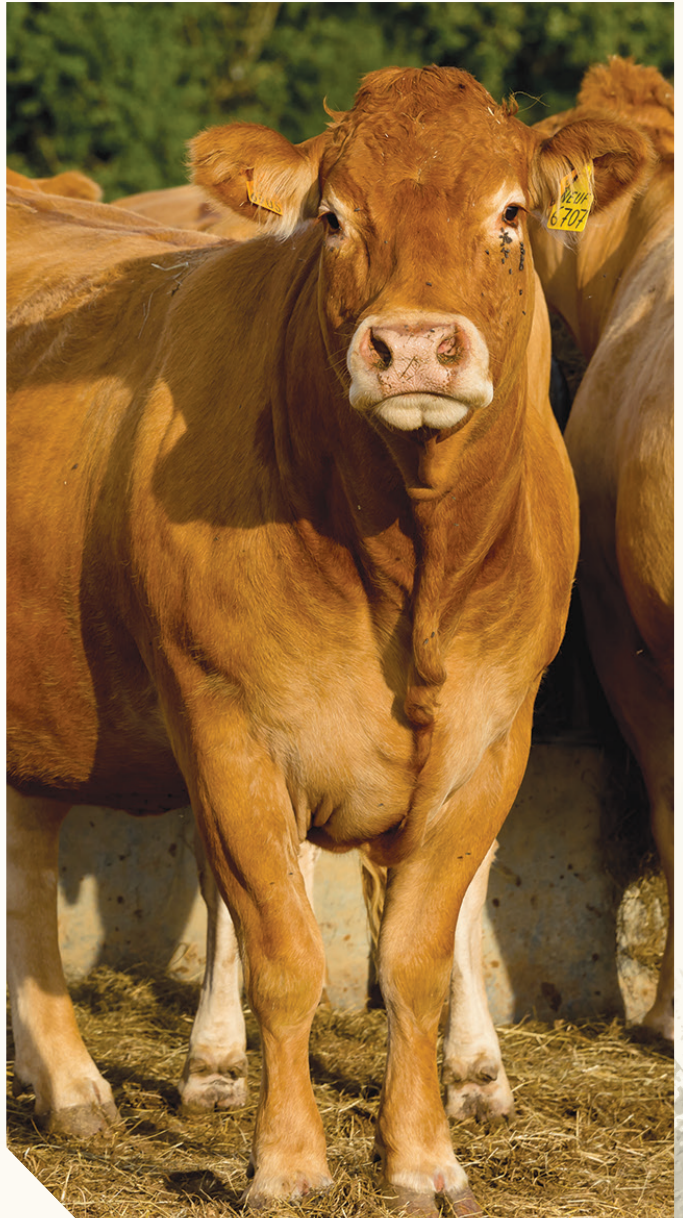
Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies/Companies.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (a) Holders of relevant permits/licenses to carry out breeding activities.
- (b) Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount.
- (c) Have appropriate housing facilities for the animals.



## CATTLE BREEDING SCHEME



### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

Breeder has to fill the appropriate application form and submit the following documents:

- (a) Copy of registration certificate in case of Cooperative Societies/Companies or copy of breeder's card in case of individual;
- (b) copy of identity card for members of Cooperative Societies /Companies;
- (c) copy of relevant permits/licences;
- (d) proof of funding from a recognised financial institution (e.g. updated letter from bank);
- (e) history card/Tag number of the animal(s), veterinary report on health status of each animal to be purchased; and
- (f) quotation from the Supplier(s).

The application form is available at all sub offices of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) or can be downloaded from the Ministry's website: <http://agriculture.govmu.org>

The duly filled application form along with relevant documents should be submitted at the nearest sub-office of FAREI.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITION

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### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

An Agreement will be signed between the Ministry (represented by FAREI) and the beneficiary.

## GOAT/SHEEP BREEDING SCHEME

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

Enabling breeders to purchase goats/sheep of genetically improved breed.

### 2. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

A 50% grant up to a maximum of Rs 15,000 per head on the cost of the animal up to a maximum of 25 heads will be refunded as approved by the Ministry.

Prospective applicants will benefit from the Scheme only once.

### 3. BENEFICIARIES

Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies/Companies.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (a) Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the breeding activities;
- (b) Have the appropriate housing facilities for the animals; and
- (c) Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount.



## GOAT/SHEEP BREEDING SCHEME



### 5. PROCEDURES TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME

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- (c) copy of the relevant permits/licenses;
- (d) proof of funding from a recognised financial institution (e.g. updated letter from bank);
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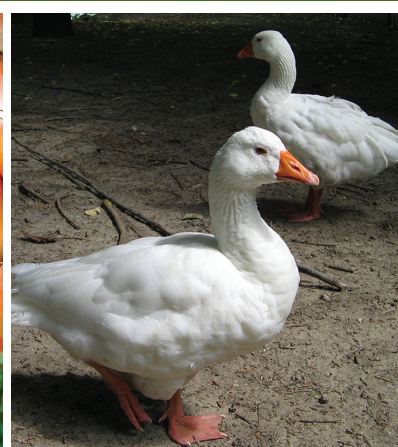
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### 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).



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