**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Support for common infrastructure would be provided to FPOs, SHGs, cooperatives, any Government agency or private enterprises.

1. **BENEFITS POSSIBLE FOR COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE -** Grant @35% with credit linkage
2. **ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLYING FOR CREDIT LINKED SUBSIDY FOR AN COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE**
3. Common infrastructure created under the scheme should also be available for other units and public to utilize on hiring basis for substantial part of the capacity
4. Eligibility of a project under this category would be decided based on benefit to farmers and industry at large, viability gap, absence of private investment, criticality to value chain, etc.
5. Priority would be given to Common Infrastructure involved in ODOP produce.
6. **GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING THE APPLICATION**

**Guidelines for Subjective Evaluation**

**Capital Investment –** Project should have justification for capital expenditure. The proposal should be clear about how capital investment will help the members created under the scheme along with the availability to other units and public to utilize on hiring basis for substantial part of the capacity. Also past experience of the applicant enterprise should be relevant to the application.

**Guidelines for Financial Evaluation**

**Past Track Record of the entity proposing for common infrastructure -** Profitability of the enterprise should be checked based on their financial statements. Already profitable businesses to be given priority. Also the projected growth should be realistic.

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| **Approval Checklist for FPO/Cooperatives/SHG/** **any Government agency/ private enterprises** | | | |
|  | CATEGORY | INDICATOR | **Positive Indicators to be considered for assessment** |
| 1 | Financial & Business Efficiency (Historical) | Total Annual Sales | More than 1 Cr |
| Gross Profit Margins | More than 1% |
| Net Profit Margins | More than 1% |
| Break even Analysis | Positive |
| Sources of Finance | Higher % of own Contribution – Higher Wtg. |
| Loan Repayment | Firm with good repayment history to be given wgt. |
| Banking | Healthy business credit matching with sales to be given wgt. |
| 2 | Vintage/Stability | Having own Business Premise |  |
| Vintage | 3 years+ |
| Compliance with laws of the land |  |
| 3 | Social Impact | Number of people getting employed or gaining additional income from the project |  |
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1. **Activities possible for gaining Credit linked subsidy under common infrastructure support (where capital investment is required)**

Premises for assaying of agriculture produce, sorting, grading, warehouse and cold storage at the farmgate.

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| **Particulars** | **Process** | **Kinds of Capital Investments possible** |
| Primary Processing | **Farm level** - Sorting, grading, cleaning  **Preparatory activities** - chopping, dicing, blanching, grinding etc. | Gravity separator, vibrating sieve, magnetic separator, blanchers, pulverizers, crushers, dicers and slicers, cyclone separators etc. |
| Secondary Processing | Cooking, baking, blending, fermentation, canning, bottling, drying, brining, retorting, freezing, addition of additives, smoking, pasteurization etc | Cooking kettle, Oven, planetary mixer, fermentator, retort chamber, hot air driers, blast freezers, pasteurizers, homogenizers, centrifuge etc. |
| Packaging and labeling | Primary, secondary and tertiary packaging, modified atmospheric packaging, intelligent packaging etc. | Packaging machines, form-fill-seal machine etc. |
| Standardisation and Quality Assurance | Quality testing, Moisture Content, Fat, SNF, Acidity, Protein, Adulteration, platform testing, Online Process Testing, Microbial testing | Bench-top Muffle furnace, Moisture balance, water activity meter, pH meter, hunter colorimeter, Soxhlet apparatus, test tube and other glass wares, Laminar chamber, refractometer etc |
| Storage facilities | Storage, Cold Storage, Ambient Storage, Controlled Atmosphere, Modified Atmosphere | Anti-lock room, cold storage, CA, ULO Technology, Chillers, humidity room, Modified atmosphere rooms, Refrigerators etc |
|  |  | **Ancillary equipments -** Buckets, drums, taps, Packaging material, trolleys, conveyor belts and transportation line, stacking pallets, crates, etc |

**Other Plant and Machinery can include**

1. Furniture and fixtures
2. Computer and office equipment
3. Work shed