The Department of Industries, A & N Administration is implementing a newly introduced Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Prime Minister Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME)” under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan with the objective to strengthen backward/forward linkages, common infrastructure, packaging, branding & marketing of products of micro food processing enterprises. Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant/seed capital would be provided to individuals/SHG’s/Co-operatives/Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs).

The scheme adopts “One District One Product (ODOP)” approach to reap the benefit of scale in terms of requirements of input, availing common services and marketing of products. The ODOP identified for the South Andaman District is Marine based Fish products and for Nicobar and North & Middle Andaman District is Coconut based products

**SCHEME COMPONENTS:**

1. **Support to Individual Micro Enterprises**

   Credit-linked Capital subsidy @ 35% of the eligible project cost with a maximum ceiling of RS.10.00 Lakh per unit. Beneficiary contribution should be minimum 10% of the project cost.

2. **Group Category**:

   - **Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)/ Producers Cooperatives**:

     FPOs and Producers Cooperatives would be provided the following support:
     1. Credit linked grant @ 35% of the project cost. Maximum limit would be as prescribed.
     2. Training support.

   - **Self Help Groups (SHGs)**

     i). **Seed Capital**: Seed capital @ Rs.40,000/- per member of SHG for working capital and purchase of tools

     ii). **Support to individual SHG member** as a single unit of food processing industry with credit linked grant @ 35% with maximum limit of Rs.10.00 Lakh

     iii). **Support for Capital investment at Federation of SHG Level**: Credit linked grant @35% and maximum grant would be as prescribed.

     iv). **Training & Handholding support to SHGs**
Support for Common Infrastructure
Credit linked grant @ 35% of the project cost for creating the following common infrastructure
1. Premises for assaying of agriculture produce, sorting, grading, warehouse and cold storage at the farm-gate.
2. Common processing facility for processing of ODOP produce
3. Incubation centre.

Branding and Marketing Support:
Support for branding and marketing would be 50% of the total expenditure. Maximum limit of grant would be as prescribed.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Existing and new Food processing unit oriented towards ODOP and other products.
- Micro Food processing Enterprises with investments under 100 lakhs.
- Must have credit link support from scheduled banks and recognised financial institutions.

Applications (offline) are invited from SHG’s/ Co-operatives/ FPOs seeking assistance under different components of PMFME Scheme. The format of the applications are available in the Directorate of Industries, Port Blair and Extension offices of this department at Bakultala, Diglipur, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman. The eligible SHG’s/ Co-operatives/ FPOs (existing/new) willing to avail assistance under the scheme may submit their application in offline/ Physical mode along with supportive documents. For further details, please contact Directorate of Industries, Port Blair or branch office of Industries Dept. on any working days between 09.00 AM to 05.00 PM for seeking guidance and assistance.

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