

WORKSHED SCHEME FOR KHADI ARTISANS

1. INTRODUCTION

Khadi has been a source of livelihood for more than 8.5 lakh persons who are engaged in the activity as spinners, weavers and artisans spread across the country. Khadi sector represents the continuity of age-old Indian heritage of hand spinning and hand weaving and reflects the socio-cultural tradition of the khadi artisans. The Government of India has been following a policy of promoting and encouraging the khadi sector through a number of policies and programmes. A growing need has been felt to facilitate and empower khadi artisans to chart out a sustainable path for growth, income generation and better work environment so that they are able to have a right working atmosphere and better ambiance to enable them to carry out their spinning and weaving work efficiently. The Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans (WSKA) is an attempt to facilitate the development of khadi spinners and weavers by way of providing them financial assistance for construction of worksheds, on a pilot basis.

2. WORKSHED SCHEME FOR KHADI ARTISANS –A CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME

Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans (WSKA) will be implemented during the XI Plan (2008-09 to 2011-12) and has been formulated as a Central Sector Plan Scheme.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

- To provide better ambiance by providing a better workplace to enable them to carry out their spinning and weaving work efficiently.
- To provide more storing and working space for housing splicers, raw material, implements and accessories, doobby, jacquard yarn, cloth, etc.
- To help improve efficiency productivity of the spinners through the electrical connection and lighting to the workshed.

4. ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME

4.1 Financial Assistance will be provided to those khadi artisans who belong to BPL category. Assistance for construction of worksheds will be provided through the khadi institutions with which these khadi artisans are associated and the quantum of assistance will be as under:

Component	Area per unit	Amount of Assistance
Construction of Workshed	20 Square meters (approximately)	Rs. 25,000/- or 75% of the cost of the workshed, whichever is less.

4.2 The additional requirements of funds over and above the financial assistance provided by the Government of India, to meet the cost of Workshed should be contributed by Khadi Institutions without insisting on any contribution from the beneficiaries, who belong to BPL category and may not be able to make such contribution. In case of individual Worksheds, the khadi institutions can also release the additional funds assessed for construction of workshed out of the accumulations in Artisans Welfare Fund lying to the credit of the beneficiary with State Level Artisan Welfare Fund Trust. The financial assistance to be provided by the Government, will go to the institutions (with which the beneficiaries of the scheme are affiliated) which will be responsible for the construction of worksheds (either directly or under their supervision) and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) will supervise the activities.

4.3 Cost of land will not be part of the project cost. Financial assistance will be for the purpose of construction of workshed only and will not be used to purchase land. In case of individual beneficiaries, the right title of the land must vest with the beneficiary and the institution has to ensure this before release of assistance. It will be the responsibility of the institution to whom the selected beneficiaries are attached to take care of the maintenance of the worksheds.

4.4 Wherever feasible, financial assistance may be provided to a group of (minimum 5, subject to a maximum of 15) khadi artisans who individually fulfil the eligibility criteria for this scheme, for the construction of Group Worksheds. These Group worksheds can be constructed in the land owned by the Khadi institution. In case of these Group Worksheds, the area will be at least 15 sq.m per beneficiary of the group and the financial assistance to be provided by the Government will be limited to Rs. 15,000 per beneficiary of the group or 75 % of the total cost of the project, whichever is lower. This land will be leased out to the individual beneficiaries (in the group) for an initial period of ten years, which may be extended after reviewing the requirements, after the period.

5. Modalities for implementation of the Scheme

5.1 KVIC will ensure the minimum acceptable standards for the construction of worksheds, and identify and select the khadi institutions that will implement the scheme after ensuring that at least 50 per cent of the selected institutions are in those States which contribute maximum khadi production or have the largest number of spinners and weavers registered.

5.2 The selected institutions will submit the list of beneficiaries (spinners and weavers), who will be provided with the financial assistance for construction of worksheds, to KVIC through the KVIC State Director concerned. The list will be accompanied with a proposal containing the details of the extent and nature of workshed and the cost estimates which should correspond to either the CPWD rates or the State PWD rates, whichever are lower. The proposal should also clearly indicate the extent of financing that would be contributed by the khadi institutions either from their own funds or raised through financial institutions / banks, Artisans Welfare Fund Trust, etc.

5.3 KVIC will examine the proposal and with the concurrence of its finance wing, will release 50 per cent of the entitled financial assistance under the scheme to each khadi institution as first instalment after satisfying themselves that the contribution from the institutions has been received for the project in respect of each beneficiary. The financial assistance so released will be kept apart in a joint bank account operated by the institution and KVIC for the purpose and it would not be allowed to be mixed with the other funds of the khadi institution. On satisfactory completion of the construction of the workshed (up to a level as prescribed by KVIC separately), the balance 50 per cent of the entitled financial assistance can be released by KVIC to the institution. The completion of the work would have to be certified by the State Director of KVIC. Utilisation Certificate in the [prescribed format](#) should be furnished by KVIC to the Ministry along with the demand for release of funds.

5.4 The scheme will be got evaluated by KVIC through an independent reputed agency after three years of its commencement. Comments and recommendations should be forwarded to the Ministry before considering further release of funds in the fourth year.

5.5 KVIC will ensure that the funds are earmarked as provided in the scheme for utilisation by and sanction to the beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Castes (minimum 15 per cent), Scheduled Tribes (minimum 8.2 per cent), Minorities and women (minimum 30 per cent) and North Eastern Region (minimum 10 per cent) and these are released to institutions by obtaining full details from the implementing institutions alongwith a certification by the State Director concerned.

5.6 The khadi institution will be directly responsible for ensuring full, proper and effective utilisation of the financial assistance provided under the scheme for the benefit of the spinners and weavers and will give an assurance to KVIC that they would be responsible for any deviation or diversion or misuse of the financial assistance.

5.7 KVIC will verify the construction in all cases and indicate the same in the quarterly progress report, to be submitted to the Ministry. KVIC will also maintain the database of all the details of beneficiaries and construction activities, which will be reviewed by KVIC every quarter.

Annexure

Proforma to be furnished by the Director, State/Divisional/Sub-Office concerned of KVIC/State/Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Boards to KVIC Headquarters for claiming assistance under the Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans

Sl No	Name and address of the Khadi Institutions along with the registration number	Names and addresses of the of the individual beneficiaries	Category-wise number of beneficiaries										Amount of subsidy to be granted	Remarks		
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			Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Women	Men			Men	Women

Certified that

1. The title of land is in the name of the beneficiary khadi artisans.
2. The beneficiary has not availed himself of similar assistance under any other scheme of the State or the Central Government.
3. Certified that the assets created out of the assistance under the scheme will not be sold or rented out.
4. The proposal has been recommended by theCommittee in its meeting held on..... The minutes of the meeting are enclosed.
5. Certified that no Utilisation Certificate is pending for rendition in respect of the above grantee institution.

Signature