

## **Assistance for strengthening of training infrastructure of existing and new Entrepreneurship Development Institutions (EDIs)**

The Government of India provide financial assistance to State level existing and proposed training institutions meant for supporting the entrepreneurship development efforts, as envisaged in the policy measures announced by the Government of India on 6.8.1991.

2. The scheme will be implemented by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries which has the responsibility of promoting and developing the SSI sector in the country through State Governments/Union Territories.

3. The central assistance to be provided would be only catalytic and supplementary to the contributions and efforts of the States/UT Governments and other agencies involved in the programme. The financial assistance will be for specific needs of each case for improvement in areas like building, training aids/equipment and other support services and will be on matching basis say 50% of the cost restricted to Rs. 100 lakh in each case. The State Governments will examine the expansion/modernization programmes of EDIs and forward the same to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Small Scale Industries, R.No.122-B, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110 011, recommending central assistance. The proposals would indicate clearly the item-wise estimated cost of the project, and also the sources of finance.

4. While approving the projects, decision will be taken on the quantum of item-wise Central Assistance, as per pattern of assistance given in para 3 above, which would be released/reimbursed on receipt of a formal request from the State Government after taking into consideration the availability of counterpart contribution from States/UTs and other agencies involved in the programme and the utilisation of funds already released.

5. The State Government will furnish the utilisation certificates in the prescribed form, to Ministry of SSI about the proper utilisation of the grant by the concerned EDI.

6. States/UTs are requested to send their proposals, if any, regarding assistance for strengthening existing EDIs or setting up of new EDIs to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Small Scale Industries, Udyog Bhavan (Room No. 122-B), New Delhi – 110 011 at an early date for consideration.