

# **SMALL FARMERS' AGRIBUSINESS CONSORTIUM**





# ABOUT SFAC

SFAC fundamental objective is to link the small farmers to agricultural value chain, which includes investments, technology and markets in association with private, corporate or cooperative sector.



It also provides capital support in the form of Venture Capital Assistance and Project Development Facility. .



The SFAC has emerged as a **Developmental Institution** which deals with agriculture in its wider connotation, including fisheries and horticulture.



The beneficiaries are agripreneurs to set up agribusiness ventures in close association with banks.



SFAC is an autonomous society promoted by Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India.



SFAC is an exclusive society focused on increasing incomes of small and marginal farmers through aggregation and development of agribusiness.



SFAC is progressing towards establishing an eco system for FPOs/FPCs to make them sustainable and viable in the long run.



SFAC is also implementing the National Agriculture Market Electronic Trading (e-Nam) platform.



# Vision

- **Promoting Agri-Business** by encouraging institutional and private sector investments and linkages to ensure the empowerment of all farmers in the country.

# Mission

- To link small farmers to technology as well as to the markets in association with private, corporate or cooperative sector and if necessary, by providing backward and forward linkages.



# Objectives

- To catalyze agro-industrial growth in the country based on the principles of:
  - (a) Ecological sustainability
  - (b) Economic efficiency
  - (c) Social equity
- To undertake or assist in undertaking programs for employment generation, growth and diversification of agriculture & agro-based industries to increase food production and export of agriculture products, in both primary and processed forms.
- To identify and promote post-harvest processing/manufactures units in the public , private and cooperative sector.
- To promote organization of marketing chain both for domestic and export marketing.
- To influence Government policies for agriculture, there by increasing the flow of resources and augmenting the rate of capital formation in agriculture sector.
- To pave the way for establishment of integrated producers' organizations with forward and backward linkages.
- To prepare, print and publish papers, periodicals, monographs in furtherance of the objectives of the society.

# FUNCTIONS



Promotion of development of small agribusiness through VCA scheme.

Helping formation and growth of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) / Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs).

Improving availability of working capital and development of business activities of FPOs/FPCs through Equity Grant and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme.

Implementation of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Electronic Trading platform.



# E-NAM

E-NAM is managed by the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC).

It provides single service for all APMC (Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee) related activities.

Today there are more than 450 APMCs listed under E-NAM for trade.

It was developed under the concept of "One Nation One Market".

It operates through an online portal that is linked to the state mandis.

The states should provide software for these mandis free of cost.



# Function of E-NAM

A representative of the Government will be appointed for every mandi. His tenure is for one year and he is responsible for smooth and seamless operation of the portal.



# SAILENT FEATURES



Venture Capital  
Assistance



Project  
Development  
Facility





# **VENTURE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**



## (a) Qualifying projects under Venture Capital

Project should be in agriculture or allied sector or related to agricultural services. Poultry and dairy projects will also be covered under the Scheme.

Project should provide assured market to farmers/producer groups.

Project should encourage farmers to diversify into high value crops, to increase farm incomes.

Project should be accepted by Notified Financial Institution for grant of term loan.



**(b) The quantum of SFAC Venture Capital Assistance will depend on the project cost and will be the lowest of the following**

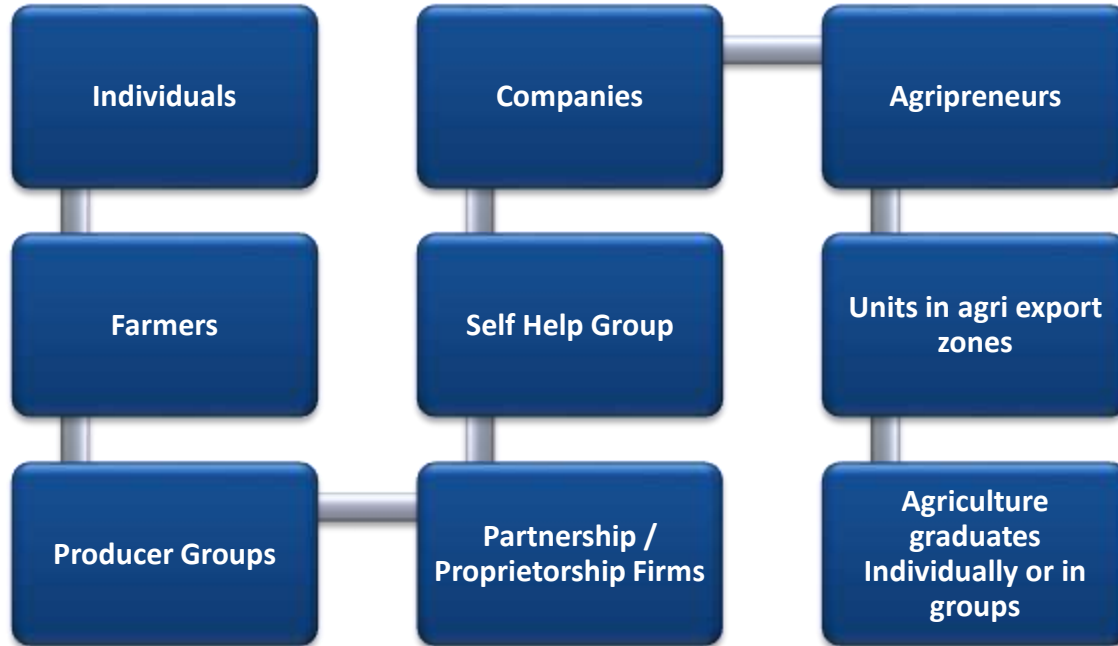
- 26% of the promoter's equity
- 50.00 lakhs.

Provided that for projects located in North-Eastern Region, Hilly States (Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir) and in all cases in any part of the country where the project is promoted by a registered Farmer **Producers Organisation**, **the quantum of venture capital will be the lowest of the following:** ?

- ✓ 40% of the promoter's equity ?
- ✓ 50.00 lakhs.



# ELIGIBLE PERSONS



**For professional management and accountability the groups have to preferably form into companies or producer companies under the relevant Act.**

## ● ● ● Eligible Financing Institutions

All Notified Financial Institutions notified by the **Reserve Bank of India** where the ownership of the **Central/State Government** is more than **50%** such as **nationalised banks, SBI & its Subsidiaries, IDBI, SIDBI, NABARD, NCDC, NEDFI, RRBs & State Financial Corporations.**



# Monitoring & Reporting

Report on Utilization of Venture Capital (VC)/ Project Development Facility

Report on the working of assisted units

Reporting of Exceptions

Project Specific Information

Field Visits

Change of Bank during currency of VCA

Monitoring performance of the Scheme at DAC Level



**THANK  
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