



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
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CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES / PRE-PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL BIORESOURCE COMPLEX IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS UNDER BIOTECHNOLOGY BASED PROGRAMMES FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT

Department of Biotechnology invites applications under '**BIOTECHNOLOGY BASED PROGRAMMES FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT**' for setting up Rural Bioresource Complex in Aspirational districts of India. The programme emphasizes dissemination of field-tested and proven biotechnological innovations/technologies already available with DBT AIs, national laboratories, universities, scientific research institutes etc. for immediate benefit of the community (women / SC, ST population / rural population).

The initiative provides support for (a) Dissemination of proven biotechnological innovations/technologies through on field demonstration/extension oriented activities for the welfare of society belonging to Aspirational districts. If required, a very little R&D component can be included for standardization/ refinement of protocol/ techniques already developed. (b) Creating avenues for income and employment generation in addition to change in their lifestyle in terms of monetary gain or improvement in health and nutrition status, skill development thereby inculcating a spirit of '*rural bio-entrepreneurship*'. (c) To lead to the creation of an enabling ecosystem for the target population to get relief from drudgery and in turn encourage them to become self-employed, self-dependent and socio-economically empowered. (d) Activities that facilitate judicious utilization of bio-resources leading to sustainable development.

The programme does not envisage supporting of projects that focus entirely on R&D activities that do not translate direct benefits to the population residing in Aspirational districts of the country. Aim is to utilize protocols/technologies/interventions which have been proven/developed in the laboratory by setting up Rural Bioresource Complex which shall gradually evolve and serve as a nodal resource center, not only regarding the technical aspects for the respective technology/ies but also establishing market linkages, formation of self help groups/co-operatives, public engagement initiatives, training and demonstration activities etc. even after the duration of support. The support is generally provided for a duration of 2 years.

For details on the Scheme, related guidelines please visit DBT website:

www.dbtindia.gov.in

Soft copies (.pdf) of the Concept Notes / Pre-Proposals' in the prescribed format (**Annexure I**), duly signed and sealed with the supporting documents may be mailed to

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