



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Ministry of Science & Technology

Government of India

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY BASED PROGRAMME FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS AND ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

SPECIAL CALL: Societal Development Projects for (i) Human Health and (ii) Nutrition

Department of Biotechnology invites applications under 'BIOTECHNOLOGY BASED PROGRAMME FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT' for implementation of Societal Development Programmes and setting up Rural Bioresource Complex in Rural Areas and 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/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 Rural Areas and Aspirational districts, (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, and (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 Rural Areas and 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 centre, 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 budget for a 3 year full project would be limited to a total cost of Rs 60 lakh (with Non-recurring support not exceeding Rs 20 lakh). For a pilot project [in cases where PI has no earlier experience of Societal projects or in cases where the Steering Committee recommends for a pilot stage project] **the project cost would be limited to Rs 30 lakh (with Non-recurring support not exceeding Rs 10 lakh) for a period of 18 months.**

To apply online visit: <https://www.dbtepromis.nic.in>

Duly signed and stamped hardcopy version of the proposal submitted via eProMIS may please be sent to:

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Last Date for Submission of Proposals: 14th February 2024
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