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NATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

सुरक्षा अमृत सहकार
Suraksha Amrit Sahakar

Suraksha Amrit Sahakar (SAS) scheme by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is primarily aimed at assisting cooperatives of former personnel of armed forces / military, para-military and police (Centre & State) organizations. SAS will provide financial assistance to the cooperatives predominantly formed by ex-servicemen and ex-police personnel to take up business plan based projects in any activity, except urban housing, as may be permitted under NCDC Act mandate. There is no minimum or maximum limit on financial assistance to projects. Based on its needs under the business plan, a cooperative society with three months in operation is eligible to apply for assistance towards creation of infrastructure as term loan, margin money loan for developing business and working capital loan for meeting day-to-day business operations.

NCDC term loan and margin money dovetailed with subsidy or interest subvention (where available) from other schemes of Government / Agencies / Regimental Funds / Foundations are aimed at assisting retired personnel from armed forces / military, para-military and police to run businesses and for meeting the broad objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat in Amrit Kaal.

About NCDC

NCDC is an apex level statutory autonomous institution set up by the Government of India under an Act of the Parliament in 1963 exclusively for cooperatives at Primary, District, Apex / Multi-state and National level. It plans and promotes programmes for production, processing, marketing, storage, supply chain, export and import of agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock, commodities and services like tourism, rural housing, renewable energy, banking, hospital & healthcare and education etc. on cooperative principles. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. It operates on open market principles, without any budgetary support from the Government.

Beginning with disbursement of Rs. 2.36 crore in 1963, NCDC disbursed Rs.34189.84 crore in 2021-22. It has so far disbursed around Rs.2.21 lakh crore to cooperative societies, with recovery of more than 98% and made profit every year since 1963, with ZERO net NPA.

NCDC is a financial powerhouse delivering to the client cooperatives a wide range of products and services. It is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organisation. It follows a simple, transparent, and robust system of appraisals and approvals through its 18 Regional Offices or Head Office in New Delhi. It is the most preferred financial institution for cooperatives. NCDC-LINAC provides project consultancy, research and training support to cooperatives in India and abroad.

Objectives

Aligning itself with the principles of Atmanirbhar Bharat outlined by Hon'ble Prime Minister, and the call given by Hon'ble Home and Cooperation Minister to cooperatives to play a major role in the targeted US \$ 5 trillion Indian economy, NCDC has introduced "Suraksha Amrit Sahakar" "सुरक्षा अमृत सहकार" framework of scheme to support entrepreneurial dynamism of former personnel of armed forces, paramilitary forces and police through cooperatives. Suraksha Amrit Sahakar is a focused framework and aims at extending business plan based financial assistance of various types exclusively to projects by cooperatives predominantly formed by ex-servicemen and ex-police personnel for activities permitted under the NCDC Act.

Eligibility

Any cooperative society registered under any State / Multi State Cooperative Societies Act in the country with minimum 50% membership being former personnel of defence (Army, Air Force, Navy), CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB, BRO, SFF, RPF, NDRF, DSC, NSG, CISF, State Police, Assam Rifles, Coast Guard etc. as members are eligible.

Indicative Business Activities

Suraksha Amrit Sahakar assists, except urban housing, any business plan based activity /service mandated under NCDC Act, for example, agro-processing, supply chain, value addition, food processing, logistics, farm mechanization, storage, cold chain, retail, marketing of food grains, input supply, plantation, horticulture, rural housing, weaker section programs, tribal cooperatives, dairy, poultry, livestock, fishery, piggery, handloom, coir, jute, sericulture, computerization, digital solutions, online marketing, textiles, infrastructure of PACS / credit / marketing cooperatives, agriculture insurance, water conservation works / services, tourism, hospitality, transport, hospital / health care / Yoga wellness, education, generation and distribution of power, non-conventional and renewable sources of energy etc.

Mode of Assistance

NCDC assistance is to be provided either DIRECTLY or through State Government/ UT Administration to eligible cooperatives. Convergence of NCDC credit linkage with assistance under any scheme of the Government of India (such as AIF, CSISAC, DIDF, FIDF, 10,000 FPO, FFPO, PMMSY, PM FME, MSME etc.) including schemes of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence or with any scheme of State Government / UT / CSR mechanism / welfare foundations of defence forces & police / Development Agencies or with bilateral / multilateral assistance etc., is encouraged.

Application Process

Desirous cooperatives may access } Sample Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) available on NCDC website. Guidance videos on how to form a cooperative society are available on NCDC Sahakar CoopTube Channel on YouTube in more than 21 languages } (Sahakar Cooptube NCDC India - YouTube). Willing cooperatives can apply directly to NCDC head Office or to the NCDC Regional Offices across the country. The details of Regional Offices and contact numbers of Regional Directors are available on www.ncdc.in. These Regional Offices would be happy to assist cooperatives in local language, in the application process.

Project Cost

There is no minimum or maximum cap on project cost in case of viable proposals by cooperatives which are operating successfully for at least three years. The project cost includes infrastructure, margin money and working capital. The project cost limits are as follows:

Sl No.	Length of operation of applicant coop. society	Maximum Project Cost Rs. crore
1.	> 3 months and < 1 year	1.00
2.	> 1 year and <3 years	3.00
3.	> 3 years	As per actual requirement (no limit)

Loan Period

Period of term loan will be 5-8 years, including 1-2 years of moratorium on repayment of principal, depending on the type of project and revenue streams.

Funding Pattern

Project proposals would be supported under following funding pattern:

1. Infrastructure Creation (Project Facilities)

Funding through State Government / UT		Direct Funding
NCDC to State Govt. /UT	State Govt. /UT to Society	NCDC to Society
Loan* - 90%	Loan* - 50% Share Capital** - 40%	Loan* - 70%
Society's share - 10%	Society's share - 10%	Society's share - 30%

* In case subsidy/ grant under any scheme of Central Government including schemes of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence / State Govt/ UT / State Government / UT / welfare foundations of defence & police forces/Development Agencies/Regimental Fund or with bilateral / multilateral assistance/ CSR Foundations Dev Agencies / bilateral / multilateral assistance / CSR mechanisms, as credit linkage, is dovetailed, the loan amount may be reduced proportionately.

** In case share capital is not contributed by State Govt./UT, the same (40%) shall also be passed on as loan to the society.

2. Margin Money

Funding through State Government / UT		Direct Funding
NCDC to State Govt. /UT	State Govt. /UT to Society	NCDC to Society
Loan* for availing Bank credit. 100%***	Loan* or Share Capital or Loan-cum Share capital 100%***	Loan* 100%***

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*** Eligibility of Margin Money assistance is subject to assessment.

3. Working Capital - as per requirement.

In case of new and innovative project activities, cooperatives of formers personnel of defence and Police would be supported with pattern of funding with debt: equity 80:20 under Direct Funding.

Rate of Interest

For credit linkage, NCDC circular on interest rate published from time to time depending on market conditions shall be applicable.

Interest Subvention

NCDC will provide 2% interest subvention on its rate of interest on term loan to all activities covered under NCDC mandate pertaining to Cooperatives eligible under the scheme. ~~NCDC interest subvention incentive shall be applicable for timely repayments.~~ Interest subvention or subsidy or support from other schemes of Government of India or any scheme of State Government / UT / Development Agencies or bilateral / multilateral assistance is encouraged and permitted.

Security

NCDC assistance is provided either under Direct Funding or through State Government / UT. In case of direct funding, cooperative society may offer security for loan in any one or combination of the following to the satisfaction of NCDC:

- a) Mortgage of assets, including assets to be created under the project, to the extent of 1.25 to 1.50 times of NCDC loan;
- b) Guarantee by State/ UT / Central Government;
- c) Pledge of FDRs of Scheduled banks/ Nationalized banks, to the extent of 1.2 times of NCDC loan;
- d) Guarantee by Central PSUs/ Statutory bodies/ CSR Foundations of Central PSUs;
- e) Guarantee from Scheduled Banks/ Nationalized Banks;
- f) Hypothecation and assignment of Government bonds/ securities to the extent of 1.2 times of NCDC loan;
- g) Guarantee of credible cooperative institutions, that is, institution with sound financial condition and proven track record;
- h) Guarantee of welfare/ regimental foundations of defence and police forces;
- i) Guarantee of Small Farmers' Agri Business Consortium (SFAC)/ North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi)/ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)/ Credit Guarantee Fund:

Subsidy

Suraksha Amrit Sahakar can be dovetailed with existing schemes of Government of India (such as AIF, CSISAC, 10,000 FPO, PKVY, PMMSY, DIDF, FIDF, PM FME, MSME, MoRD, etc.) / State Government / UT Admn scheme of Ministry of Home/Ministry of Defence/ Welfare foundations of defence & police forces personnel/ Development Agencies or with bilateral / multilateral assistance/ CSR Foundations, or with any future scheme or development agencies/ Welfare Foundations of defence forces and Police, CSR mechanisms, as credit linkage. However, if the project cost includes working capital loan component, the subsidy would be eligible only for capital investment of the project cost (excluding working capital). To ensure speedy and smooth implementation of projects, eligible loan can be provided in-lieu of subsidy. The subsidy, as and when received by NCDC for onward disbursement, would be adjusted against the loan account.

Disbursement of Funds

NCDC assistance is disbursed as per terms and conditions of sanction and release letters. To ensure speedy and smooth implementation of projects, eligible loan can be provided in lieu of subsidy. Government subsidy, as and when received by NCDC for onward disbursement, would be adjusted against the loan amount given in lieu of subsidy.

Capacity Development

Capacity building of cooperatives is an ongoing activity of NCDC and will be available for Suraksha Amrit Sahakar as promotional and development role of the Corporation. Members of cooperatives may undergo training through NCDC-LINAC at Gurugram or through its 18 Regional Training Centres across the country.

Due Diligence

NCDC would adopt its standard practice of appraisal and due diligence before any project is sanctioned.
