

## **AGRICLINICS & AGRIBUSINESS CENTRES**

### **Better Farming by Every Farmer**

*The Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare, Government of India, in association with NABARD has launched a unique programme to take better methods of farming to each and every farmer across the country.*

*This programme aims to tap the expertise available in the large pool of Agriculture Graduates. Irrespective of whether you are a fresh graduate or not, or whether you are currently employed or not, you can set up your own AgriClinic or AgriBusiness Centre and offer professional extension services to innumerable farmers.*

*Committed to this programme, the Government is now also providing start-up training to graduates in Agriculture, or any subject allied to Agriculture like Horticulture, Sericulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Dairy, Poultry Farming, and Fisheries, etc. Those completing the training can apply for special start-up loans for venture.*

### **Earn money and prestige by becoming a consultant to farmers**

Agribusiness Centres would provide paid services for enhancement of agriculture production and income of farmers. Centres would need to advice farmers on crop selection, best farm practices, post-harvest value-added options, key agricultural information (including perhaps even Internet-based weather forecast), price trends, market news, risk mitigation and crop insurance, credit and input access, as well as critical sanitary and phyto-sanitary considerations, which the farmers have to keep in mind.

### **Free Training to set up your Agriclinc or Agribusiness Centre**

As an integral part of this nationwide initiative, specialised training will be provided to Agriculture Graduates interested in setting up such a centre. Being provided free of cost, the 2-month training course will be offered by select institutes across the country. Initiated by SFAC, and co-ordinated by MANAGE, the course comprises Entrepreneurship and Business Management, as well as skill improvement modules in your chosen areas of activity.

### **Bank loans available for Agriclincs and Agribusiness Centres**

Ceiling of project cost for subsidy has been enhanced to Rs.20 lakhs for an individual project (25 lakhs in case of extremely successful individual projects) and to Rs.100 lakhs for a group project.

Depending on the type of venture you want to set up, and with a moratorium of up to 2 years, Agriclincs and Agribusiness Centre Loans can be repaid within 5 to 10 years as per easy installment plans. The rate of interest, margin and security on loans will be decided by the respective bank, as per RBI norms.

Depending on your entitlement, you can even apply for margin money assistance.

**NOTE : The training course mentioned above is not a guarantee for availing of the loan. Sanctioning of the loan would be on the basis of**

**the techno-economic viability of your project.**

\*(vide NABARD circular dt.23/07/01

\*\* (vide GOI order dt.08/01/02)

\*\*\*In the case of a group of five individuals, one can be a Management Graduate.

**Choose from a wide range of high-potential areas**

**Code      Area**

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| Project01 | Soil, Water Quality and Input Testing Laboratory Service Centre   |
| Project02 | Plant Protection Service Centre (Pest Surveillance, Diagnostic and Control Services including Integrated Pest Management)                     |
| Project03 | Maintenance, Repairs & Custom Hiring of Agricultural Implements and Machinery including Micro-irrigation Systems (sprinkler and drip)         |
| Project04 | Agri Service Centres including at least the above three activities mentioned above (group activity)   |
| Project05 | Seed Processing Units   |
| Project06 | Micro-propagation through Plant Tissue Culture Labs and Hardening Units   |
| Project07 | Setting up of Vermiculture Units, Production of bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, bio-control agents   |
| Project08 | Setting up of Apiaries(Bee-keeping) and Honey and Bee Products Processing Units.  |
| Project09 | Provision of Extension Consultancy services   |
| Project10 | Facilitation and Agency of Agricultural Insurance Service   |
| Project11 | Hatcheries and Production of fish finger-lings for Aquaculture  |
| Project12 | Provision of Livestock Health Cover, setting up of Veterinary Dispensaries & Services including Frozen Semen Banks and Liquid Nitrogen Supply |
| Project13 | Setting up of Information Technology Kiosks in rural areas for access to various agriculture related portals.                                 |
| Project14 | Feed Processing and Testing Units   |
| Project15 | Value Added Centres   |
| Project16 | Setting up of Cool Chain from the farm level onwards(group activity)  |
| Project17 | Post-harvest Management Centres for sorting, grading, standardization, storage and packing  |
| Project18 | Setting up of Metallic/Non-Metallic Storage Structure and Rural Godowns   |

Project19 Retail Marketing Outlets for Processing Agri-products

Project20 Rural Marketing Dealerships of farm Inputs and Outputs