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The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, in association with NABARD has launched a unique scheme called Agri-clinic and Agri-business Centres (ACABC) with a view to creating gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed agricultural graduates, agricultural diploma holders, intermediates in agriculture and biological science graduates with PG in agri-related courses. The ACABC training



programmes of 60 days duration consist of class room lectures, exposure visits, hands-on experience, preparation of detailed project reports and their submission to banks for availing loan to start agri enterprises for self employment. Self employment could be through (i) setting up of Agri-Clinics to provide expert advice to farmers or (ii) starting Agri-Businesses such as maintenance and custom hiring of farm equipments, sale of agro inputs, value addition activities, livestock enterprises etc.



To facilitate setting up of agribusiness enterprises, the financial institutes are motivated by NABARD to advance loans to the trained candidates, looking at the feasibility of proposed ventures. The

Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India, extends attractive subsidy through NABARD to the borrowers under ACABC.





ISARD, Dharwad, a Nodal Training Institute recognized by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad for conducting ACABC programmes is now **inviting applications for the first batch of programme** from the eligible candidates.

- 1) The training is free for the selected candidates. All the details pertaining to the programme, along with the application form, are available at the website <https://isard.in>. The last date for submitting applications is **February 28th, 2021**.
- 2) Duration of the training programme is **45** days. During this period, food, accommodation, lectures, lecture materials, exposure visits and hands on experience will all be provided **FREE OF COST** to the selected candidates. However, the trainees have to bear the expenses of their travel to the NTI (ISARD, Dharwad) for the training programme and back home.
- 3) During the latter part of the training programme, trainees will be assisted to prepare detailed project reports (DPR) in the areas of agribusiness of their interest and submit them to banks for loan. For one year after the training, the NTI will pursue the submission of the DPR's by the trainees to the banks, release of bank loan and setting up of agribusiness ventures.

4) CREDIT LINKAGE & SUBSIDY

Assistance under the scheme would be purely **credit linked** and subject to sanction of the projects by banks based on economic viability and commercial considerations. The eligible financial institutions for the credit linkage of the trained candidates under the scheme are:

- i **Commercial Banks**
- ii **Regional Rural Banks**
- iii **State Cooperative Banks**
- iv **State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural**

Development Banks

v Such other institutions eligible for refinance from NABARD.

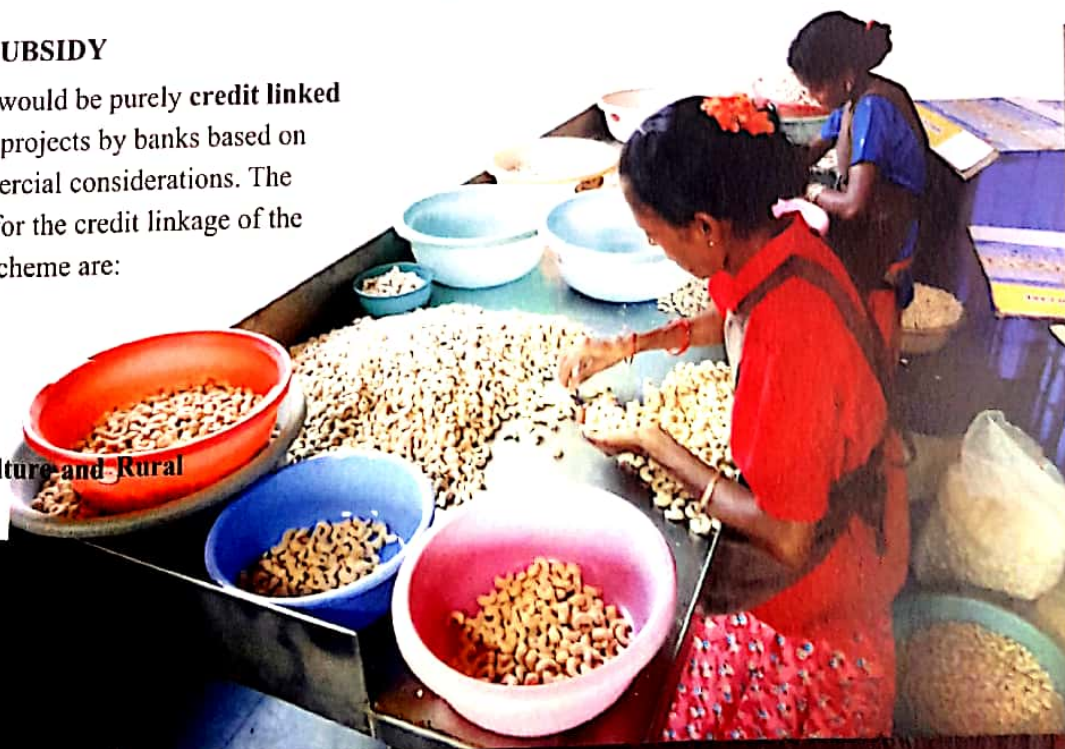
Extent of Subsidy: Composite back ended subsidy for women and SC/ST candidates is 44%. In all other cases, it is 36%.

Ceiling of Project Cost for Subsidy: Ceiling of project cost for subsidy is Rs.20 lakh for an individual project (Rs. 25 lakh in the case of extremely successful individual projects) and Rs. 100 lakh for a group project. However, the actual credit sanctioned by the bank for a venture established under the scheme could be higher depending on the financial viability and technical feasibility

Eligibility Criteria

The Training Programme is open to the following categories of candidates

1. Graduates in agriculture and allied subjects from SAUs/ Central Agricultural Universities/ Universities recognized by ICAR/ UGC. Degree in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.
2. Diploma holders (with at least 50% marks)/ Post Graduate Diploma holders in Agriculture and allied subjects from State Agricultural Universities, State



Agriculture and Allied Departments and State Department of Technical Education. Diploma in Agriculture and allied subjects offered by other agencies are also considered subject to approval of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India on recommendation of the State Government.



3. Biological Science Graduates with Post Graduation in Agriculture & allied subjects.
4. Degree courses recognized by UGC having more than 60 percent of the course content in Agriculture and allied subjects.
5. Diploma/Post-graduate Diploma courses with more than 60 percent of course content in Agriculture and allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences, from recognized colleges and universities.
6. Agriculture related courses at Intermediate (i.e. plus two) level, with at least 55% mark

NOTE:

1. There is a limit of 60 years to get enrolled into ACABC training programme
2. The candidates should not apply for the course before completing one year after obtaining the highest qualification

4. Face recognition Bio metric attendance is compulsory.

Fees, Selection Procedure & Application Form

Application Fee: A non refundable application fee of Rs.500=00 is to be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favour of ACABC, MANAGE payable at Hyderabad. The DD should be handed over at the time of interview.

Selection Procedure: Scrutiny of applications and the selection of the candidates through interview will be done by the committee constituted as per the guidelines of MANAGE. Candidates shall attend the interview at the NTI (ISARD, Dharwad) at their own cost.

Application Form: Application Forms can be downloaded from <http://www.isard.in/> website or obtained from ISARD Dharwad office.

