INSTRUCTION FOR APPLICATION FOR CONVERGENCE BENEFIT UNDER PMFME SCHEME WITH AIF SCHEME

MoFPI is implementing a centrally sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. Credit Linked Subsidy @35% for establishment of micro food processing unit with a maximum limit of Rs. 10 lakh and common infrastructure with maximum limit of 3 Cr. would be provided for upgradation or setting up of new unit.

Agriculture infrastructure fund scheme is a financing facility started on 08 July 2020. Benefits under the scheme include 3% interest subvention and credit guarantee support. The list of eligible items under AIF is attached at Annexure I.

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was signed on 1st August 2022 with Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Scheme under Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) with the aim to provide maximum benefit to the beneficiaries under PMFME Scheme. The beneficiaries under PMFME Scheme seeking credit linked subsidy would be able to avail additional benefit of Interest Subvention @3% on the interest rate being charged by the banks over and above the 35% of subsidy being provided under PMFME Scheme.

For the ease of approval of projects under both the scheme, AIF MIS portal has been modified for acceptance of application from the beneficiaries under PMFME scheme. The PMFME beneficiaries would be able to apply directly for the benefit of Interest Subvention on AIF portal with the same DPR approved under PMFME along with the following information:

- Application Id generated under PMFME scheme
- Sanction Letter
- Information of Primary and Secondary processing activities with cost.

Similarly, AIF beneficiaries eligible under PMFME Scheme could seek additional benefit of subsidy by applying in the PMFME MIS portal with the sanction letter under AIF and DPR.

Following Instructions to be followed by PMFME Beneficiaries for application under AIF Scheme seeking 3% Interest Subvention:

1. PMFME beneficiaries sanctioned under PMFME scheme would have to apply in the AIF-MIS Portal –https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/ through this link. The guidelines for PMFME Scheme is available at

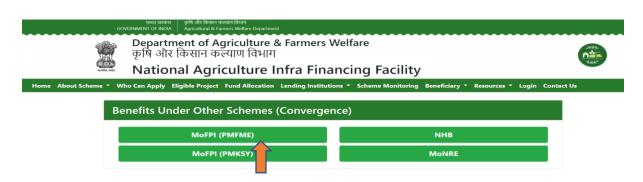
https://www.mofpi.gov.in/pmfme/docs/SchemeGuidelines.pdf and guidelines for AIF Scheme is at

https://agriinfra.dac.gov.in/Content/DocAttachment/FINALSchemeGuidelinesAIF.pdf



2. Scroll down go to tab "Benefit under other Schemes"





3. After clicking on the tab – it would be directed to beneficiary registration. PMFME beneficiary to register with the details of – **Mobile No** and **Adhaar Number**.



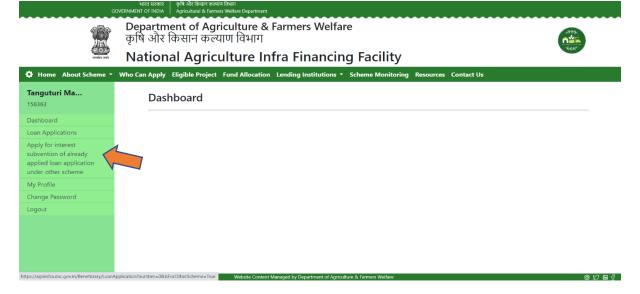
4. After Successful Registration, Registration Successful message will be projected and beneficiaries would receive message of successful registration on the registered mobile number.



5. Post this page, PMFME Beneficiary would have to login with the login credentials received on the registered mobile number.

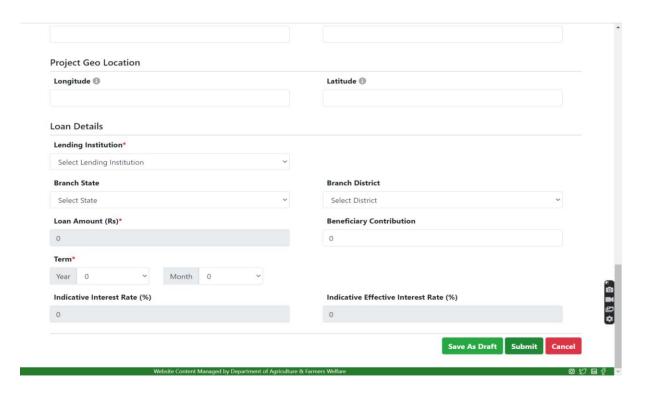


- 6. After successful registration, basic beneficiary details to be filled along with following essential information-
 - PMFME application ID number
 - DPR sanctioned under PMFME scheme
 - Sanction Letter issued by Lending Bank
 - Bifurcation of primary and secondary capital cost (machinery)- If required

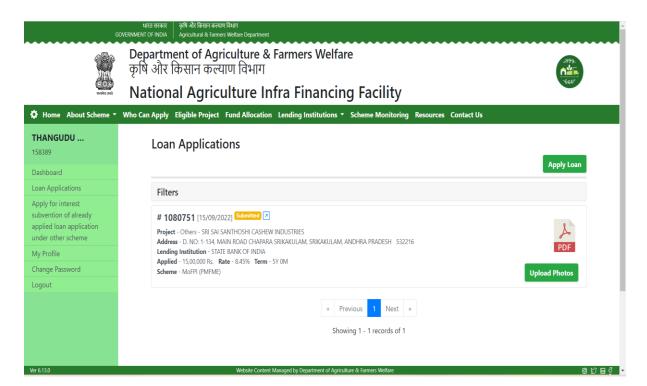


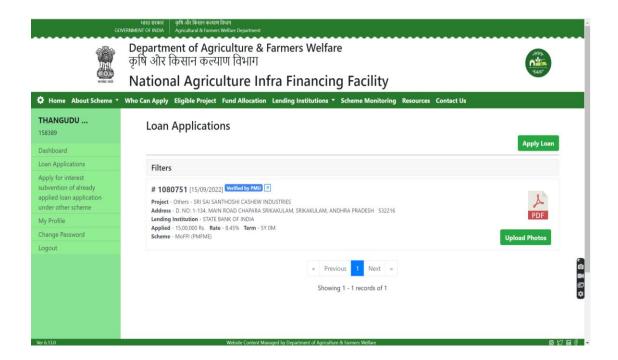
7. In addition to above, beneficiary would have to fill in the total capital cost in primary activity and secondary activity. Total loan amount proposed in primary activity and secondary activity. Promoter's contribution to be mentioned (minimum 10% as per AIF guidelines). The bifurcation of primary & secondary processing activities is mentioned at Annexure II.

Benefit Under Other Scheme		
MoFPI (PMFME)		
Upload DPR Under Other Scheme	Upload Sanction Letter Of Other Scheme	
Choose File No file chosen	Choose File No file chosen	
Note- Format accepted only in .pdf format. Maximum size allowed is 25 MB.	Note- Format accepted only in .pdf format. Maximum size allowed is 2 MB.	25
Sanction Letter Number Of Other Scheme	Application Number Of Other Scheme	
Project Cost Under Primary Processing (Rs)*	Project Cost Under Secondary Processing (Rs)*	
Loan Amount under Primary Processing (Rs)*	Loan Amount under Secondary Processing (Rs)*	
Description*	Project Name/Firm Name/Loanee Name*	
Project Cost (Projected)*	Annual Revenue (Projected)	
0		
Land Status	Upload Bifurcation in Primary & Secondary processing activities	
Select Land Status	Choose File No file chosen	



8. After submission status of the application could be seen in the portal and beneficiaries would receive application status notifications as messages in the registered mobile number.





Eligibility Criteria:

- i. Applicant should be engaged in primary as well as secondary processing of Agri produce (excluding dairy, fisheries, animal feed etc.)
- ii. Rate of Interest charged by the bank should be less than 9%

Eligible projects under AIF

A. Eligible projects for all beneficiaries

- 1. Organic inputs production
- 2. Bio stimulant production units
- 3. Nursery
- 4. Tissue culture
- 5. Seed Processing
- 6. Custom Hiring Center
- 7. Infrastructure for smart and precision agriculture
 - a. Farm/Harvest Automation
 - b. Purchase of drones, putting up specialized sensors on field, Blockchain and AI in agriculture etc.
 - c. Remote sensing and Internet of Things (IOT) such as automatic weather station, Farm advisory services through GIS applications.
- 8. Logistics facilities Reefer Van& Insulated vehicles
- 9. Assaying Units
- 10. Supply chain services including e-marketing platforms
- 11. Warehouse & Silos
- 12. Cold Stores and Cold Chain
- 13. Packaging Units
- 14. Primary Processing activities

Crop Wise List of Eligible Primary Processing Activities

Crop v	vise List of Engible Primary Proc	essing Activities	
Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
	Cereals & Millets Wheat, rice, sorghum,barley, maize, oat, etc.	 Cleaning De-stoning Sorting & grading Hulling Milling (flour, maida, sooji, daliya) Pounding Grinding Tempering Parboiling Soaking Drying Sieving Irradiation Packaging Flaking 	 Fermentation Baking Puffing Frying Extrusion Blending Roasting Rice fortification (Bread, biscuits, pasta, snack foods, etc. not eligible)

Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
		• Storage (warehouse, silos)	
2.	Fruits and vegetables	 Washing Cleaning Drying Sorting Grading Freezing (IQF & blast) Blanching for primary processing Cooling Waxing Conditioning Packhouse Cold store Ripening chamber Reefer van Bucket elevators Packaging 	 Dehydrated products Concentrated products Canning Juice extraction Sauces Candies Jam and Jelly
3.	Oilseeds & Oil palms Groundnut, rapeseed & mustard, soybean, sunflower, sesame, safflower, linseed, olives, oil palm etc.	 Cleaning De-stoning De-husking (decorticating machines) Winnowing Oil extraction (ghani, hydraulic press etc.) Solvent Extraction Oil seed cake 	• Refining
4.	Pulses Bengal Gram , Pigeon Peas, Green Gram, Chick Peas, Black Gram, Red Kidney Beans, Black Eyed Peas, White Peas etc.	 Cleaning De-stoning Drying Sorting & grading De-husking Splitting De-hulling 	 Canning Products like Papads Pulse based ready to eat foods Puffed chickpea

Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
		Milling (Besan)IrradiationPackagingStorage	
5.	Spices Red chilli, Cumin, Clove, Coriander, Cinnamon, Garlic, Ginger, Turmeric, Fenugreek, Cardamom etc.	 Cleaning Drying Sorting Boiling Polishing Grinding Packaging Storage Irradiation 	Roasted productsPaste
6.	Cash Crops		
	Cotton	 Cleaning Drying Ginning Pressing & Bailing Linting Cotton seed oil Seed cake 	Fibre makingFibreScouringWeaving
	Sugarcane	 Cane unloading Cleaning Cane breaking Cane milling Straining Evaporators Centrifugation Storage tanks Dryers Sugar crystals Jaggery Packaging & storage 	 Formation of paper & board with bagasse Fermentation Alcoholic distillation
	Jute	 Cutting Retting Stripping Washing Drying Bailing Packing Storage 	Formation of Jute clothBagsSacks

Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
	Tea & coffee	 Cleaning & Washing Withering Rolling Fermentation Drying Sorting Drying of cherries Hulling Pulping Oxidation Packaging (including tea bags) White tea, green tea, black tea 	Formation of chocolates
	Coconut	 Dehusking Deshelling Cutting Drying (copra) Grinding Extraction of coconut water Coconut milk extraction Centrifugation Hot processing Virgin coconut oil Packaging 	• Cream • Butter
	Rubber	 Mastication Mixing Shaping Curing Irradiation 	• Secondary rubber products like tyres, mattresses, bottles, boots etc.
•	Tobacco	CleaningGradingSortingCuringDryingStorage	Making of Chew, Cigars, Dips etc.
7.	Nuts	• Cleaning	• Cashew fruit juice

Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
	Cashew Almonds Walnuts Pistachios etc.	 Grading Streaming in boiler Shell cutting Drying Peeling Grading Packaging Shelling Separation Packaging Hulling Washing Drying Storage Packaging 	 Roasted products Nut spreads Almond milk Powder Spreads Roasting
8.	Herbal, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops Barberry, Liquorice, Bael, Isabgol, Guggal, Kerth, Aonla, Chandan, Senna, Baiberang, Brahmi, Eucalyptus, Jatamansi etc.	 Cleaning Sorting Drying Milling Extraction of oil Packaging Storage 	SyrupPillsCreamFrying
9.	Bamboo	 Drying Cutting Stripping Formation of sheets Bamboo Charcoal Powder Granules Bamboo treatment plant Bamboo depots &godown 	 Processed food products like pickles, curry etc. Products such as fibre, furniture, agarbatti, etc.
10.	Fodder crops Berseem, forage sorghum, etc.	CuttingMixingGrinding	• Pelleting
11.	Tuber crops Sweet Potatoes, Cassava etc.	Peeling and washingGrating	Alcoholic productsStarch

Sl. No.	Crops	Eligible Activities	Not Eligible
		FermentationDryingSievingMillingStorage	
12.	Arecanut	CleaningDehuskingPeelingSplittingBoilingDryingPackaging	 Preparation of hardboard, insulation wool, cushions, paper, paper board etc.

B. Eligible projects for building community farming assets

In addition to above activities farmer groups such as FPOs, PACS, SHGs, JLGs, Cooperatives, National and State Level Federation of Co-operatives, FPOs federations, Federations of SHGs, National and State Level Agencies etc. are eligible for following activities:

- 1. Hydroponic Farming
- 2. Mushroom farming
- 3. Vertical farming
- 4. Aeroponic farming
- 5. Poly house/ Greenhouse
- 6. Logistics facilities(including non-refrigerated/insulated vehicles)

Bifurcation of Primary and Secondary Capital Cost

Complete	Estimate of Civil and Plant and Ma	chinery		
1. Civil W	⁷ ork	Units		Amt
1	Civil work for building			
Total Civ	il Work			
2. Plant ar	nd machinery (Primary Processing)**	Units	Capacity	Amt
1	Automatic chilly gringing machine			
2	Digital weighing scale			
3	Packaging machine			
4	Sieving machine			
5	Dryer			
6	Quality testing equipments			
7	Washing tank			
8	Grading machine			
9	Miscellaneous			
Sub-Tota	l			
	nd machinery (Secondary			
Processing	7	Units	Capacity	Amt
1	Steam kettle			
2	Pickle Filler machine			
3	Pasteuriser			
4	Conveyor			
5				
6				
Sub- Total				
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