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Technopreneur Promotion Programme (TePP) (An Initiative by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Govt of India)

Introduction

The "Technopreneur Promotion Programme" (TePP) was launched in 1998-99 by the Ministry of Science and Technology. TePP earlier jointly operated by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), is presently operated by DSIR alone since May 2008. TePP is a mechanism to promote individual innovators to become technology-based entrepreneurs (Technopreneurs).

Objectives

This programme has been designed to meet the following objectives:

- To promote and support untapped creativity of individual innovators
- To assist the individual innovators to become Technopreneurs
- To assist the technopreneur in networking and forge linkages with other constituents of the innovation chain for commercialization of their developments

Financial supports available

TePP supports the following schemes to meet the financial needs of the innovators:

➤ Phase I

- **Micro Technopreneurship Support (TS)** limited to Rs. 0.75 lakhs. TS is for micro budget innovations and is also given as initial support to TePP Project Fund (TPF) applicants to work further on their ideas to the point they can be considered under TPF.
- **TePP Project Fund (TPF)** support limited to Rs. 15.00 lakhs per project can be granted to the individual innovator or start-up firms. The proposals may include plan to convert an original idea/invention/know-how into working prototypes/process and/or demonstrate novel delivery models to take S&T innovations to rural India.

➤ Phase II

- **Supplementary TePP Fund (STF)** support to successful TePP innovators limited to Rs. 7.50 lakhs. Proposals under this scheme aim at improving transferability potential of innovations supported under Phase-I, by carrying out such value added activities like patent filing, testing/validation, building improved prototype/design, preparing technology transfer document etc.
- **Seamless Scale-up Support (S3T)** limited to Rs. 45.00 lakhs. Proposals aim at incubating enterprise promoted by TePP Phase-I Innovator. Activities aim at

improving market access of innovations supported under Phase-I, by carrying out such value added work like adding product features, protection by patenting, aesthetic design, limited production for market seeding etc, as per approved business plan.

Activities covered

The activities covered under TePP include providing financial support to selected and screened individual innovators having original ideas for converting them into working models, prototypes and so on. TePP assistance is provided to the innovator to meet expenditure on the following:

- R&D/ Engineering consultancy
- Procuring small equipment, tools etc.
- Raw Material/ Accessories (for prototype/process trials)
- Fabrication cost (for prototypes)
- Patent guidance and support
- Manpower
- Testing & Trials
- Any other relevant costs

Eligibility Criteria

The Technopreneur Promotion Programme is an attempt to tap the vast innovative potential of the Indian citizen. Any innovator - say a student, artisan, housewife, scientist or an engineer etc. who has an original idea/invention/know-how is eligible to apply under this programme.

The following projects, however, are not covered under TePP:

- Generic proposals on software development
- Proposals for patenting only
- Basic scientific research projects with no immediate commercial entity
- Projects of academic nature (student projects and/or research projects)
- Proposals of grass root innovators and school children

Important points

- The proposals should have novelty/ innovation and commercial viability.
- Innovators are advised to protect their intellectual property rights by submitting provisional application before revealing details in application, essential for evaluation.
- Women innovators are encouraged to apply. TUC-CSIO will provide all assistance to them.
- Detailed information and application form, appropriate to the category, may be download from DSIR Website: www.dsir.gov.in.
- Application can be submitted online on TePP portal <http://oscar.iitb.ac.in/TEPP/> or through TUC-CSIO Centre.
- Information on TePP is also available on TePP Blog: <http://tepp-innovators.blogspot.com/>
- Convassing in any form is liable for summarily rejection of the application.
- Decision of the TePP Board for approval of the proposals will be final.

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