



कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद

निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण

(वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority**

(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION**

**Applications for financial assistance under APEDA's Schemes for budget allocated for Schedule Castes.**

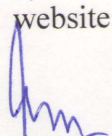
Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India has allocated a budget of Rs.5.00 crore to APEDA for the year 2015-16 as a special component for Scheduled Castes. Break-up of the budget is as under:-

	<b>Special Component for Scheduled castes</b>	Rs. in crore
(i)	Grants in Aid (General)	1.00
(ii)	Subsidies	2.00
(iii)	Creation of Capital Assets	2.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5.00</b>

APEDA invites applications from Companies, Partnership Firms and Sole Proprietors registered with APEDA to avail financial assistance under Agriculture Export Promotion Plan schemes of APEDA where the substantial ownership and effective control of the concerned entities lies with Scheduled Castes Community. The eligibility criteria for availing assistance for the year 2015-16 under sub component for Scheduled Casts is as under:-

- Registered companies and Societies shall have more than 75% shareholding by Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs/promoters/members with management control for the past 12 months.
- Registered Partnership Firms shall have more than 75% shareholding with Scheduled Caste Partners for the past 12 months; none of the partners should be below the age of 18 years.
- Documentary proofs of being Scheduled Castes will have to be mandatorily submitted by the entrepreneurs/ promoters/partners/society members at the time of submitting the proposals.
- The Scheduled Caste promoters(s)/Partners/Society members shall not dilute their stake below 75% in the company/enterprise during the currency of the scheme.

Details of APEDA financial Assistance Scheme are available at APEDA website [www.apeda.gov.in](http://www.apeda.gov.in) under icon : Trade Promotion Assistance.

  
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