

Guidelines for Establishment of Institutional facilities sub-scheme of Indian Footwear, Leather & Accessories Development Programme

1. Background

Footwear and Leather products sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in the Indian economy and is emerging as a huge employment provider. There is a huge demand for skilled and trained workforce in the footwear manufacturing, design, marketing and retail sector.

2. Objective

This sub-scheme of ILDP aims at providing infrastructure by way of upgrading the existing campuses of Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) into "Centres of Excellence" and establishing fully equipped new Skill Centers of FDDI to meet the growing demand of the leather industry for footwear technologists, designers, supervisors and mechanics. The new Skill centers of FDDI are proposed to be set up alongside the Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Clusters to be created during this period. The Skill centers of FDDI would be self-sustainable.

3. Pattern of Assistance

Assistance would be provided as a one-time grant-in-aid for setting up of new skill centers of FDDI and upgradation of requisite infrastructure of the existing campuses of FDDI by prioritizing them for converting them into "Centres of Excellence". DIPP would provide for the cost of setting up of infrastructure excluding the land cost. No recurring cost would be provided by the department.

4. Fund Release

i) The fund under the scheme for setting up of each new skill center would be released in three installments as per the following schedule:-

1 st installment	30% of the project cost on getting possession of the land and approval of the project
2 nd installment	40% on utilization of the previous installment
3 rd installment	30% on utilization of the previous installment and after satisfactory progress of the project.

ii) The fund under the scheme for upgrading of existing FDDI campuses would be released in three installments as per the following schedule:-

1 st installment	30% of the project cost on approval of the project and obtaining the requisite clearances for construction.
2 nd installment	40% on utilization of the previous installment
3 rd installment	30% on utilization of the previous installment and after satisfactory progress of the project.

5. Implementation of the Scheme

The Empowered Committee to be notified by DIPP under chairmanship of Secretary (DIPP) would be the Project Sanctioning Committee. FDDI shall be responsible to submit a DPR to DIPP for approval of Empowered Committee. The scheme would be implemented through Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Noida, an autonomous society working under administrative control of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

After the approval of the scheme by the Empowered Committee, depending upon project cost of setting up of new Skill centers of FDDI and upgradation of requisite infrastructure and capacities of the existing branches to convert them into "Centres of Excellence", fund would be released to the implementing agency.

FDDI shall hire suitable technical consultants with requisite experience for tendering, evaluation and supervision of the construction / upgradation work. FDDI would submit the report on the progress of the scheme quarterly. Steering Committee to be notified by the Department would monitor the progress of the scheme.

FDDI will put in place a PPP collaboration framework to bring in private investments in training wherever possible.

Other Government of India schemes such a Atal Innovation Mission (for incubators), MHRD & MSDE schemes for training institutions, Design Clinic Scheme (MSME/NID) etc., may be dovetailed by FDDI.
