

NATIONAL SCHEDULED CASTES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NSFDC)

Interest Subvention Scheme For Self Help Groups/Individuals -Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ko Aarthik Sahayata Yojana (VISVAS Yojana)

1. Objectives:

During the year 2020-21, National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC), is implementing a new Interest Subvention – **Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ki Aarthik Sahayta (VISVAS) Yojana** for the SHGs comprising of all SC beneficiaries with loans/borrowings up to Rs.4.00 Lakh and for SC individual beneficiaries with loan/borrowing up to Rs.2.00 Lakh. This model will give a quick interest benefit to the standard accounts of borrowing SHGs/beneficiaries.

The objective of the proposed Scheme is to provide direct benefit of lower rate of interest to the eligible Self-Help Groups (SHGs)/ individual beneficiaries who have availed loans through Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and similar financial institutions hereinafter referred to as Lending Institutions.

2. Implementing Agencies:

National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) (for SC SHGs/beneficiaries).

3. Period Of Scheme:

Valid for 2020-21 as of now. Further extension contingent on the evaluation of the Scheme.

4. Salient Features:

- 4.1** Interest subvention @ 5% p.a. for loan tenure upto a maximum 5 years shall be provided to Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Societies, NBFC-MFIs etc. for the Standard Term Loan/Cash Credit Accounts per SHG, up to Rs. 4.00 Lakh per SC SHG (SHGs with 100% SC Members). The Interest Subvention shall also be available to Standard Accounts of Term Loans/Micro Finance Loans of up to Rs.2.00 lakh extended by aforesaid Channel Partners (CPs) to eligible Individual loanees from the Scheduled Castes (SC) target group.

4.2 Cases which are not covered under any other interest subvention scheme or concessional finance scheme of any agency (including NSFDC/NRLM) shall alone be covered under NSFDC Interest Subvention Scheme (VISVAS Yojana).

5. Eligibility of SHGs and Individual Beneficiaries :

5.1 NSFDC recognizes Self-Help Groups (SHGs) registered with NRLM/NULM and NABARD and has got a credit history of two years in which all members belong to Scheduled Castes.

5.2 The definition of Scheduled Castes (SCs) includes all castes notified in the State and/or Central Government lists of SCs from time to time substantiated on basis of Caste Certificate to be issued by relevant authority of District Administration.

5.3 In addition to above, the annual family income of all members of the SHG/Individuals should be below Rs.3.00 Lakh per annum irrespective of rural or urban areas. The following norms may be used to establish the eligibility of the applicants:

5.3.1 Valid Annual Income Certificate issued by the competent authority of the State Government

5.3.2 AAY card holders, and other individuals facing three or more Deprivations in terms of SECC-2011, as per records available at the relevant BDO Office.

5.3.3 All beneficiaries involved in Agricultural activities and getting coverage under the PM Kisan shall be eligible for coverage under Interest Subvention.

6. Eligibility of Channel Partners (CPs)/Lending Institution (LI) to claim Interest Subvention:

Lending Institutions who sign MoAs with NSFDC to implement the scheme

7. Submission of Claims:

The Quarterly claim for interest subvention for the principal amount of loans/borrowing limit of cash credit accounts up to Rs. 4.00 Lakh provided to the eligible Self-Help Groups (SHGs) is to be submitted by the Channel

Partners(CPs)in the prescribed format with bank details of beneficiaries(**Annexure-I**)and to be uploaded in VISVAS portal. The Claim shall be accompanied by a declaration of the concerned Branch Head that the said SHG has not been extended benefits under any other interest subvention scheme, or concessional finance scheme of any agency(including NSFDC) in respect of the principal loan amount for said loan account.

Similarly, quarterly interest subvention claim for standard accounts under Term/Micro Finance Loans up to Rs.2.00 lakh will be submitted in the prescribed format(**Annexure-III**)and uploaded in VISVAS portal with an undertaking that the said individual beneficiary has not been extended benefits under any other interest subvention scheme, or concessional finance scheme of any agency (including NSFDC) in respect of the principal loan amount for said loan account.

8. Procedure for passing on benefit of Interest Subvention:

Interest subvention @ 5% p.a. will be released on receipt of quarterly claim from the Lending Institution in the prescribed format for the eligible SHGs/individual accounts and uploading of the bank details of the SHGs/Beneficiaries in the VISVAS portal. The transfer of subvention will be carried out directly into the account of beneficiaries.

9. Modalities of Transfer

The modalities of transfer of funds are at **Annexure-V**.

10. Monitoring & Evaluation

The scheme shall be monitored by NBCFDC in respect of OBC beneficiaries and by NSFDC in respect of SC beneficiaries in the following manner:-

a. Digital Monitoring: All the data of the beneficiaries shall be maintained in the main portal of NBCFDC & NSFDC for OBC and SC beneficiaries respectively.

b. Physical Monitoring: NSFDC directly and through deployment of third-party agencies will carry out field level inspections to assess impact of

the scheme in development of the asset and subsequent socio-economic benefits derived by the beneficiaries. The Channel Partners will provide all necessary facilitation for the smooth conduct of these inspections.

11. Targets

The interest subvention amount of Rs. 39.01 Crore is expected to benefit approx. 2.2lakh SC beneficiaries.

(For Self Help Groups)

(Claims to be submitted on quarterly basis only)

Claim for Interest Subvention of 5% per annum on loans to SHGs for the credit upto Rs.4.00 Lakhs for the year 20__ - 20__

Name of CP/LI:

Period of claim: From To

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Amount of SHG loans disbursed fromto Up to Rs.4.00 lakhs per SHG with interest at _____ % per annum	
2	Number of such accounts	
3	Sum product of total SHG loan for the period where loan disbursed was up to Rs.4.00 lakhs with interest claim at 5% per annum	

We certify having the loans SHGs fully owned and governed by SCs, as defined in the guidelines of Interest Subvention Scheme of NSFDC ___ % p.a. We, further certify, that the amount of interest subvention for the year 20__ -20__ being claimed above have been correctly calculated in conformity with NSFDC guidelines. We further undertake that in the event of any inaccuracy/discrepancy detected later during internal/ statutory audit or otherwise, we shall immediately receive the same from the beneficiary and refund to NSFDC such excess amount of interest subvention claims.

The detailed SHG-wise information alongwith the relevant branch account details in respect of this claim has been uploaded in the VISVAS portal to enable NSFDC to carry out the Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) in respect of the claim.

Signature & seal of authorized signatory of CP/LI

Name:

Designation:

Date:

(For Self Help Groups)

Statutory Auditor's Certificate

(Certificate to be submitted in the same format)

1. Certified that.....% interest subvention claim of Rs.....(In words.....) for the period from.....to..... for the benefit of eligible SHG referred by the.....(Name of CP/LI) has been worked out as per guidelines of the Interest Subvention Scheme (VISVAS Yojana) of NSFDC. The above claim has been verified to my satisfaction from the records made available by the CP is duly audited by me and is certified as correct

Signature & seal of Statutory Auditor of CP/LI

Name:

FRN No:

Date :

(For Individuals)

(Claims to be submitted on quarterly basis only)

Claim for Interest Subvention of 5% per annum on loan to individuals for the credit up to Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for the year 20__ - 20__ (TO BE RESTRICTED TO 40% OF LOANS PROPOSED FOR SUBVENTION)

Name of CP/LI:

Period of claim: From To

Sl.No	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Amount of individual loan disbursed fromto Upto Rs. 2.00 lakhs per individual with interest at _____ % p.a.	
2	Number of such accounts	
3	Sum product of total individual loan outstanding for the period where loan disbursed was upto Rs.2.00 lakhs with interest claim at 5% p.a.	

We certify having the loans to eligible individual beneficiary as defined in the guidelines of Interest Subvention Scheme of NSFDC ___ % pa. We, further certify, that the amount of interest subvention for the year 20__-20__ being claimed above have been correctly calculated in conformity with scheme guidelines. We further undertake that in the event of any inaccuracy/discrepancy detected later during internal/ statutory audit or otherwise, we shall immediately receive the same from the beneficiary and refund to NSFDC such excess amount of interest subvention claims.

The detailed beneficiary-wise information alongwith the relevant branch account details in respect of this claim is submitted in the VISVAS portal to enable NSFDC to carry out the Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) in respect of the claim.

Signature & seal of authorized signatory of CP/LI

Name:

Designation:

Date:

(For Individuals)

Statutory Auditor's Certificate

(Certificate to be submitted in the same format)

1. Certified that% interest subvention claim of Rs.....(In wordsfor the period from.....to.....referred by the.....(Name of CP/LI) has been worked out as per guidelines of the Interest Subvention Scheme (VISVAS Yojana) implemented by NSFDC. The above claim has been verified to my satisfaction from the records made available by the CP and duly audited by me and is certified as correct.

Signature & seal of Statutory Auditor of CP/LI

Name:

FRN No:

Date:

INTEREST SUBVENTION SCHEME WORKFLOW

