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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE BOARD

The National Horticulture Board (NHB) was set up by the Government of India in 1984 as an autonomous organization under the administrative control of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's welfare, Govt of India with its headquarters at Gurugram, Haryana. Presently, it has 29 regional offices located all over the country.

Aims and Objectives: To develop Hi-tech commercial Horticulture, establish integrated post-harvest management and cold storage infrastructures, ensure availability of quality planting materials and promote adoption of new technologies for commercial Horticulture.

NHB FUNDING YOUR AGRI-BUSINESS DREAMS

Get Govt. Subsidies for High-Tech Farming:

NHB provides major financial support under the following categories:

- **OPEN FIELD CULTIVATION** of Fruits crops: Subsidies from 40 to 80 lakhs
- **PROTECTED CULTIVATION** of Vegetables and Flowers: Subsidies up to 100 lakhs
- **HI-TECH PLUG TYPE NURSERY** Under Protected mode: Subsidies up to 100 lakhs
- Commercial **TISSUE CULTURE** units: Subsidies up to 100 lakhs
- Integrated **MUSHROOM PRODUCTION**: Subsidies up to 90 to 102 lakhs
- **POST HARVEST & PROCESSING** of Horticulture crops: Subsidies up to 112 lakhs
- Modern **COLD STORAGE**: Subsidies from 1.6 to 5.35 crores



Steps in Project Proposal and Subsidy Claim:

1. **Prepare DPR:** Create a Detailed Project Report.
2. **Bank Sanction:** Get a term loan Sanction from your lending bank.
3. **GOC Application:** Register online at www.nhb.gov.in and apply for **Grant of Clearance (GOC)**
4. **Implement:** Complete your project within **18 months**.
5. **Inspection & Release:** Joint site inspection followed by subsidy release.

Key points to be noted:

- All NHB projects are **Credit-Linked with Back-Ended Subsidies**, requiring a bank loan that matches the eligible subsidy amount.
- **Eligibility** is open to Individuals, Farmers' Groups, FPOs, Partnership, SHGs, NGOs, Companies, Cooperatives, Agro-Industries etc.,
- **Land requirement:** Own land or lease land (Registered lease agreement of **>10 years**.)
- Applications must be submitted in **Project Mode** along with a Comprehensive Detailed Project Report
- Project work and bank loan disbursement must only begin **after** receiving GOC from NHB.
- The project should be new, and not a pre-existing activity and/or any old component thereof.
- NHB schemes can be clubbed with the **Agri Infrastructure Fund** to provide double financial benefits
- For full crop-specific cost norms, technical specifications, and detailed guidelines, please visit www.nhb.gov.in.

SCHEMES OF NATIONAL HORTICULTURE BOARD

Scheme 1: Development of Commercial Horticulture Through Production and Post-harvest Management of Horticultural Crops

1.1 Commercial Horticulture Development Under OPEN FIELD CULTIVATION:

Minimum Eligible area: More than 5 Acre (>2 Ha)

Eligible Crops: Mango, Banana, Grapes, Guava, Papaya, Lime, Lemon, Aonla, Jack fruit, Sapota, Coconut, Cashew nut, Pineapple, Mangosteen, Rambutan, Passion Fruit, Pomegranate, Mandarin orange, Sweet orange, Custard apple, Fig, Tamarind, Ber, Strawberry, Date palm, Blue berry, Black pepper, Cardamom, Citronella, Stevia, Geranium, Palmarosa, Mint, Celery.

Max. Project Cost: Rs. 100 Lakhs

Max. Subsidy Limit: Rs. 40 Lakhs/beneficiary @ 40% of total project cost.

For Large scale Mega Projects (>20 Ha), involving Cashew nut & Date palm, the maximum project cost ceiling is expanded to 200 lakhs and subsidy is increased to 80 lakhs

Eligible Components: Land development, cultivation expenses (Planting material cost, Labour, manures and Fertilizers, pesticides etc), drip irrigation, irrigation infrastructure (Bore well/ Open well, Farm Pond/Water storage tank, pipeline, etc.), mechanization (Tractor, tiller, self-propelled machineries etc), precision farming, GAP, vermicompost unit, plastic mulching.

1.2 Commercial Horticulture Development under PROTECTED CULTIVATION:

Minimum Area: >4000 Square metre (1 Acre)

Max. Project Cost: Rs. 200 Lakhs

Max. Subsidy Limit: Up to Rs. 100 Lakhs/beneficiary @ 50% of total project cost.

Cost Per Acre (Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No	Eligible crops	Cost of Poly house	Cost of Cultivation	Overall Cost ceiling with add on components
1	Anthurium & Orchid	40.00	33.60	80.00
2	Rose, Lilium, Gypsophila Chrysanthemum,	40.00	20.456	70.00
3	Carnation & Gerbera	40.00	29.28	75.00
4	Tomato, European Cucumber Capsicum under Poly house	40.00	6.72	55.00
5	Tomato, European Cucumber Capsicum Under Net house	28.40	6.72	40.00

1.3 Establishment of Commercial TISSUE CULTURE UNIT For propagation of Horticultural Crops:

Eligible Production Capacity: Minimum of 10 lakh to 25 lakh plants/year

Max. Project Cost: Rs. 250 lakhs**Max. Subsidy Limit:** Rs. 100 lakhs/beneficiary @ 40% of total project cost.

1.4 Integrated MUSHROOM PRODUCTION (Button Mushroom)

Eligible Production Capacity: Minimum installed capacity above **50 MT** and up to **300 MT** in controlled conditions including Production Unit + Spawn making Unit + Compost making Unit.

Max. Project Cost: Rs. **225 lakhs** without canning facility and **255 lakhs** with Canning facility

Max. Subsidy Limit: Up to **90 lakhs** /beneficiary (Without canning) and up to **102**

lakhs/beneficiary (With canning) @ 40% of total project cost.

1.5 Establishment of HIGH-TECH PLUG TYPE NURSERY Under Protected mode:

Minimum Area: >4000 Square metre (1 Acre)

Eligible Crops: Horticulture crops

Max. Project Cost: Rs. 200 Lakhs

Max. Subsidy Limit: Up to Rs. 100 Lakhs /beneficiary @ 50% of total project cost.

1.6 POST-HARVEST MANAGEMENT of Horticultural Crops

No	Component	Project Cost	Subsidy
C.1	Farmgate pack house (9m x 6m)	25 lakhs	12.5 lakhs (50%)
C.2	Integrated Pack House (18m x 22m) Cold room and Reefer van can also be included.	160 lakhs	56 lakhs (35 %)
C.3	Collection Aggregation Centre (22m x 26m) Cold room and Reefer van can also be included.	320 lakhs	112 lakhs (35 %)
C.4	Pre-cooling unit	5 lakhs/ MT	1.75 lakhs/MT (35 %)
C.5	Mobile pre-cooling unit	30 lakhs	10.5 lakh (35 %)
C.6	Cold Rooms (Staging/Solar powered)	52 lakhs	18.20 lakh (35 %)
C.13	Refrigerated transport Vehicles/ Refer Van (>15 to 30 MT) (Cost: 3.45 lakh/MT)	103.5 lakhs	36.22 lakhs (35 %)
	Secondary processing units for value addition	100 lakhs	35.lakhs (35 %)
C.15	Non-pressurized ripening chamber (Refer CS-3 in NHB/MIDH-2025 guidelines)	1 lakhs/MT	35,000/MT
C.15	Pressurized ripening chamber (Refer CS-3 in NHB/MIDH-2025 guidelines)	1.2 lakhs/ MT	42,000/MT

Scheme 2: Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of COLD STORAGE Units

Eligible Capacity: 5001 MT to maximum of 20000 MT/Beneficiary

Project cost and subsidy details:

SI No	Cold storage type	Eligible Capacity (MT)	Cost Rs. /MT	Project cost (Crore)	Subsidy limit (Crore)
1	Cold Storage Type-I/ CS-1: (Single Temperature /Single Product with Single chamber)	5001 – 6500	Rs. 9120/MT	4.56 – 5.92	1.60 – 2.07
		6501 – 8000	Rs. 8640/MT	5.62 – 6.91	1.97 – 2.42
		8001 – 10000	Rs. 8160/MT	6.53 – 8.16	2.28 – 2.86
		10001 – 20000	Rs. 8160/MT (Up to 10000 MT) + Rs. 4080/MT (>10000 MT)	8.16 – 12.2	2.86 – 4.28
2	Cold Storage Type-II/ CS-2: (Multi-Commodity/ Multi-Temperature with Multiple chambers)	5001 – 6500	Rs.11400/MT	5.70 – 7.41	2.00 – 2.59
		6501 – 8000	Rs. 10800/MT	7.02 – 8.64	2.46 – 3.02
		8001 – 10000	Rs. 10200/MT	8.16 – 10.2	2.82 – 3.57
		10001 – 20000	Rs. 10200/MT (Up to 10000 MT)+ Rs. 5100/MT (> 10000 MT)	10.2 – 15.3	3.57– 5.35

Note: All Post harvest management components and Cold storage structures have to be implemented in accordance to the NCCD Specifications only

Other Specialized NHB Initiatives

Scheme 3: Scheme for Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture and Accreditation and Rating of Horticulture Nurseries

Scheme 4: Cluster Development Programme: A market-led initiative aimed at leveraging geographical specialization of Horticulture crops to enhance global competitiveness and integrate the entire value chain from pre-production to branding.

Scheme 5: Clean Plant Program (CPP) Scheme: A technology-driven scheme designed to provide farmers access to high-quality, virus-free, and disease-free planting material through specialized Clean Plant Centres (CPCs) to boost productivity and export potential.

Scheme 6: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification (Bharat GAP): A quality assurance scheme that encourages sustainable farming by certifying farms that meet international standards for food safety, environmental health, and worker safety to access premium markets.