

## **Scheme For Financing Agri-Business Projects With Venture Capital Assistance From Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)**

**Nodal Agency:** Small Farmers' Agri-business Consortium (SFAC)

### **Objectives:**

- To help promote investments in agri-business projects that are dependent on agriculture and allied activities and which will lead to increased rural employment, rural income and encourage farmers to diversify into high value crops.

### **Eligibility:**

Individuals/ producer groups /organizations which meet the following criteria:

- Projects dependent upon agricultural or allied produce,
- Projects provide direct access to producers as assured market,
- Projects encourage farmers to diversify into high value crops to increase farm incomes,
- Bank has accepted project for grant of term loans after satisfactory techno-commercial feasibility,
- Minimum Project Cost must be Rs. 15 lakh (Rs. 10 lakh for hilly, North East and backward districts) and maximum upto Rs. 5 crore.

### **Venture Capital Assistance:**

- (i) 26% of promoter's equity or
- (ii) Rs 50 Lakh , whichever is lower.

In North- Eastern Region, Hilly States (Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir) and in all cases in any part of the country where the project is promoted by a registered Farmer Producers Organization ,the quantum of venture capital will be the lowest of the following:

- (i) 40% of the promoter's equity
- (ii) Rs. 50.00 lakh