

Funding Agencies	Scheme	Amount & Duration	Eligibility	Processing time	Application Procedure
DST	Technological Advancement for Rural Areas-TARA	1 Crore 5-10 Years Ext-15 Years	Org with 10 years field level exp Org exp in S&T project M.Sc/Ph.D in S&T 35 yrs of age + 5 yrs for differently abled women	Level 1 expert Level 2 on site expert Online Submission Sanction letter status online	Online

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

The Department has wide ranging activities ranging from promoting high end basic research and development of cutting edge technologies on one hand to service the technological requirements of the common man through development of appropriate skills and technologies on the other.

II. Name of scheme(s):

A. Technology Development related Schemes:

1. Long Term Core Support - Technological Advancement for Rural Areas (TARA)

This scheme under SEED Division is essentially to provide long term Core Support to Science and Technology (S&T) based NGOs to promote and nurture them as “S&T Incubators” / “Active Field Laboratories” in rural and other disadvantaged areas to work and provide technological solutions and effective delivery of technologies for livelihood generation & societal benefits

Programme Focus:

- Focus to support for innovation (i.e. technology development /adaptation) & working technology system with multiplication
- Long-term Action Research Programmes with defined goals for development, field testing and adoption of appropriate technologies to address location specific needs rather than “institutional support”
- Focus sharply on demonstrable replicability and enterprise models: shift to nonfarm and service sectors

- Especially to support core S&T manpower otherwise difficult to retain in grassroots organizations
- Strengthen a network of S&T capable organizations in the country for application and propagation of appropriate technologies to address location-specific user needs through participatory approach.

Eligibility Conditions & Selection Mechanism:

- Organizations with minimum 10 years field level experience in rural technology development and management with proven capability of delivering technology model(s) through adaptive R & D for field level application.
- Having minimum infrastructure to work as core supported group (CSG), like land and demonstrate working relations with Panchayats/State Govt. from long-term sustainability point of view.
- The organization should have experience in handling projects having focus on S &T with support from scientific departments of Govt. of India.

Selection Process:

- Selection is based on initial scrutiny at the department level/presentation of proposal before the expert committee (1st level of screening). Based on the recommendation of the expert committee, proposal is further evaluated (2nd level of screening) by a on-site evaluation by expert team to assess need, capability and delivery potential of the organization for proposed programme/activities. After on the spot evaluation, the proposal along with assessment report of the visiting expert team is examined by the expert committee for final recommendation

Funding of Projects :

If approved, core funding is provided initially for a period of five to ten years subject to periodic review which may be extendable upto fifteen years and more

Submission of Application:

Separate format may be obtained (ensuring the fulfillment of above mentioned eligibility criterion) on a request

Eligibility:

1. M.Sc./PhD in any stream of Science and Technology.
2. Age 35 years. Relaxation of 5 years for Women and Differently-abled (Divyangjan) applicants and those belonging to SC/ST/OBC category

For Application Form: <http://www.dst.gov.in/>