

SCHEMES FOR ASSISTING LARGE GROWERS

1. Title

These rules shall be called the Rubber Board's Rules for providing financial assistance to large growers for setting up/modernization of facilities for making RSS grades.

2. Objective

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to large growers for setting up/modernisation of facilities for making RSS grades in order to divert a portion of latex produced by them and thus to tide over the supply-demand situation becoming unfavourable to the latex concentrate processing sector.

3. Eligibility

All large rubber growers registered with the Board except those in the North Eastern region are eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.

4. Activities

The following activities are eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.

- a. Construction of processing sheds, storage sheds, smoke houses, effluent treatment systems/biogas plants including improvements to the existing ones.
- b. Procurement of bulking tanks, sheeting battery, coagulation tanks/dishes, utensils, accessories for smoke houses including improvements to the existing facilities.

5. Financial Assistance

The financial assistance under this scheme will be as follows:

Each large grower will be eligible for financial assistance @ 25% of the cost of the items detailed under (4) above as approved by the Board subject to a maximum of Rs.5 lakhs.

6. Terms and conditions

- i. This scheme will be implemented during the financial year 2005-06.
- ii. The owner/authorised person of a registered large grower shall make an application for the financial assistance showing the details of work/procurements proposed along with estimated costs and expected

results and also agreeing to abide by the rules/conditions of the scheme. Self attested copy of the registration certificate of the estate should also be enclosed to the application

- iii. The large grower should comply with the instructions issued by the Board for the procurement of items/execution of works.
- iv. On completion of all the works and procurement, the applicant shall produce relevant supporting documents for the purchase of Items/works done under the scheme.
- v. Financial assistance will be released after inspection and confirmation of the works done, by the officer/officers of the Rubber Board authorised in this regard.
- vi. Financial assistance will be based on the cost limits fixed as approved by the Board.
- vii. The owner of the estate will be required to execute an agreement with the Board as per the format prescribed by the Board.
- viii. Notwithstanding the fulfillment of any or all of the conditions under these rules, the Chairman, Rubber Board has discretionary powers to grant or refuse a claim or to limit the assistance to a particular amount.
- ix. The Chairman, Rubber Board will have the powers to alter/modify any of the provisions of these rules for the smooth operation of the scheme.
- x. The application and all correspondence in this regard should be

Addressed to –

**The Director (P&PD),
Rubber Board,
Kottayam – 686 009, Kerala State.**