

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ON QUALITY CERTIFICATION

(See Para- 5.4.9 of IPR-2015)

Quality certification ensure conformity to legal and regulatory requirements, customers requirements, operational results, products and better return on investment and also better working environment.

Efforts are being made to ensure that local products are cost-effective and meet overall quality requirement for competitiveness. But finance could be a major deterrent to invest in implementation of quality management and other related management system standards. To support to this endeavor, the State Government is providing assistance for obtaining quality certification under the provisions of Industrial Policy Resolution 2015

1. Short Title: - Operational guidelines for providing assistance for obtaining Quality Certification under Industrial Policy Resolution 2015.

2. Extent: - It shall extend to the whole of the State of Odisha.

3. Commencement: - It shall come into force from the "Effective Date" of Industrial Policy Resolution, 2015 i. e. 24.08.2015.

4. Terms and Expressions: -Terms and expressions used in this operational guideline, but not specifically defined here, shall have the same meaning as in Industrial Policy Resolution 2015.

5. Definition:-

Nationally and Internationally recognized Institutions - Certification Body or Certification Registrar accredited by National / Regional Accreditation Bodies or by International Accreditation Forum.

6. Policy Provisions:-

New Industrial units and Existing Industrial Units in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Priority Sector taking up expansion / modernization / diversification shall be provided with assistance on obtaining quality certification from Nationally and Internationally recognized Institutions and its renewal for next consecutive two years i e for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of production @ 100% of the quality certification charges up to a total maximum limit of three lakh rupees (INR 3.00 lakh).

7. Eligibility: -

- 7.1 New Industrial units.
- 7.2 Existing Industrial Units in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises taking up expansion / modernization / diversification.
- 7.3 Existing Priority Sector Units taking up expansion / modernization / diversification
- 7.3 Migrated industrial unit treated as new industrial unit.
- 7.4 Rehabilitated sick industrial unit treated at par with new industrial unit and duly recommended by State Level Inter Institutional Committee (SLIIC) for this incentive.
- 7.5 Industrial unit seized under Section 29 of the State Financial Corporation Act, 1951/ SARFAESI Act, 2002 and thereafter sold to a new entrepreneur on sale of assets basis and treated as new industrial unit for the purpose of this IPR.

8. Eligible costs of assistance shall include -

- a) Cost of application form and or application fees, assessment fees, processing charges, and all other costs / charges / fees, known by whatever name, paid to the competent Registering Authority.
- b) The total amount of assistance under these rules shall be limited to Rs.3.00 lakh for a unit. If any unit obtains quality certificate for more than one product during the operative period of this IPR, the assistance shall be available for each quality certificate separately subject to an overall cumulative limit of Rs.3.00 lakh (Three lakh).

8.2 If the industrial unit has availed assistance / subsidy / any incentive for obtaining quality certification from any State Govt. or the Central Govt. (GoI) or any Financial Institutions of the country or abroad, it shall be eligible for the differential amount of benefit only.

9. Time frame for filing Application: - The entrepreneur shall submit his claim within **one year** from the end of each financial year on obtaining quality certification / renewals.

Application in the prescribed form received after the due date / incomplete in any respect shall be liable to be summarily rejected.

10. Procedure:-

10.1 Industrial unit satisfying the eligibility shall file application in the prescribed form appended to this operational guideline at Annexure **'A'** along with copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in the Checklist at Annexure **'B'** (in duplicate in