

# **Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology**

(Under the aegis of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)

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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**for prequalification of VOs for**

**EQUIPPING THEM WITH COMPETENCIES FOR SCOUTING OF INNOVATIONS AND TO DEVELOP THEM INTO INNOVATION SCOUTING CENTRES (ISCs) FOR SCOUTING OF INNOVATIONS, INNOVATORS AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE FOR DOCUMENTATION /VALIDATION AND PATENTING/PILOTING AND UPSCALING OF RURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS**

- 1. CAPART intends to select VOs to develop them into Innovation Scouting Centres (ISCs) for Scouting of Innovations, Innovators and Traditional Knowledge throughout the country.**
- 2. The shortlisted 30 VOs will be facilitated to develop competencies for taking over the role of Scouting of Innovations, Innovators and Traditional Knowledge.**
- 3. After training/ induction programme at least 10 VOs will be selected and nominated to work as Innovation Scouting Centres (ISCs) for Scouting of Innovations, Innovators and Traditional Knowledge. Selection of these VOs will be done in such a way that one Innovation Scouting Centre (ISC) (may or may not be the existing TRCs of CAPART) for every 10 crore population is uniformly dispersed all over the country.**

**Remaining VOs will work as regional alter ego of these selected ISCs as Innovation, Scouting and Handholding kiosk (ISHK) who will be directly interacting with CAPART, identified Training Resource Institutes and ISCs as per their need & requirement. The VOs will be selected and nominated for 3 years as ISCs. Their performance will be assessed by a sub-committee who will decide yearly release of funds and their further continuation.**

- 4. CAPART hereby invites pre-qualification applications from reputed VOs for being developed and designated as Innovation Scouting Centres (ISCs) having the necessary qualification and experience as enumerated below.**

**5. Qualification and Experiences**

**(a) The Mandatory eligibility criteria for Voluntary Organizations are as follows:**

- i) VOs should have been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a State amendment thereof or the Indian Trust Act, 1882 or the Religious and Charitable Institutions Registration Act, 1920.
- ii) VOs should have completed 10 years from the date of registration on the date of application filed with CAPART. In the interest of the scheme, however, Director General, CAPART in consultation with the Technical Resource may relax this term but not below 5 years, if any of the VO is found to have some proven track record in this area.
- iii) VOs should have a bank or post office account for at least ten years preceding the date of filing of application to CAPART in this regard.
- .iv) Rural Development should be one of the objectives in the Memorandum of Association of the VOs.
- v) VOs should be working with beneficiaries in rural areas even if the VO's headquarters is located in an urban area.
- vi) The area of operation of the VOs must be rural, meaning thereby a village included within the jurisdiction of a gram panchayat. Areas included within the limits of Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Notified Area Committees and Town Panchayats will not be considered as rural areas

- vii) VOs should comply with the requirement of Income-Tax Department (PAN,12A) or should have at least applied for the same.
- viii) The organization should be broad based and representative in character. The members of the Executive Body/Managing Committee of the organisation should not be related to each other or belong to the same family. There may be maximum two relatives/family members in the Governing/Managing/Executive Committee of the organisation. But only one of them could be co-signatory of the bank account operations.
- ix) VOs should not be in any of the funding restriction (viz BLA/FAS etc) category of CAPART.
- x) Members of the sanctioning committees of CAPART, namely, Executive Committee, National Standing Committee/Regional Committee or their family members and/or relatives should not be the office bearers of the VOs seeking assistance from CAPART.

***(b) The following are the desirable eligibility criteria for applying for the Innovation Scouting Centres (ISCs)***

- Demonstrable achievement in Scouting of Innovations, Innovators and Traditional Knowledge.
- Design development & dissemination of innovative technologies.
- Evidence of linkages and interaction with National and State level S&T institutions in technology adoption, adaptation and exchange activities.
- Good track record of adaptive R&D and transfer of technologies in rural areas.
- Adequate infrastructure such as training facilities, workshops, laboratories, tools and equipments etc.
- Professional capabilities to disseminate technologies through presentation, demonstration and training.
- Policy of openness to interact with other voluntary agencies in the area and willingness to spontaneously respond to their needs.
- Identification of rural technological obsolescence in an area of economic importance and documented efforts made to address the same.

In the interest of the scheme, however, Director General, CAPART in consultation with the Technical Resource may relax any of the criteria, if any of the VOs are found to have been otherwise found to be suitable for taking the scheme forward.

**5. VOs fulfilling above criteria are invited to send their EOI along with Organizational Profile and following details:**

**i. Area of Operation**

Blocks, District(s) State(s) where activities under TRC programme will be undertaken; brief description of area in terms of climate, topography, natural resources, socio-economic composition and status of population and main needs of disadvantaged sections.

**ii. Perspective/ Approach**

The broad perspective with which past activities have been undertaken by applicant VOs.

**iii. Experience**

Number of year's applicant VOs has been working; specifically – number of years in science and technology related work. Give details.

**iv. Range of Specialization**

Details of technology areas in which programmes have been undertaken; experience and capabilities.

**v. Technology Development/ Adaptation**

Give details of technologies developed and those adapted to local conditions or needs. Must include year, technical details, needs addressed, field trial results, experts involved and propagation efforts.

**vi. Technologies Absorbed**

Number, sources, method, whether adaptation done, dissemination efforts and results.

**vii. Dissemination Programmes**

Number and nature of technologies disseminated to other VOs and among needy people. Give details of methodology, number of people involved and current status.

**viii. Sustainability of Field Programmes**

Whether field level dissemination programmes sustainable; how economic, social, environment- sustainability ensured. Give details.

**ix. Status of Beneficiaries**

Details of beneficiaries of all programmes undertaken till date; method of selection, number, socio-economic status, nature of benefits provided, follow-up and current status.

**x. Science and Technology (S&T) Capability**

Number of in-house qualified S&T personnel with details of qualification and number of years with NGO; same for consultants, visiting experts etc. Also, details of supporting infrastructure like laboratory facilities library etc.

***xi. Linkages with other VOs/ Innovators/ S&T technology institutions***

Number of VOs in contact; their names, location, period and nature of contact (jointly working, being motivated). Nature of networking; formal structure or need based. Linkages with VOs from which exchange of ideas or information takes place or assistance/ support is sought; names and location. In addition VOs should also have nexus with other VOs, S&T technologies, Innovators and other institution who are intensively involved in Scouting of Innovations, Innovators and Traditional Knowledge.

**xii. Linkages with S&T Agencies/ Institutions**

Names, location, nature of linkage, general experience with S&T Institution.

**xiii. Infrastructure**

Details of office, facilities, information communication systems, residential, workshed, area for in-house trials, library.

**xiv. Scouting experiences in the past, if any:**

**xv. Other Organizational Aspects**

Details about decision-making process, responsibility distribution, turnover of (key) personnel, property titles. Also some general comments (qualitative) on relationship with people in the area.

xvi. Scientific studies/papers published if any.

xvii. Patents etc, if any in the name of the VO or its employees/trustees etc.

6. The EOI documents complete in all respect should reach the office of the Director (RTD), CAPART, India Habitat Centre, Zone-A(Core-C),2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, not later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

7. For further details, scope of the project and other relevant information regarding this EOI please visit our website [www.capart.nic.in](http://www.capart.nic.in) .

8. For further information please contact:

**Director (Rural Technology Division)**

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9. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without any intimation to applicants. .

**Date: 25/11/2010**

**C S Pandey  
Director (RTD)  
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