



XII Plan Schemes for Small Growers



Four components:

- New planting/Replanting/rejuvenation
- One time grant for SHGs
- Setting up of Factories- micro/mini/big factories
- Training/study tours/tea convention/workshops.

Overall objective:

- To encourage formation of SHGs, small tea growers collectivization, improvement of productivity, quality of tea
- To ensure remunerative prices.



GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - NEW PLANTING/REPLANTING/REJUVENATION

1. Applicant garden should be registered with Tea Board & possess smart card.
2. Only approved planting material to be used.
3. Applications should be submitted 30 days before the commencement of activity.
4. Applications submitted after commencement of field work will not be considered.
5. Field operations shall be commenced only after the issue of NOC after Pre- approval inspection. PA inspection not required for field mechanization.
6. Abandoned tea areas are not eligible for subsidy.
7. Only one application per garden in a financial year will be considered. If additional application submitted, it will be clubbed together.



Activity specific eligibility criteria :

1. New planting:

- Financial assistance @25% of unit cost. Maximum extent is 10.12 ha for individual small growers.
- Applicant should submit documents of ownership. If not available possession certificate issued by Land revenue Dept. will be accepted.
- Smart cards shall be produced post planting for a new comer.
- Soil suitability certificate should be given.
- Bush population shall not be less than 10,000 /ha.
- All cultural operations and soil conservation measures should be undertaken as per UPASI-TRF/Tea Board recommendations.



Activity specific eligibility criteria :

2. Replanting:

- Plant population shall be not less than 10,000/ha
- The old and uneconomic sections where average yield is lower than the garden av.yield for last three consecutive years are eligible for subsidy.
- Minimum age shall not be less than 40 years.
- Zero/minimum tillage are permissible in hilly areas.
- Shorter rehabilitation period will be considered if the soil health is suitable and backed with soil analysis report.
- Replantation in all cases shall be completed within 36 months from the date of uprooting.



Activity specific eligibility criteria:

3. Rejuvenation:

- Area proposed for rejuvenation pruning and consolidation must not fall under abandoned tea areas.
- Section after pruning must not be due for uprooting for next 10 years.
- Rejuvenation activity will not be considered for bushes above 40 years of old.
- The vacancy % should be above 25% but in exceptional cases, The CA of Tea Board may allow up to 40%.
- Pruning should be done between 16” to 18” in case of Assam & Assam hybrid bushes and 12” to 14” in case of China & China hybrid.

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- Subsidies will be released in two instalments. 60% in first instalment and 40% in second instalment.
- Subsidies will be released in one instalment in the case of irrigation and field mechanisation on completion of procurement of the work.
- Necessary LOU need to be submitted in appropriate value of non- judicial stamp paper before claiming the subsidy.
- In the breach of any provision the subsidy will be called back with 12% interest per annum.



Replanting/replacement planting:

- Unit cost TN & Karnataka Rs. 6,45,055 per Ha.
- Unit cost Kerala Rs. 6,62,055 per Ha.
- Rate of subsidy – 30%
- Subsidy amount per Ha – Rs1,93,517/-(TN& Karnataka)
- Subsidy amount per Ha – Rs. 1,98,617/-(Kerala)
- Changes from XI Plan - rate of subsidy was 25 %

Rejuvenation Pruning & Infilling:

- Unit cost Rs. 203794 per Ha.
- Rate of subsidy - 30%
- Subsidy amount per Ha – Rs.61,138/-
- Changes from XI plan : - rate of subsidy increased to 30% from 25%.Subsidy amount was Rs. 29, 450/-.



New planting:

- To support new planting in cultivable land available within the grant area of tea gardens.
- Unit cost Rs. 645055/- (TN & Karnataka)
- Unit cost Rs. 662055/- (Kerala)
- Rate of subsidy - 25 %
- Amount - Rs. 1,61,264/ (TN & Karnataka)
- Amount - Rs. 1,65,514/ (Kerala)

As special project, SHGs may take New planting for 200 ha @ of 40% subsidy of unit cost.

Organic Tea Production:

- New inclusion. Subsidy for New planting, replanting/ replacement planting.
- Rate of subsidy – 25 % more than the conventional method.



Irrigation:

- Subsidies for sprinkler, drip system, pipelines, motors, pump sets & accessories, Check dams and Tube wells.
- Rate of subsidy : 40% of actual cost upto Rs.80,000/ha
- Modification from XI Plan: Rs.10,000/ha only.

Field Mechanization:

Subsidies for field harvester and pruning machine.

Rate of subsidy : 25% of actual cost for every 10 ha of tea

Modification from XI Plan: Previously available as special scheme for unemployed youth in S.I

SMALL GROWERS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME



S. No	Activity	Subsidy (Rs/ha)	Deviation from XI th plan
1	Replanting & replacement planting	1,93,517	92,375
2	Rejuvenation pruning	61, 138 /-	29,450
3	New planting	1,61,264/-	86,000
4	Organic Tea cultivation	25% more subsidy than conventional, new planting, replanting, replacement planting.	Applicable for Darjeeling alone
5	Irrigation	25% of actual cost (Rs.80,000/ha ceiling limit)	Upto Rs.10,000/ha
6	Field mechzn. (harvester, pruning machine & JCB)	25 % of actual cost	Unavailable during XI Plan



GRANT FOR SHGS



Objectives:

- To encourage collectivization of SHGs to move – up in value chain. For holistic and sustained development of small growers.

General conditions for forming SHG:

- 30 members with minimum 20 ha.
- Should hold smart cards of Tea Board.
- Each SHG must include one Development Officer as ex-officio member in its management committee and will meet in regular intervals.
- Each SHG will have a valid bank account. In addition a joint account with Tea Board for operating RCF.
- Expenses under RCF only with the prior approval of Tea Board



- Assistance to SHG:

A module for establishing proper leaf collection systems, transport arrangements and establishing proper partnership with the quality tea processing factories.

- The SHG shall enter into an agreement with tea factory for:

1. Purchase of green leaf supplied by SHG without any quantity restriction
2. Payment of GLF price as per the agreed PSF notified by Tea Board.
3. Deduction from GLF payable to SHG the actual cost incurred by SHGs towards purchase of inputs.

ONE TIME GRANT FOR COMMON FACILITIES TO THE SHGS



S. No.	Components	Unit cost	Rate of Subsidy	Ceiling Limit
1.	Transport Vehicle	Actual Cost	50%	For every 2000 kg green leaf handled per day
2.	Revolving Corpus Fund	Rs.15,000/- per ha.	100%	One time grant @ Rs.15,000/- per ha. as a revolving corpus fund.
3.	Input Storage Godown & office	Rs. 1,00,000/-	100%	One storage godown per SHG
4.	Leaf Collection Shed	Rs.50,000/-	100%	One shed for every 5000 Kg green leaf. subject to a ceiling limit of Rs.50,000/- for each shed.
5.	Leaf weighing scale	Rs. 3,500/-	100%	Two scales per SHG Subsidy will be limited to 100% of the actual cost subject to a ceiling limit of Rs.3,500/- for two scales.
6.	Plastic crates & Nylon bags	Rs.300/- per crate & Rs. 40/- per nylon bag	100%	One crate/ every 20kg green leaf & one nylon bag for every 15 kg of green leaf

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S. No.	Components	Unit cost	Rate of Subsidy	Ceiling Limit
7.	Pruning machine	Rs. 40,000/- per Machine	100%	One pruning machine for every 10 ha . ceiling limit of Rs.40,000/- for each pruning machine.
8.	Harvesting Machine	-	50%	1 machine for every 10 ha.
9.	Desktop Computer	Rs.40,000/-	80%	For maintaining records.
10.	Tea Nursery grant	-	-	Tea nursery grant @ Rs. 2/- per plant.
11.	Awards for best performing SHGs			Best SHG, STG and BLF from each tea region- cash award ranging from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1 Lakh and certificate
12.	Micro Irrigation			Subsidy will be paid @40% of the investment made towards irrigation facilities



Setting up of micro/mini/big tea factory by SHGs:

- Area: Min 100 ha, Max- 200 ha command area
- Good performance for last three years.
- Comply with PPC
- One application per factory per year.
- Subsidy: 40% of actual cost of machinery.
- Ceiling limit: Rs.200 lakhs/ factory.

Welfare for labourers of STG:

- Rs.20,000/ annum.