

**MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SME AND COOPERATIVES
(COOPERATIVES DIVISION)**

**BOOST TO LOCAL PRODUCTION SCHEME
FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027**

A. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

The Boost to Local Production Scheme provides a grant of 80% of the cost of the following approved new items up to a maximum of Rs300,000 per cooperative society:

- a) Agricultural equipment and machinery;
- b) Manufacturing/production equipment and machinery;
- c) Agro-processing equipment and machinery;
- d) Value-addition equipment and machinery;
- e) Cold storage/room and related equipment; and
- f) Other relevant equipment/machinery.

B. OBJECTIVES

The scheme will support cooperative societies to increase local food production and enhance local manufacturing/production of goods.

C. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The cooperative society should:

- (i) be registered under the Co-operatives Act;
- (ii) have carried out business activities during two preceding financial years (Financial Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026);
- (iii) not be in arrears with payment of any fee due to the Co-operative Development Fund;
- (iv) not be dormant;
- (v) not be under liquidation;
- (vi) not be under inquiry; and
- (vii) not have benefitted from a grant scheme more than once within a period of five years (that is, the cooperative society should not have benefitted from a grant scheme since Financial Year 2021/2022).

D. CONDITIONS

1. The project proposed under the scheme should be in line with the objects of the cooperative society;
2. The cooperative society should have a sound operation and management;
3. The grant should be used only for the purpose approved under the scheme;
4. The cooperative society will continue with the project for a period of at least five years;
5. The cooperative society should have all necessary clearances/permits from relevant authorities for the project proposed under the scheme;
6. The cooperative society should, when requested for, submit, as appropriate, relevant title deed and/or registered lease agreement of land/property in the name of the cooperative society valid for a period of five years as from date of application with site plan indicating *inter-alia* purpose of the lease, its bank statement, its Business Registration Card, its financial statements, clearances/permits, proof of funding of the remaining 20% or otherwise which the cooperative society would use to finance the project, invoices, receipts, Business Registration Card of suppliers and their bank details, and any other document required for the processing of the application;
7. Any change in approved supplier/location/equipment/machinery/items would require prior approval of the Ministry;
8. All invoices/payment receipts issued by the supplier/s under the scheme should be in the name of the cooperative society and should not be dated before the date of approval of the grant;

9. The President, Secretary and any Director of the cooperative society should not have any conflict of interest with the supplier/s;
10. All transactions with respect to the grant received and equipment/machinery/items financed under the scheme should be recorded in the books of the society;
11. The project financed under the scheme should be implemented within **two (2) months from date of disbursement** of the grant by the Ministry;
12. The cooperative society should be solely responsible for the implementation and proper management of its project financed under the scheme as well as the custody and judicious use of the equipment/machinery/items financed;
13. All proceeds from sales accruing from the implementation of the approved project should be recorded in the books of the cooperative society;
14. In case of theft/loss of equipment/machinery/items financed under the scheme, the cooperative society should report the matter immediately to the Police Station and to the Ministry within three (3) days of its occurrence with a copy of the receipt of entry in the Occurrence Book (OB);
15. In case of damage of equipment/machinery/items financed under the scheme, the matter should be reported to the Ministry by the cooperative society in writing within seven (7) days of its occurrence;
16. The cooperative society should collaborate during any site visit and monitoring exercise to be carried out by officers under this scheme failing which appropriate action may follow;
17. The cooperative society should sign an Undertaking and Declaration Form with the Ministry upon approval of the grant;
18. In case of non-implementation/ non-completion of project and failure to adhere to any Terms and-Conditions:
 - a a reminder will be sent to the cooperative society prior to a letter of notice;
 - b the Ministry reserves the right to claim refund of the total amount of grant provided to the cooperative society within one (1) month from the date of issue of letter of notice; and
 - c in case of non-adherence to para (a), the Ministry may initiate any legal action deemed necessary.
19. The cooperative society will make full refund of the amount of grant to the Ministry in case within five years of the implementation of the project, the board of the cooperative society will decide to liquidate the cooperative society; and
20. Equipment/machinery/item financed should not be disposed of within a period of five years except with the approval of the Supervising officer.

E. APPLICATION FOR THE SCHEME

Details of the Boost to Local Production Scheme and its application form are available at the Head Office of the Ministry, at the Cooperative Business Centres and on the website of the Ministry, as hereunder: -

Ministry of Industry, SME and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division)	3 rd Floor, LIC Centre, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis Tel No.: 405 0770, Fax No.: 208 9263 Website: https://cooperatives.govmu.org
Cooperative Business Centres (CBCs)	
Port Louis	2 nd Floor, Crescent House, Corner Deschartes and Foucault Streets, Port Louis Tel No.: 214 6003/ 214 6038
Rivière Du Rempart	1st Floor, MCIA Building, Haute Rive, Rivière du Rempart Tel No.: 409 3945/ 409 3946
Rose Belle	Kulpoo Lane, Rose Belle Tel No.: 627 7824/ 628 6879

Henrietta	La Marie Road, Vacoas Tel No.: 684 9962
St Pierre	Bois Cheri Road, L'Agrement, St Pierre Tel No.: 434 2219/ 434 2229/ 434 2232

For additional information on the scheme, cooperative societies may contact officers at the Head Office of the Cooperatives Division and the Cooperative Business Centres.

The duly filled application form together with the following documents should be submitted to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, SME and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division), 3rd Floor, LIC Centre, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis:

- (a) relevant quotation/s in the name of the co-operative society; and
- (b) minutes of proceedings of the meeting where the cooperative society has approved the proposed project to be undertaken by the cooperative society under the scheme, details of the project (description, location, cost, financing, etc.), the amount of grant applied for, the contribution of the cooperative society in the project and to adhere to the terms and conditions of the scheme.

F. PROCESSING OF APPLICATION

Application will be considered on a first come first served basis, upon completeness and subject to satisfying all the eligibility criteria and submission of requested documents. The project proposed should be in line with the objects of the cooperative society and the cooperative society should have a sound operation and management.

G. DISBURSEMENT OF THE GRANT

Upon approval, the cooperative society will be requested to make payment of its contribution to the supplier/s and submit to the Cooperatives Division original invoice(s)/original receipt(s) and Business Registration Card and bank details of supplier/s (name of bank/bank branch/bank account number) for disbursement of the grant by the Cooperatives Division to the supplier/s.

DISCLAIMER

The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any application or annul the whole exercise without any explanation or justification and without incurring any liability whatsoever.