

MODERNISATION AND REMOVAL OF OBSOLESCENCE

(MODROB) FOR RURAL AREAS

1.1		Objectives
	(a)	The scheme aims to modernize and remove obsolescence in the Laboratories / Workshops / Computing facilities (Libraries are excluded), so as to enhance the functional efficiency of Technical Institutions in rural areas of the country for Teaching, Training and Research purposes.
	(b)	It also supports development of Lab Instructional Material and appropriate Technology to ensure that the practical work and project work to be carried out by students is contemporary and suited to the needs of the Industry.
	(c)	The equipment financed under the scheme could be ideally used for upgradation of equipment in existing laboratories, enhancement of performance parameter specification of existing equipment, incorporation of latest development in the field and replacement of old depreciated equipment by modern equipment. In addition to above major objectives, the equipment installed through MODROB can be used for indirect benefit to Faculty / Students through Continuing Education programmes, Training programmes for local industry and consultancy work.
1.2		Eligibility
	(a)	Institutes of rural areas in whole country
	(b)	Non-accredited institutes can apply for MODROB rural scheme.
	(c)	Minimum enrolment of students in the applicant institutes to be 60% of approved intake during last three years in the discipline in which the proposal is made.
	(d)	Technical Institutions / University Departments with at least 5 years of existence.
	(e)	For self-financing/Institutes: Maximum 3 proposals per institute per year including sanctioned earlier but not completed would be considered.
	(f)	For Govt. /Govt. aided Institutes: Maximum 5 proposals per institute per year including sanctioned earlier but not completed would be considered.
1.3		Duration of the Project
	(a)	Duration of project will be two years from the date of receipt of funds in the institute's account.
1.4		Limit of Funding
	(a)	Total funding of Rs.20 Lakh.
1.5		Disbursement of the Funds
	(a)	100% grant of sanctioned amount will be released to Govt. /Govt. aided Institutes.
	(b)	To private institutions, grants will be sanctioned in the form of 80% of the sanctioned amount as advance followed by 20% as

		reimbursement on submission of the Utilization certificate and other supporting documents as specified in terms and conditions of MODROB.
1.6		Processing Methodology:
		The proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted of three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor. At least two members among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.
1.7		Terms and Conditions
	(a)	In MODROB rural scheme, the Head of the Department (HOD) submitting the proposal is always the Project Coordinator. To enable subject specific knowledge to be utilized, a Co-Coordinator can also be proposed. The HOD should critically analyze the requirements of the laboratory / laboratories of the Department for preparation of the project proposal, which should relate to the future development of the academic strength of the Department.
	(b)	It may be noted that the concerned Head of the department shall be responsible for execution and completion of the sanctioned project, followed by submission of all related documents including the project report.
	(c)	In case, the Coordinator i.e. the concerned Head of the department of MODROB programme joins another Institution, transfer of the project along with him is not allowed. If the HOD changes by rotation or leaves the Institution or retires, or goes on a long leave, the successor Head of the Department shall become the Project Coordinator of the project, and this fact should be intimated to the Council immediately.
	(d)	Any expenditure incurred prior to the issuance of the approval letter is not allowed to be adjusted in the grant. The grant shall be utilized strictly for the purpose as specified in the sanction letter.
	(e)	The grant shall be utilized strictly for the purpose as specified in the sanction letter and procurement of equipment authorized by AICTE. Re-appropriation of funds from one head to another is strictly not permitted viz. Recurring and Non-recurring heads are 15% and 85% of total grant, unless otherwise recommended by AICTE experts.
	(f)	Once the project is sanctioned, the Council shall not consider any request for additional grants.
	(g)	Separate institutional overhead expenses shall not be provided by AICTE. The assets acquired out of the grant shall be the property of the Institution and should always reflect in its book of accounts including the assets register. They should be certified by the concerned Principal Coordinator. No assets acquired out of the grant shall be disposed off without the prior permission of the Council.

		Interest earned on the project fund, if any, should be reported to AICTE.
	(h)	<p>Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) is required to be constituted at institutional level and the minutes of the meeting are to be submitted to the Council at least once in a year. The composition of PEC should be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Director/Principal/Dean of the Institute, College and University respectively (Chairman of the Committee). ii. Head of three Departments of the Institute/Faculty of the Technical Disciplines. iii. One Subject Expert (to be nominated by the Director/Principal of the Institute as an External Member). iv. Principal Investigator of the Project (Convener/Secretary). <p>The constitution of PEC may be sent to the Council for record. The general terms of the reference of PEC are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. PEC should meet from time to time as required but at least once a year. The minutes of the meeting should be submitted to the Council. ii. PEC shall advise on the proper utilization of the funds under the project and ensure proper implementation of the scheme as per the objectives of the project. iii. The expenditure of TA and DA for outside experts to attend the PEC meeting would be provided out of the contingency grant of the project. iv. Quorum shall be complete if 75% of the Members of the Committee are present in meeting.
	(i)	Interest earned on the project fund, if any, should be reported to AICTE. The amount of interest accrued on the grant should be treated as part of the grant to be utilized for that particular project. However, the interest amount accrued along with grant disbursed should not exceed the total grant sanctioned for the project. The Institute receiving the grant should reflect the same in the audited statement of accounts/ utilization certificate and may either refund the interest amount to AICTE or AICTE should adjust the same in the next installment of grant before releasing.
	(j)	Grant released under this programme is for the specific period and should be properly utilized within the time stipulated in the project proposal.
	(k)	The council shall not provide any maintenance grant after the expiry of the project.
	(l)	Whenever the Institution / Laboratory / Department receives a grant for modernization of a laboratory under the schemes MODROB, it is imperative that assistance obtained from AICTE for modernization of the Laboratory/Department is acknowledged duly

		by putting up a plaque at the main entrance of the Lab/Department, which has been modernized using the grant. All the equipment procured/developed through this project should be super scribed with AICTE project file number
	(m)	Any change in the equipment recommended/sanctioned shall not be acceptable in any circumstances.