

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR CERTIFICATION AND
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS REIMBURSEMENT
SCHEME, 2017.

1.Short title and commencement

1.1 This Scheme shall be called the **FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR CERTIFICATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTSREIMBURSEMENT SCHEME 2017** and shall be governed by the Goa State Incentives to Encourage Investments Scheme, 2017 (Umbrella Scheme). This scheme shall come into force with effect from 1st October, 2017 and remain in for force upto 30th September, 2022.

2. Introduction

2.1 In order to make the existing industry in Goa competitive at state, national and international level, Government of Goa encourages units based in Goa to obtain certification from reputed certifying agencies relating to management systems, quality management systems, environment sustainability, product certification, food safety and social accountability as well as quality of service.

2.2 In order to encourage innovation and creation of new processes and products, Government of Goa encourages registration of intellectual property rights by Goa based eligible industrial and business units.

2.3 Therefore, this target scheme under the Goa State Incentives to Encourage Investments Scheme, 2017 (Umbrella Scheme) is introduced to provide reimbursement of expenses incurred by industrial and business units to obtain certification and IPR subject to condition stipulated below:-

3. Objectives

3.1 To encourage the industrial units and eligible service providing units/Institutions operating in the State of Goa, to obtain National and International Certification in order to maintain requisite standards of quality of products/processes/Services and Technological up-gradation/Quality improvement and Environment Management, in order to enhance their competitive strength to global competition.

3.2 To give boost to the industrial units and eligible service proving units/Institutions specified in this scheme to achieve the benchmark of excellence and serve as a model for others to emulate.

3.3 To promote healthy qualitative industrial and service sector growth in the State of Goa.

3.4 To promote the regulation of Intellectual Property Rights among the enterprises operating in the State of Goa and protect their innovation.

3.5 To secure their rights over their traditional products/processes and to encourage innovation and productivity enhancement.

4. Eligibility:

4.1 The Industrial Units in all Categories, Hospitals and Educational Institutions recognised by the Government of Goa and operating in the State of Goa who have obtained Certification from Indian Standard Institute, International Standard Organization or any other recognised National/International Certification for quality standards and/ or IPRs as accepted by the Task Force Committee are eligible to avail financial incentives under this Scheme.

4.2 The Statutory certification which is obtained under any relevant provisions of the law shall not be entitled for benefits under this Scheme.

4.3 Those units who have availed reimbursement under any other similar scheme of Central Government for this purpose (for that particular certification) will also be eligible under this Scheme but restricted only to the extent of balance amount after deducting the Central assistance/ any assistance already availed without impacting an overall ceiling specified in the scheme.

4.4 The units which are taking or have taken any benefit under any policy of the Department of Information Technology, Government of Goa, shall not be eligible for benefits under this scheme.

5. Benefits under the Scheme.

5.1 Under this Scheme, except subject matter covered under clause 5.2, reimbursement of charges to the extent of 100% of actual expenditure per certification, during the validity period of the Scheme subject to a combined ceiling of Rs 8.00 lakh only for the entire period of the Scheme will be granted to the Unit/Institution. The actual expenses will not include charges of Lodging/boarding, refreshment and travel but will include eligible charges incurred to obtain the certificate.

5.2 In case of IPR, reimbursement of 50% of the professional fees for registration and fees paid to the registry for registration of Intellectual Property Rights subject to maximum ceiling of Rs.15.00 lakh (excluding subject matter of clause 5.1) for the entire period of the Scheme will be granted to the unit/institution.

5.3 The benefits under this scheme are subject to budgetary allocation. No Promisory Estoppel shall be applicable if benefits are discontinued in case allocation is exceeded.

6. Procedure to file the claims:

6.1 The eligible unit shall apply in the specified proforma to Directorate of Industries, Trade & Commerce along with the following:

- a) A self-attested copy of registration under Umbrella Scheme.
- b) A self-declaration in the format specified.
- c) Proof of Registration, functioning status of the unit,
- d) Documents of acquiring the IPR/ and Certification from recognized agencies.
- e) A copy of bills and receipts of the expenditure incurred.
- f) Certificate from Chartered Accountant (in original) indicating the actual expenditure incurred on obtaining Certification or IPR as the case may be.
- g) Certificate from Chartered Accountant stating that no claim from the Department of Information Technology, Government of Goa has been made for any incentives.