1. The Secretary (SSI), All State Govts./UTs.
2. Commissioner/Director Industries, All State Govt.s/UTs
3. Director, All SISIs.

Subject: Reimbursement of charges to SSI units for acquiring ISO 9000 certification - enlargement of the scope of the scheme to cover reimbursement of charges to SSI units for acquiring ISO 14001 certification.

Sir,

Govt. of India in Ministry of Small Scale Industries (Office of Development Commissioner (SSI) have been implementing a Plan Scheme, under which 75% of the expenses incurred by SSI units in acquiring Quality Management System –ISO 9000 certification, are reimbursed restricted to Rs. 75,000. The scheme was launched during 1994, and has been extended upto the end of X Plan (i.e. upto 31.3.2007).

In the global market, compliance of Environment Management System (EMS), viz. ISO 14001 certification is increasingly becoming mandatory. Therefore, new initiatives are required to persuade the SSI units in acquiring ISO 14001 certification also. Govt. of India, have accordingly decided to enlarge the scope of the existing scheme of reimbursement expenses incurred for acquiring ISO 9000 certification, to cover the reimbursement of expenses incurred for acquiring the ISO, 14001 certification also. The existing scheme will therefore be modified as under from the date of issue of the letter.

i. The modified scheme shall be named as Incentive Scheme of Reimbursement of expenses for acquiring Quality Management System (QMS), ISO-9000 certification/environment management (EMS) ISO-14001 certification.

ii. The Scheme shall provide one time reimbursement of 75% of the admissible expenses incurred for acquiring ISO 9000/ISO 14001 certification, limited to Rs. 75,000 to a SSI unit. In case a unit has already claimed maximum subsidy of Rs. 75,000/- for acquiring ISO 9000 certification from Central Govt./State Govt./Financial Institution, it shall not be eligible for further subsidy for acquiring ISO 14001 certification. On the other hand, if a unit has claimed subsidy less than Rs. 75,000 for acquiring ISO 9000 certification, it would be eligible to claim subsidy for acquiring ISO 14001/certification equal to the difference between Rs. 75,000 and the subsidy already claimed.
iii. The other norms and guidelines used for claiming reimbursement of expenses for acquiring ISO 9000 certification will remain unchanged.

iv. The awareness cum training programmes being organized by Office of DC(SSI) through SISIs/RTCs for acquiring ISO 9000 certification shall also cover ISO 14001 certification also.

The application form and its enclosures (affidavit, undertaking and other documents etc.) have been revised and are attached herewith. The applications for reimbursement both for ISO 9000 & 14001 received in this office after 15th Nov’2002 must comply with the Revised Application Format.

This issues with the concurrence of IF Wing vide Diary No. 1651/Fin.I/02 dated 28.10.2002

This may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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