COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATON TECHNOLOGY-Benefits to all those entrepreneurs of the

Communication and Information Technology sector.

• R&D Funding

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology To grant to institutions, organizations	Description Funds are provided under this scheme (Grant-in-Aid) to institutions/ organisations in the area of research and development, for technical collaboration, etc.
for R&D, technical collaboration, etc. Eligibility	How To Apply
Any institution/firm with at least 2 years after incorporation, must be registered under ISO 9001/13485 is eligible.	A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes. Contact to To DeitY (Department of Electronics and Information Technology)
<i>Benefits:</i> Financial assistance for R& D projects (F	unding varies based on the total cost of project)

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology	Description The schemes aims to assist institutions of higher learning to strengthen them Technology Incubation Centres and enable young entrepreneurs to initiate technology start-up companies for commercial exploitation of technologies developed by them. TIDE Incubation Centres provide a gamut of services to new enterprises and facilitate linkages congenial for their survival and growth. the objectives of this scheme are as: 1. To set up/strengthen the Technology Incubation Centres and thus nurture technology entrepreneurship development 2. To promote a product oriented research and development 3. To encourage and accelerate the development of indigenous products and packages 4. To bridge the gap between R&D and commercialization.
Eligibility	How To Apply
Entrepreneurs	A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes. Institutions of higher learning to strengthen their Technology Incubation Centres and
	thus enable young entrepreneurs to initiate technology start-up companies for commercial exploitation of technologies.

• Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE)

Benefits:

Each TIDE centre would be given financial support as Grant-in-aid of up to Rs.155 lakh, payable in instalments. These funds can be used for infrastructure improvement – up to Rs.30 lakh and for providing financial support to incubating companies – Rs.125 lakh (@ Rs.25 lakh per company). The grants under the proposed scheme would be subject to terms & conditions. DeitYwould constitutes a Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG). The release of funds to the HI/TIDE will be made based on the recommendations of PRSG.

• Multiplier Grants (MGS)

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology	Description
Information recimology	MGS aims to encourage collaborative R&D between industry and academics/R&D institutions for development of products and packages.
	In this scheme, if an industry supports innovation at institute(s) and commits its resources.
	Government grants, for individual industry, would be limited to a maximum of Rs.2 crore per project; and the duration of each project should, preferably, be less than 2 years; for an industry consortium these would be Rs.4 crore and 3 years respectively. The contribution of industry and grant-in-aid from DeitYwill be given to academic/R&D institution(s) only.
Eligibility	How To Apply
Industry and academic institutions are eligible.	A A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes.
	Contact to
	To Department of Electronics and Information Technology

Benefits:

Grant for projects of less than 2 years duration, with a limit of Rs.2 crore, are given to the beneficiary.

• Support to International Patent Protection in Electronics and IT (SIP-EIT)

Ministry of Communication and	Description
Information Technology	
Financial support to technology start-up units for filing international patents.	To provide financial support to SMEs and technology start-up units for international patent filing so as to encourage indigenous innovation and to recognize the value and capabilities of global IP, and capture growth opportunities in the area of information technology and electronics.
Eligibility	How To Apply
The following eligibility criteria should be fulfilled	A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes.
 Registered Indian micro, small and medium enterprises; enterprises engaged in manufacture or production of goods where investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs.10 crore. or providing or rendering of services the scheme will be restricted to enterprises where the investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs.5 crore. in-house R&D certification by DSIR or 	Contact to To E-gov DeitY (Department of Electronics and Information Technology)

scheme

Benefits:

Up to 50% of total patent cost: the support will be in the form of reimbursement of expenses in actual to the applicant. Support will be limited to Rs.15 lakh or 50% of total expenses incurred on filing each invention, whichever is less.

• Common Service Center (CSC)

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology It aims to provide ICT enabled front end service delivery points at village level in agriculture, health, education, banking, etc.	Description Under this scheme, Common Services Centres (CSCs) are ICT enabled front end service delivery points at the village level for delivery of Government, financial, social and private sector services in the areas of agriculture, health, education, entertainment, FMCG products, banking, insurance, pension, utility payments, etc.
Eligibility The scheme is being implemented in a public-private partnership framework with a focus on rural entrepreneurship & market mechanisms. CSCs have been set up by implementation partners called as Service Centre Agencies (SCA), who are appointed by State Designated Agencies (SDAs) through a transparent	 How To Apply A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes. To E-gov (Department of Electronics and Information)

managed by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) who are appointed by the SCAs.	
Benefits:	
Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Mode	

• Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

Ministry of Communication and	Description
Information Technology	This scheme is for the promotion of software exports from the country, Software
To promote software exports	Technology Parks of India was set up in 1991 as an Autonomous Society under Department of Electronics and Information Technology.
Eligibility	How To Apply
Software companies	A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes.
	Through registration with www.stpi.in

Benefits:

Customs duty exemption in full on imports; Central excise duty exemption in full on indigenous procurement; Central sales tax reimbursement on indigenous purchase against Form-C; All relevant equipment/goods including secondhand equipment can be imported (except prohibited items).

Equipment can also be imported on loan basis/lease.100% FDI is permitted through automatic route. Sales in the DTA up-to 50%

of the FoB value of exports is permissible. Use of computer, imported for training permissible subject to certain conditions. Depreciation on computers at accelerated rates up to 100% over 5 years is permissible.

• Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

Description
SEZ policy aims at creating competitive, convenient and integrated zones offering world class infrastructure, utilities and services for globally oriented businesses. SEZ Act 2005 envisages a key role for state governments in export promotion and a creation of related infrastructure.
How To Apply
 A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes. Contact to To E-gov DeitY (Department of Electronics and Information Technology)

- Benefits:
 - Duty free import/domestic procurement of goods for development, operation and maintenance of SEZ units. 100% Income tax exemption on export profits available to SEZ units for 5 years, 50% for next 5 years and 50% of ploughed back profits for 5 years thereafter
 - 2. Exemption from central sales tax
 - 3. Exemption from service tax
 - 4. Single window clearance for central and state level approval

• Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology Allows import of spares and refurbished/ reconditioned capital goods, and fulfillment of export obligation by supplying ITA-1 items to DTA against realization in free foreign exchange	Description The capital goods shall include spares (including refurbished/reconditioned spares), tools, jigs, fixtures, dies and moulds. Second-hand capital goods, without any restriction on age, may also be imported under the EPCG scheme. Export obligation can also be fulfilled by the supply of ITA-1 items to the DTA, provided realisation is in free foreign exchange.
 Eligibility Manufacturer exporters with or without supporting manufacturer(s)/ vendor(s) Merchant exporters tied to supporting manufacturer(s) and service providers A service provider who is designated/certified as a Common Service Provider(CSP) 	 How To Apply A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes. To Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Benefits:

Zero duty: EPCG scheme is available to exporters of electronic products. It allows import of capital goods for pre-production, production and post-production (including CKD/SKD thereof as well as computer software systems) at zero% customs duty, subject to an export obligation equivalent to 6 times of duty saved on capital goods imported under EPCG scheme, to be fulfilled in 6 years reckoned from the date of authorization issue.

Concessional 3% duty: EPCG scheme allows import of capital goods for pre-production, production and post-production (including CKD/SKD thereof as well as computer software systems) at 3% customs duty, subject to an export obligation equivalent to 8 times of duty saved on capital goods imported under EPCG scheme, to be fulfilled in 8 years reckoned from the date of authorisation

issue.

• Duty Exemption and Remission

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology To enable duty-free import of inputs needed for export production	Description Duty exemption schemes enable duty free import of inputs required for export production. Duty exemption schemes consist of: 1. Duty-Free ImportAuthorisation (DFIA) 2. The duty remission scheme enables post export replenishment/remission of duty on inputs used in export products. Duty remission schemes consist of: 1. Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) 2. Duty Drawback (DBK) or DFRC (Duty Free Replacement Certificate)
Eligibility Approach to Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) . Benefits: Under duty remission scheme:	How To Apply A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes.

- 1. DFRC permits duty-free replenishment of inputs used in the export products.
- 2. DEPB allows drawback of import charges on inputs used in the export products.

• Deemed Exports

Ministry of Communication and	Description
Information Technology	Under this scheme "Deemed Experts" refer to these transactions in which acade
It aims to provide payment for goods received in Indian Rupee or in free foreign exchange	Under this scheme, "Deemed Exports" refer to those transactions in which goods supplied do not leave the country and payment for such supplies are received either in Indian rupee or in free foreign exchange.
Eligibility	How To Apply
All the licensed exporters	A Udyami Helpline: Dial 1800-180-6763 [Toll Free Number] for queries relating to this Schemes.
	Contact to
	To Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
Benefits:	

Advance authorization/Advance authorization for annual requirement/DFIA Deemed Export Drawback

Exemption from terminal excise duty where supplies are made against ICB. In other cases, refund of terminal excise duty will be given.