

Terms and Conditions II: Technology Development Fund
Terms & Conditions for TDF Projects (MSMEs and Startups)

1. Technology Development Fund (TDF) has been established to promote self-reliance in Defence Technology as a part of the 'Make in India' initiative. It is a programme of MoD (Ministry of Defence) executed by DRDO meeting the requirements of TriServices, Defence Production and DRDO.
2. The scheme encourages participation of public/private industries especially MSMEs so as to create an eco-system for enhancing cutting edge technology capability for defence application
3. This project requirement is primarily for MSMEs/ Start-ups; and large industries will only be considered if no MSME/Startup is found suitable for the development of this technology.
4. MSMEs need to submit its UDHYOG AADHAR Number and Start ups need to submit its DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) certificate for consideration in the respective category of TDF scheme.
5. The funding will be through provision of grant-in-aid to industries that may work in collaboration with the academia or research institutions to carry out innovation, research and development.
6. Submission of EoI doesn't guarantee award of project. The industries will be shortlisted based on DTDF evaluation criteria and process guidelines.
7. Suitable technical information will be provided to the Industries on submission of NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement) during technical interaction meeting on 'need to know' basis.
8. The company shall submit a compliance statement for all the eligibility requirements with necessary supporting documents for scrutiny.
9. SOFT / Type Approval (CEMILAC Certification) is required for all airborne systems/subsystems. The details of certification process can be seen in the guidelines published on TDF Website (<https://tdf.drdo.gov.in>).
10. Any industry can have concurrently, maximum of 3 TDF Scheme projects (Maximum 2 as Lead DA) either as lead DA or as consortium partner

11. The company shall submit all information about their executed / ongoing / applied projects under TDF scheme during the submission of EoI & DPR.
12. The transfer / sharing of IPR will be carried out under DRDO through a committee of DRDO officers. Filing of Patents and other IPR protection will be carried out by DRDO as per broad guidelines / policy of DRDO.
13. Only equipment essential for execution of the project will be considered for funding under TDF Scheme. The essentiality of the equipment will be established through a nominated technical expert committee.
14. The EOI/DPR submission will be evaluated as per relevant evaluation criteria given in the Resources -> Documentation Section of the TDF website.
15. Any Industry providing false information will be liable for action as per existing MoD guidelines