

# India-Israel Initiative for Industrial R&D (i4RD) Programme

Funding support for challenging, collaborative and industry-led R&D Projects between India and Israel, leading to commercialization

RFP Opening Date

August 1, 2014

RFP Closing Date

December 19, 2014

(17:30 hrs IST in India)

Indian  
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Funding Ministry/Department



Israeli  
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## Eligible Technology Sectors

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to all projects based on merit that include science and technology (S&T) development leading to commercial success, social good and benefit to both countries. There is however a specific focus on the following technology areas:

- Affordable Healthcare
- Energy Sector
- Agro Sector
- Water Sector
- Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Telecom



## Project Funding Support

### In India

Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, will fund the awarded Indian projects through GITA. The awarded projects will have at least 50% industry R&D component.

- Total project funding to Indian applicants is a maximum of Rs 15 million (150 lakhs) per project (about \$250,000).
- Indian industry share can range from Rs 10 million (100 lakhs) minimum to Rs 12.5 million (125 lakhs) maximum, if partnering with Indian R&D organisation/ academic institution.
- Indian R&D organisation / academic institution share can range from Rs 2.5 million (25 lakhs) minimum to Rs 5 million (50 lakhs) maximum.
- Indian industry may receive up to 50% of their part of the eligible cost by way of Soft Loan.
- Indian R&D organisation / academic institution may receive up to 100% of their costs by way of Grant-in-aid (within applicable range specified above and as per proposal).
- Soft Loan will be Secured by Bank Guarantee from Scheduled Commercial Bank in India OR Hypothecation of Deed in respect of the fixed/movable/immovable assets or Mortgage Deed/Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds in respect of immovable property.

### In Israel

The total funding from the Government of Israel via the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) will be provided in the form of a soft loan and will not exceed 50% of the eligible and approved costs of the R&D, in accordance with the national laws and regulations.



## Who Can Apply?

### Eligible Indian Applicants

Eligible Indian applicants must be researchers or managers of for-profit companies that operate and are headquartered in India. Academic institutions, research hospitals, other R&D institutes (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DST/GITA) that are headquartered and operate in India are encouraged to participate in the projects as co-investigators/partners.

Specific criteria for eligible applicants are as follows:

- The Indian Project Lead (IPL) company applying for the project must be incorporated in India under the Companies Act 2013.
- The company must be at least 51% owned by Indian citizens over the total duration of the project.
- The IPL should have the required expertise and team capacity to manage the proposed project.

#### Please note

- Sole proprietors and partnership firms shall not be eligible for support under this programme.
- Companies headquartered and owned outside India and their subsidiaries in India, or vice versa, are not eligible to receive funding from DST/GITA under this programme.

#### Preferences would be given to

- Companies that fall under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) category, as defined by the Government of India. For definition of MSME, please refer to [http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/ssiindia/definaton\\_msme.htm](http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/ssiindia/definaton_msme.htm)
- Companies having partnership with Government funded Indian Academic and R&D Institutions.
- Companies having in-house R&D Centre which is recognized by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. For details, please refer to <http://www.dsir.gov.in/forms/irdpp/Application%20for%20R&D.pdf>

### Eligible Israeli Applicants

Eligible applicants will be R&D performing Israeli registered companies operating in Israel.



## Types of Projects to be Supported

- Joint Technology Development leading to pre-commercialisation prototype development, wherever applicable.
- Projects should be innovative, user-need based and market-driven, leading to new product or process and eventual commercialization.



## Selection Criteria

- The project should be innovative aiming to lead to a new product or process with clear commercial potential and should have at least two Science and Technology companies from respective countries with a desire to cooperate in R&D activities.
- The project work should have development activities both in India and in Israel.
- The project period to be 18-24 Months and it should indicate a clear commercialisation of a product/ process.
- The industry partners from both the countries should contribute, together at-least 50% of the total project cost.
- The project partners should agree in advance on their roles, contributions, sharing of IP rights and commercialization strategy of the product or process.



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