



International Cooperation Scheme

The [Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises \(MSME\)](#) is implementing **International Cooperation (IC) Scheme** with the objective of enhancing the competency of MSMEs, capturing new markets for their products, exploring new technologies for improving manufacturing capacity, etc.

- The Scheme was started during the **Ninth Five Year Plan** (under implementation since 1996).
- The latest guidelines related to the scheme were released in the year 2018.
- It is a **demand driven scheme** under which **financial assistance** is provided on a **reimbursement basis** to the eligible State /Central Government Organisations and Registered Industry Associations, societies **/trusts associated** with promotion and **development of MSME sector**.
- As per the existing guidelines, the eligible organizations are facilitated for visit **/participation of MSMEs in international exhibitions** /trade fairs/buyer-seller meet etc. abroad and also holding **International conferences/seminars/ workshops** in India, for technology infusion, exploring business opportunities, joint ventures etc.

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