

**Annual Action Plan (AAP) for FY 2020-21**  
**for**  
**Venture Capital Fund for Schedule Caste (VCF-SC)**

**Background:**

"The mission of the VCF-SC scheme is to motivate Scheduled Castes entrepreneurs to enter into the business and industry sector of new India and support in resource building of the country."

Government of India in the interim budget for FY 2014-15, announced the setting up of a Venture Capital Fund under the head Social Sector Initiatives with an initial contribution of Rs.200 crore, which is to be supplemented every year. The Venture fund is aimed to promote entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Castes and to provide concessional finance to them. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI is the Anchor investor and IFCI Ltd. is the lead investor and Sponsor in the Fund. IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd. is the Investment Manager of the fund. The Fund was operationalized in January 2015 with initial committed fund corpus of Rs.250 crore.

The present corpus of VCF-SC fund is Rs.376.01 crore with Rs.326.01 crore contributed by Govt. of India (with a provision of supplementing every year) and Rs.50 crore contributed by IFCI Ltd. The year wise Fund contribution in VCF-SC is as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in Crore)</b>
1	2014-15	205.00*
2	2015-16	0.01
3	2016-17	40.00
4	2017-18	85.00#
5	2018-19	10.00
6	2019-20	36.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376.01</b>

\* Rs.200 crore by GOI and Rs.5 crore by IFCI.

# Rs. 40 crore by Gol and Rs. 45 crore by IFCI.

<b>Funds Details</b>	<b>Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes</b>
<b>Launch Date</b>	16 January 2015
<b>Total Corpus</b>	Rs.500 Crore
<b>Total Present Corpus of the Fund</b>	Rs.376.01 Crore
<b>Contribution received from MOSJ&amp;E, Govt. of India</b>	Rs.326.01 Crore
<b>Commitment received from IFCI (a Government of India Undertaking)</b>	Rs.50 Crore (Including Rs.5 Cr. as Sponsor investment from IFCI Ltd.)
<b>Structure of the Fund</b>	AIF Category II - SEBI Registered Trust Fund
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI.
<b>Investment Manager of the Fund</b>	IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd.
<b>Trustee of the Fund</b>	M/s Vistra ITCL (India) Limited (formerly IL&FS Trust Company Ltd.)
<b>Trust</b>	Venture Capital Fund For Scheduled Castes
<b>Settlor of the Fund</b>	IFCI Ltd.

### **Objectives of VCF-SC:**

It is a Social Sector Initiative to promote entrepreneurship among the Scheduled Castes by way of concessional finance to enable financial inclusion for Scheduled Castes entrepreneurs and to motivate them for further growth of Scheduled Castes communities. The objective is also to develop Scheduled Castes entrepreneurs economically and to enhance direct and indirect employment generation for Scheduled Castes population in India.

**Time lines:**

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Time line</b>
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications received online <b>till 30.04.2020.</b></li> <li>• Scrutinizing of all proposals received up to 30.04.2020 and approval of the Screening Committee.</li> <li>• Proactive identification to be undertaken with the help of DICCI, advertisement etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.05.2020</b>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field verification of the companies recommended by Screening Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Till 30.06.2020 #</b>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the proposals by Investment Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.07.2020</b>
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal documentation and release of funds (for companies who would complete their legal documentation)</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.08.2020</b>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review/ monitoring of the scheme including funds released to IFCI and action taken by IFCI from receiving of applications till release of funds and collection/ recovery of due amount by Secretary (SJ&amp;E)</li> </ul>	<b>Till 30.09.2020</b>
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next scrutinizing of all proposals received <b>upto 30.09.2020</b> and approval of the Screening Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.10.2020</b>
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field verification of the companies recommended by Screening Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Till 30.11.2020 #</b>
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the proposals by Investment Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.12.2020</b>
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic sweep and proactive identification to be undertaken with the help of DICCI , news paper advertisement, conferences, SC meets etc</li> <li>• Simultaneously, IFCI also to formalize the</li> </ul>	<b>Till 31.12.2020</b>

	modalities of selecting at least 100 best student entrepreneurs for coverage under the scheme	
10.	• Legal documentation and release of funds (for companies who would complete their legal documentation)	<b>Till 31.01.2021</b>
11.	• Next Scrutinizing of all proposals received upto <b>31.12.2020</b> and approval of the Screening Committee	<b>Till 31.01.2021</b>
12.	• Field verification of the companies recommended by Screening Committee	<b>Till 28.02.2021 #</b>
13.	• Approval of the proposals by Investment Committee	<b>Till 31.03.2021</b>
14.	• Review/ monitoring of the scheme including funds released to IFCI and action taken by IFCI from receiving of applications till release of funds and collection/ recovery of due amount by Secretary (SJ&E)	<b>Till 31.03.2021</b>

**#Field Visits:** *field visits shall be undertaken based on the normalisation of the present pandemic Covid-19 and travel advisories. Else, the field verification would be undertaken after Investment Committee approval or before issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI) as advised by the Investment Committee.*