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University Research Park (URP) Research Grants

Scheme Guidelines

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- 1. Introduction:** The landscape of research and innovation is undergoing rapid transformation, driven by technological advancements and an increasing emphasis on market readiness. Across sectors, there is a growing imperative to bridge the long-standing gap between academic research and commercialisation. The traditionally parallel pursuits of academia, focused on publications and industry, driven by market outcomes, must now be synergised to create an enabling ecosystem that transforms innovative ideas into practical, scalable solutions addressing real-world challenges.

In this context, and to encourage, promote, and facilitate private R&D investment, as well as enabling the validation and translation of intellectual property into commercially viable products and services, the Tamil Nadu Research Park Foundation (TNRPF), operating under the aegis of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), has launched the University Research Park (URP) Research Grants.

- 2. Purpose of the URP Research Grant Scheme:**

- a) Promote translational and applied research in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions with a special focus on market relevance, technology readiness, and societal impact.
- b) Bridge the gap between academia and industry by fostering collaborative research, co-development, and validation of technologies in real-world and industrial environments.
- c) Enable validation, protection, and commercialisation of intellectual property.
- d) Catalyse private sector participation and investment in R&D, particularly through industry partnerships, startups, and innovation-led enterprises.
- e) Strengthen Tamil Nadu's innovation ecosystem by supporting faculty, research scholars, and student-led innovations.

- 3. Principles of the Scheme:**

The URP Research Grants aim to address industry-defined problem statements across diverse sectors by promoting private, industry-driven research in collaboration with academia, with a clear pathway.

- a) Industries may submit problem statements arising from their operational, process, product, or technology challenges for consideration under the URP Research Grants.
- b) Interested academic and research institutions shall examine the problem statements and submit their proposed solutions, after which the academia and industry should jointly present the proposal for further evaluation.
- c) All project proposals shall undergo a formal validation process by the designated Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) for decision on approval.



- d) The competence and expertise of the academia and industry in conducting the project should be highlighted along with the facilities, infrastructure, and technical capabilities available for executing the proposed work.
- e) Where research activities require the outsourcing of specific services, the proposal shall clearly justify the necessity of such outsourcing. Outsourced services shall be permitted only when they are essential to the research outcomes and not reasonably available within the host institution, or concerned industry, or the URP ecosystem.
- f) All collaborative research activities shall be governed by a formal Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed before project commencement.
- g) The Agreement / MoU shall, as required between the academia and the industry, define:
- Scope of work and deliverables;
 - Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure obligations;
 - Material Transfer conditions;
 - Intellectual Property ownership, access, and commercialisation rights;
 - Liability and indemnity provisions.
- h) The maximum duration of projects supported under the URP Research Grants shall be 24 months, subject to milestone-based review and satisfactory progress.**
- i) Funding support shall be provided in accordance with the approved project proposal and budget, linked to defined milestones and deliverables. Release of funds shall be subject to compliance with all contractual, reporting, and review requirements stipulated by URP/TNRPF. **A grant of ₹18 lakh shall be provided by TNRPF to the Academic Institution with which the Principal Investigator (PI) is associated, for each approved project. A mandatory matching fund commitment from the industry partner will be required.**
- j) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Intellectual Property Rights arising from projects supported under the URP Research Grants shall be governed as follows:
- Pre-Existing IP of Collaborating partners (Industry / Academia): Where the IP has been previously filed or owned by the academic institution / industry before the grant, the terms and conditions for access, licensing, or usage of such IP by the other partner shall be mutually agreed and documented through an MoU.
 - IP Generated under the Grant: Patentable and commercially viable IP created under the grant shall be jointly owned by the academia and the industry partner, in proportion to their respective technical and financial contributions. The industry partner shall have the first right of refusal for commercial exploitation of such IP. Exercise of the first right of refusal shall be accompanied by a formal undertaking from the industry partner confirming that its business strategy includes the intended commercialisation of the validated technology.



4. Eligible Applicants for the URP research grant

To be eligible under the URP Research Grants Scheme, the applicant enterprise shall meet the following criteria:

- a) Academic / Research institution
 - Public/private universities within the state of Tamil Nadu
 - National and State funded research laboratories in TN
- b) Industry partner
 - The enterprise shall be incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013.
 - Eligible applicant categories include:
 - Industry
 - Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
 - MSMEs / Startups
 - Private enterprises with demonstrable R&D intent
- c) The industry partner shall identify the applicant from the academic institution based on the proposed research engagement or course development.
- d) A minimum of fifty percent (50%) match funding from industry partners is mandatory. A minimum of 50% of the match funding must be provided in the form of direct financial contributions, and the remaining 50% may be approved as in-kind contributions, including, but not limited to, equipment usage, access to facilities, manpower support, materials, or software licenses, subject to acceptance by the competent authority. The committed match funding shall be clearly specified at the proposal stage and formally documented through appropriate agreements or letters of commitment. Release of project funds may be linked to the confirmation and timely realisation of the industry match funding.
- e) The academic partner shall be designated as the Principal Investigator (PI) for the proposed project and the institute shall be the recipient of the grant funding from TNRPF.
- f) The URP research grant will only support projects at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 3 and above, covering laboratory validation through full-scale operational deployment.

TRL Level	Description	URP Grant Eligibility
TRL 1	Basic principles observed and reported	Not eligible
TRL 2	Technology concept and/or application formulated	Not eligible
TRL 3	Experimentally validated at proof-of-concept stage.	Eligible
TRL 4	Technology validation in a controlled laboratory environment	Eligible
TRL 5	Technology validation in a relevant environment that simulates real-world conditions	Eligible



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TRL 6	Demonstration of the prototype/system model in the relevant environment	Eligible
TRL 7	A near-commercial system prototype is demonstrated in an actual operational setting	Eligible
TRL 8	The complete system is developed, tested, and qualified in accordance with applicable standards and requirements.	Not applicable
TRL 9	The technology is fully deployed and proven through sustained operation in real-world conditions.	Not applicable

g) Exclusion criteria: The applicant shall submit industry-relevant problem statements with a clear requirement for research-led resolution. Ineligibility of the problem statements shall be decided on the following criteria:

Ineligibility / Rejection Criteria	
Basic Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pure academic research with no clear translational or commercial potential. (TRL 0 - TRL 2) ● Projects lacking application-oriented outcomes or innovation potential
Duplication of Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Projects already funded by Central / State Government agencies or other funding bodies for the same objectives ● Double funding for identical or overlapping work is strictly prohibited
Infrastructure Purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposals seeking funding for large capital investments like land, building construction, or major non-R&D infrastructure. ● This scheme does not provide funding for setting up facilities.
Irrelevant Sectors	Non-scientific startups or services without a core R&D component.
Sole Commercialisation Plans	Projects seeking funding only for marketing, branding, or large-scale production without an R&D or innovation component.
Salaries for Non-Core Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excessive allocation towards administrative, managerial, or non-core personnel salaries ● The focus of funding shall remain on scientific manpower and R&D activities
Non-Compliant Entities	Entities not registered under the Companies Act, 2013.
Lack of IP Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Projects with unclear or no Intellectual Property strategy. ● Technologies are already in the public domain, without any added value.

5. Application Road Map

TNRPF issues a TN state-wide call inviting applications under URP Research Grants. The Call for Problem statements from Industry will be advertised through TNRPF / TIDCO Portal. The Call will typically be open for a period of 30 days.



A. Problem Statement Submission Process:

- a) All proposals shall be submitted online only through the TNRPF portal.
- b) Industry representatives shall mandatorily review the URP Research Grant “Scheme Guidelines” available under the “Scheme” tab before submitting a problem statement.
- c) After reviewing the Scheme Guidelines in detail, the industry representative shall navigate to the “**Problem Statement Apply Here**” tab, under the same “Scheme” section, and fill in the details of their industry, their financial and non-financial contribution towards the project and the problem statement that needs to be addressed in the project. The financial contribution at this stage of the application can be tentative.
- d) A concise abstract, not exceeding 1,000 words, clearly outlining the context and scope of the problem shall be uploaded along with each problem statement. The abstract shall,
 - Be supported by adequate data, evidence, and contextual background;
 - Demonstrate a clear research gap and potential for innovation;
 - Be capable of progressing through a structured research, validation, and resolution process.

B. Proposal Facilitation jointly by Academia and Industry:

- a) All submitted problem statements shall undergo an initial screening by TNRPF to ensure compliance with the objectives, eligibility criteria, and guidelines of the Scheme. Upon completion of the screening process, a list of approved problem statements shall be published on the TNRPF portal.
- b) Call to Academic and Research Institutions: The approved problem statements submitted by industry shall be circulated as an open call to eligible academic institutions and research establishments for a defined period, typically thirty (30) days.
- c) Submission of Responses by Academic and Research Institutions: Interested academic and research institutions, after reviewing the URP Research Grant Scheme Guidelines, shall examine the published list of approved problem statements and submit their responses through the “Apply Here” tab corresponding to each problem statement under the “Scheme” section of the TNRPF website. The proposed responses shall, at a minimum, address the following:
 - Technical feasibility of the proposed solution;
 - Proposed research approach and methodology; Strengths and Expertise available
 - Expression of Interest in collaboration with the industry applicant.
 - Milestone and achievable outcomes for a maximum of 24 months
- d) Applicants should fill out and submit their proposals early without waiting for the last date to avoid last-minute rush. Please note that the online system will stop accepting applications automatically at the specific date and time mentioned in the TNRPF call details.



e) Due Diligence and Team Formation: Proposals submitted by academic and research institutions in response to the respective problem statements shall undergo due diligence in consultation with the concerned industry partners, through physical meetings and/or online interactions, as deemed appropriate. This process shall be completed within a period of thirty (30) days.

- The due diligence shall include assessment of:
 - Technical feasibility and research capability
 - Intellectual Property landscape and ownership considerations
 - Regulatory requirements
 - Incubation status / in-house R&D capability
 - project cost, commercialisation potential, and scalability
 - Co-funding from the industry towards the project
- Outcomes: If mutual willingness (between the industry and academia) to collaborate is established, the proposal shall proceed to the next stage of assessment.

C. Joint project proposal by Academia and Industry

- a) The industry, along with the selected academic partner, shall jointly present the detailed proposal before the Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) for evaluation and recommendation. The date and time of the presentation will be allotted to the applicants by TNRP.
- b) Applicants are advised to provide sufficient details in their presentations to allow for an informed and fair evaluation/review. Providing incorrect information intentionally is viewed adversely and may lead to disqualification.

6. Evaluation and Selection of the Proposal for the URP grant

A. Presentation of the proposal and Evaluation by the PMRC:

- a) The industry and academia should make a presentation (not exceeding 15 minutes) of the problem statement, proposed solution, and implementation plan to the project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC).
- b) The PMRC (comprising eminent scientists and experts from various disciplines) further evaluates the proposal based upon the pre-sanction report, detailed IP Search, identification of regulatory requirements, commercialisation and validation pathway.
- c) Based on the evaluation, the PMRC shall submit its recommendation to the Apex Committee for approval and fund disbursement.



d) The presentation should include:

Key points to be covered	Description
Criticality of the Problem Statement	Clearly define the problem being addressed, its industrial relevance, urgency, and impact if unresolved.
Proposed Solution	Describe your technical approach, methodology, and innovation, private evidence of feasibility through preliminary data or PoC results.
Stage of the Proposed Solution	Specify current Technology Readiness Level (TRL 4-7), development stage completed, and evidence of progress achieved to date.
Objectives with Milestones	Present clear objectives with specific, measurable milestones every 3 months, Include success criteria and risk mitigation strategies for each milestone.
Research and Commercialisation Plan (The duration for each phase is modifiable as per the research plan)	Detail the proposed 24-month implementation plan across four phases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research & Development (0-6 months) 2. Proof of Concept (7-12 months) 3. Prototype Development (13-18 months) 4. Go-to-market strategy (19-24 months)
Budget Justification for Each Objective	Provide a detailed budget breakup aligned to objectives and milestones, including personnel, equipment, consumables, and services. All costs must be clearly justified.
Contribution by the Industry	Specify financial contributions and non-financial support such as manpower, infrastructure, facilities, domain expertise, regulatory facilitation, pilot access, and market linkage. Demonstrate long-term commitment to commercialisation.
Applicability of the Solution	Define target markets, use cases, scalability potential, and social/environmental impact. Include market size and growth projections.
Key Differentiator vs. Available Solutions	Compare the proposed solution against existing technologies or alternatives and clearly articulate the unique value proposition and competitive advantages.
Strength of the Team (PI and Industry Coordinator)	Present qualifications, expertise, and track records of both Principal Investigator (PI) and Industry Coordinator, including relevant publications, patents, prior commercialisation, and funded projects.
Role of the Academic Researcher and Industry	Clearly define the roles of the academic institution and industry partner, including collaboration mechanisms, knowledge transfer processes, and sharing of resources.



B. Decision-making by the Evaluation Team:

- a) The evaluation process will be completed with reviews from the Project Monitoring and Review Committee and the approval of the shortlisted projects by the Apex Committee.
- b) Members of the PMRC shall be subject-matter experts drawn from relevant scientific, technological, industrial, and policy domains.
- c) All reviewers shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding proposal content, evaluation deliberations, and decisions
- d) The proposals are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Innovation & Technical Merit	25%
Commercialisation Potential	25%
Team Strength & Collaboration	20%
Market Impact & Applicability	15%
Budget Efficiency	10%
Risk Management	5%

7. Project monitoring, review, and mentoring mechanism

- a) Projects supported under the URP Research Grants Scheme shall be subject to review and mentoring by a Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) constituted by TNRPF.
- b) In addition, site visits and technical reviews shall be undertaken by specially constituted Expert Committees, comprising two to three subject-matter technical experts and one financial expert, as deemed necessary by TNRPF.
- c) The Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) is responsible for;
 - Monitoring the progress of the project in accordance with the approved objectives, outputs, milestones, targets, timelines, and deliverables as specified in the Grant Agreement.
 - Based on the foregoing, to assess and recommend:
 - the release of the next instalment thereof by the TNRPF.
 - revision of project duration or need and possibility of extension.
 - modification, closure, or discontinuation of any project component, within the overall approved objectives, budget, and time frame,
 - inclusion of additional industrial/institutional partner(s), if the applicant requests involvement of such partner(s), in the overall interest of the project,
 - engagement of suitably qualified mentors and/or domain experts to address technological, regulatory, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), technology transfer, and implementation-related challenges arising / that may arise during the course of project execution.
 - revision of the approved financial assistance, subject to justification and availability of funds.



- To advise and guide the project team on matters relating to identification, protection, ownership, and commercialisation of Intellectual Property arising from the project.
- To advise on any other matter as referred to by TNRPF and/or otherwise reasonably necessary for effective discharge of its duties and/or achievement of aims and objectives of URP Research Grants Scheme.

8. Submission of reports to TNRPF

- a) Upon successful completion of each approved and monitorable milestone, the Primary Academic Applicant, along with all project partners (including academic and industry partners), shall submit a Milestone Completion Report (MCR) in the prescribed format to TNRPF.
- b) The submitted MCR will be examined and evaluated by the Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) to verify the achievement of the approved milestones, deliverables, and outcomes. Based on the PMRC's recommendation, TNRPF shall process the release of the next milestone-linked instalment of the Grant-in-Aid.
- c) Each partner has to submit a Utilisation Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditures (SoE) for the Budget allocated towards the milestone being reported, duly certified by the authorised signatory.
- d) The formats for the Milestone Completion Report (MCR), Utilisation Certificate (UC), Statement of Expenditures (SoE), and Project Completion Report (PCR) shall be prescribed by TNRPF and made available to the project partners as and when required.

9. Funding disbursement

- a) The first instalment of the grant-in-aid shall be released upon acceptance and execution of the Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement (GLA), subject to fulfilment of the terms and conditions stipulated therein by the concerned parties.
- b) Subsequent releases of funds shall be contingent upon satisfactory progress of the project against the approved objectives, outputs, milestones, and targets, as assessed by TNRPF, and upon submission of duly audited / certified statements of accounts and Utilisation Certificates (UC), as prescribed.
- c) The funds will be disbursed in instalments, commensurate with the duration and milestones of the project, Model fund disbursement is detailed below (For further details on budget, refer Annexure 1):

Instalment-wise fund disbursement Schedule by TNRPF

- 1st instalment on the issue of GLA and fulfilment of all terms and conditions
- 2nd instalment on completion of 1st milestone + submit MCR/UC/SoE
- 3rd instalment on completion of 2nd milestone + submit MCR/UC/SoE
- 4th instalment on submission of the Project Completion Report and fulfilment of all closure requirements

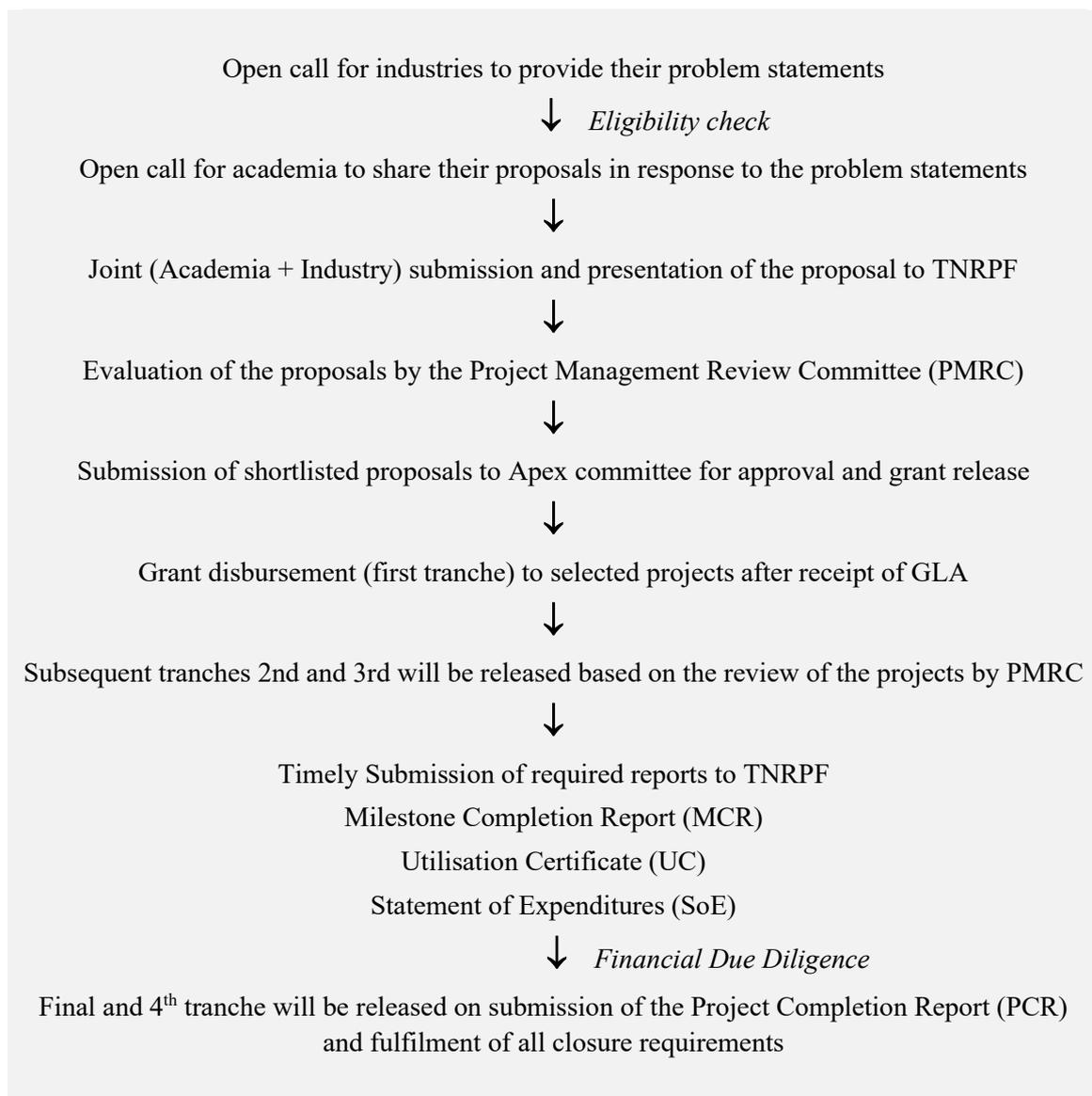


- d) The final instalment shall be released in reimbursement mode, i.e., funds shall be disbursed only after completion of the project, based on verification of eligible expenditures and acceptance of the Project Completion Report (PCR) by TNRPF.

10. Terms and Conditions and Requisites for Fund Disbursement

- a) Agreement of funding: On issuance of the Grant Sanction order, all the concerned parties need to sign the Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement (GLA) with TNRPF.
- b) Other Requisites for Funds Disbursements: In addition to the signing of the agreement between all the concerned parties, the following requirements need to be completed before the first instalment can be released:
- A letter of authorization by the Head of the Academia for acceptance of the Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement (GLA).
 - Board Resolution from the industry for acceptance of the GLA.

11. Operational Mechanism of the URP Research Project Proposals





12. Indicative Timeline for Application Submission to Selection

Activity	Timeline
Open call for industries to provide their problem statements.	Month 1
Call for academia to share their solutions to the problem statements	Month 2
Discussion of Industry and Academia – Team Formulation	Month 3
Presentation of Project and Evaluation by the PMRC	Month 4
Approval of shortlisted proposals by the apex committee	Month 4
Grant disbursement (1st tranche) to selected Project	Month 5

13. Foreclosure and termination of the grant

Please refer to Annexure 2: Grant-in-aid Agreement (GLA)

14. Guidelines for Extension

- Requests for extension of the project duration or support period shall be submitted to TNRPF in writing, clearly stating the justification, revised timelines, and expected outcomes. Project extension requests should be submitted at least 60 days before the scheduled completion date, failing which, such requests will not be considered.
- Extensions shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to satisfactory progress, compliance with reporting requirements, and approval by the PMRC. The grant of an extension shall not be construed as an entitlement and may be approved with or without additional financial support.
- TNRPF reserves the right to impose revised terms and conditions while approving any extension.

15. Acknowledgement of TNRPF support

- All projects, startups, technologies, publications, prototypes, reports, presentations, and other outcomes that receive financial, infrastructural, mentoring, or any form of support from the TNRPF shall duly acknowledge such support.
- The acknowledgement shall be made in all relevant disclosures, including but not limited to academic publications, patents, press releases, marketing material, websites, pitch decks, and public communications, in a manner prescribed by TNRPF from time to time.

Contact / Query / Information

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Annexure 1: Project Expenditures and Budget Allocation Guidelines

Grant funds under the TNRPF - URP Research Grants Scheme shall be utilised strictly for activities directly related to the approved project objectives and in accordance with the sanctioned budget. All expenditures shall be reasonable, justifiable, auditable, and incurred within the approved project period.

Maximum TNRPF Grant: ₹18 Lakh per project (9 Lakh for each year)

Project Duration: Up to 24 months

Mandatory Industry Match Funding:

For each project year, the industry partner shall provide matching contributions equal to or greater than the TNRPF grant released for each year.

The grant will be disbursed in tranches to the Academic institution.

1a. Budget break-up (Rs.in Lakhs): (Refer GLA for further information)

Details	Contribution from TNRPF (INR in Lakhs)		Contribution by Industry* (INR in Lakhs)		Total (INR in Lakhs)
	Year 1 (max 9 Lakhs)	Year 2 (max 9 Lakhs)	Year 1	Year 2	
Recurring Costs:					
Manpower					
Consumables					
Travel					
Outsourcing					
Contingency					
Total (A)					
Non-Recurring Costs:					
Equipment					
Total (B)					
Grand Total (A + B)					

* Total Industry contribution shall be equal to or greater than the TNRPF grant amount for each project year based on each project requirement, comprising at least 50% financial contribution and upto 50% auditable in-kind support (Eg., equipment access, manpower, testing facilities, data, software access, and its like).

Use the table below for reference.

Year	Maximum TNRPF Grant	Industry Contribution	
		Minimum Financial Contribution	Maximum In Kind Contribution
Year 1	₹9,00,000	₹4,50,000	Up to ₹4,50,000
Year 2	₹9,00,000	₹4,50,000	Up to ₹4,50,000



1b. Allowable Expenditure Heads

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Expenditure Head</i>	<i>Allowable Expenses</i>	<i>Budget Allocation Cap*</i>
1	<i>Manpower</i>	<i>Personnel directly engaged in the project</i> Research Associates, Project Fellows, Project Assistants, contractual staff; Student stipends (UG/PG/PhD)	20 - 35% of the total for each year
2	<i>Equipment</i> <i>(Non-recurring cost)</i>	<i>Specifically required for the project:</i> Scientific equipment, instruments, hardware, tools; installation and commissioning charges; prototyping hardware	Upto 20%
3	<i>Consumables</i>	Laboratory chemicals, reagents, components, electronic parts; project-specific software licenses; fabrication materials	Upto 25%
4	<i>Travel (Domestic)</i>	Field work, industry interaction, project review meetings, testing and validation activities (as per institutional norms)	Upto 5%
5	<i>Outsourcing</i>	Outsourced testing/analysis, data acquisition, cloud computing, simulation costs; Certification, regulatory services	Upto 10%
		Prototype testing / corrective measures	Upto 10 %
		IP-related services, technology licensing, regulatory approvals (after TNRPF approval)	Upto 5%
6	<i>Contingency</i>	Minor unforeseen project-related expenses; logistics; emergency consumables	Upto 5%

**Deviations require prior written approval of TNRPF.*

- Total allocation across all heads must equal 100%.
- Equipment costs are non-recurring and are normally expected in Year-1.
- Re-appropriation across heads: Up to 10% allowed without prior approval - Beyond 10% requires prior written approval from TNRPF

1c. Financial Compliance

- All expenditures shall be supported by original bills and vouchers
- Submission of Milestone Completion Reports (MCR), Utilisation Certificates (UC), and Statements of Expenditure (SoE) is mandatory
- Release of subsequent tranches, including the final tranche, is subject to satisfactory technical and financial due diligence by TNRPF



Annexure 2: Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement

Ref. No.....

Dated :

Sub: Funding of Project entitled "....." for funding under University Research Park -, Tamil Nadu Research Parks Foundation.

GRANT-IN-AID LETTER AGREEMENT

This Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement (hereinafter called as "GLA") is between Tamil Nadu Research Parks Foundation having its registered office at 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmiipathy Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 (the "TNRPF") and the entities mentioned below for research proposal entitled "....." for funding under URP Research Grants

1. Designated Project Investigator(s):

Table with 3 columns: S.No., Project Collaborators(s), Designated Project Investigator. It lists two designated project investigators with their respective details and contact information.

2. Aims & Objectives:

(Please mention your project aim and objectives here)

3. Project Duration: The recipient Institute shall complete the Project within the stipulated period ofmonths from the date of acceptance of this GLA. In the event the Parties affix their signatures to this GLA on separate dates, the GLA shall be effective from the date on which the last set of signature is affixed thereto "Effective Date". Project Duration is subject to the Change order(s) issued by the TNRPF from time to time.

4. Project Implementation Site:

(Mention the Lab / research facility in the Institute and Company where the project will be undertaken)



5. **Project Cost and Contribution:** The total estimated cost of the Project is **INR.** Lakhs (.....). The contribution of TNRPF is **INR.** Lakhs (.....) as Grant-in-aid towards the Project. The contribution of the Company is **INR.** Lakhs (in words) as Grant-in-aid to the (Institute).

6. **Budget break-up (Rs.in Lakhs):**

Budget Allocation Cap to be followed as per Annexure 1

Details	Contribution from TNRPF (INR in Lakhs)		Contribution by Industry* (INR in Lakhs)		Total (INR in Lakhs)
	Year 1 (max 9 Lakhs)	Year 2 (max 9 Lakhs)	Year 1	Year 2	
Recurring Costs:					
Manpower					
Consumables					
Travel (Domestic)					
Outsourcing					
Prototype testing / validation					
IP / Technology Transfer					
Contingency & Other Costs					
Total (A)					
Non-Recurring Costs:					
Equipment					
Total (B)					
Grand Total (A + B)					

* Total Industry contribution shall be equal to or greater than the TNRPF grant amount for each project year based on each project requirement, comprising at least 50% financial contribution and upto 50% auditable in-kind support (Eg., equipment access, manpower, testing facilities, data, software access, and its like).

Details of Equipment Proposed To Be Acquired Through this project:

S.No	Equipment	Capacity	Quantity	Specific Requirement in the Project	Estimated Value (INR in Lakhs)
Total :					



7. Milestones/Timelines

S.No.	Milestones	Month of end of activity	Required Funds For Academia (INR In Lakhs)	
			from TNRPF	from Industry
1	Milestone 1: Acceptance of Undertaking under GLA <i>And</i> Project Objective 1: Fulfilment of fund release requirements			
2	Milestone 2: Project Objective 2: <i>And</i> Submission of Milestone Completion Report (MCR) /UC/SoE for the corresponding milestone certified by internal finance.			
3	Milestone 3: Project Objective 3: <i>And</i> Submission of MCR/UC/SoE for the corresponding milestone certified by internal finance.			
4	Milestone 4: Project Objective 4: <i>And</i> Submission of MCR/UC/SoE for the corresponding milestone certified by internal finance.			
5	Milestone 5: Project Objective 5: <i>And</i> Submission of MCR/UC/SoE for the corresponding milestone certified by internal finance.			
Submission of Project Completion Report (PCR) and consolidated Utilisation Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditures (SoE) by CA/external Auditor				
Total				
<p>Note:- The Institute shall submit the Utilization Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditure (SoE), duly audited by a Chartered Accountant (CA), for the expenditure incurred towards the Project for each completed milestone, to TNRPF, in the prescribed format. In addition, an Annual Audited Utilisation Certificate shall be submitted for every financial year, on or before 31st May of the corresponding year.</p>				

Regulatory Requirements: -.....



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8. The Institute and Company should convey their acceptance to the terms and conditions of this GLA within four (4) weeks of the issue of GLA failing which the present offer of the funding support will be considered as infructuous and the project will be treated as withdrawn.

9. Inclusion by Reference:

This GLA includes and incorporates by reference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms and Conditions (Schedule 1) • Acceptance and Undertaking (Schedule 2) • Project document (Schedule 3) • Memorandum of understanding between the Institute and the Company (Schedule 4)
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10. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute and the Company is independent of the GLA and in the case of any ambiguity or conflict or inconsistency between this GLA and **Schedule 4**, the provisions of GLA shall take precedence.

This GLA is between Tamil Nadu Research Parks Foundation ("TNRPF") and and is effective as of the date of last signature. Each party to this GLA may be referred to individually as a "Party as "Institute", as "Company", and all Party together as the "Parties." As a condition of this grant, the Parties enter into this GLA by having their authorized representatives sign below:

I. For and on behalf of TNRPF
Name
Signature
Designation
Official Seal

II. For and on behalf of, the Institute duly authorized vide letter dated by its concerned authority.
Signature
Name
Designation
Institute Seal

III. For and on behalf of M/s, "the Company" duly authorized vide Resolution No dated of its Board of Directors.
Signature
Name
Designation
Company Common Seal or Signatures of Two Directors or One Director and Company Secretary



The terms and conditions for Project support under Grant-in-aid Letter Agreement (hereinafter called as “GLA”) are as follows;

1. FUND DISBURSEMENT

- a. First installment of the Grant-in-aid will be released after issue of the GLA subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions for such release by the relevant Parties. Further release of funds shall be subject to satisfactory progress against the objectives, outputs, milestones and targets specified in the Project whose progress shall be determined by TNRPF and on submission of audited/certified statements of accounts and utilization certificates as provided for in Point 2 (a).

2. FUND UTILISATION AND ACCOUNTING

- a. The Institute shall submit the Utilization Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditure (SoE), duly audited by a Chartered Accountant (CA), for the expenditure incurred towards the Project for each completed milestone, to TNRPF, in the prescribed format. In addition, an Annual Audited Utilization Certificate shall be submitted for every financial year, on or before 31st May of the corresponding year.
- b. The Institute co-endorsed by the Company shall submit UC and SE duly certified by Internal finance personnel to TNRPF in the format provided on the completion of the respective milestones. The Institute shall submit final consolidated UC and SE duly certified by a CA/Auditor to TNRPF in the format provided on the completion of the project.
- c. The Institute shall keep the Grant-in-aid assistance in an interest bearing account with a Scheduled Bank (as defined under the RBI Act, 1934), the withdrawals and payments from which account shall be subject to verification by TNRPF. The interest earned on the Grant-in-aid should be reported to TNRPF. The interest thus earned on the grant in aid will be adjusted towards further installment of the fund.
- d. The Institute and the Company shall ensure that the funds released for the Project are actually utilized only for the purposes of the Project and as expressly provided for in this GLA. Re-appropriation of TNRPF funds from one budget head to another shall not be effected without the specific written approval of TNRPF.
- e. The Institute shall refund such part of Grant-in-aid funds disbursed to it that remains unutilized with it upon completion of all the responsibilities, duties and functions specified in connection with the Project, within one month of such completion, to TNRPF along with consolidated accounts of the funds received and utilized and of the unutilized balance returned (UC & SE);
- f. The Institute and the Company at their own cost shall take adequate care to maintain the capital assets acquired for the Project through TNRPF’s Grant-in-aid. The capital assets acquired through TNRPF’s Grant-in-aid shall not be disposed of or hypothecated without the specific approval of TNRPF till full and final settlement of all dues to the satisfaction of TNRPF.

3. PROJECT MONITORING

- a. A Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) comprising of eminent experts from the relevant field(s) will be constituted by TNRPF to monitor the progress of the objective(s) of the Project.
- b. The functions of the PMRC shall be as follows:
 - i. To monitor the progress of the Project in conformity with the outputs, milestones, targets objectives and other terms and conditions as contained in the GLA
 - ii. To keep track of funding from any other source for the Project.
 - iii. Based on the foregoing, to assess and recommend:
 - the release of the next installment or part release thereof by the TNRPF.
 - revision of Project Duration
 - closing, dropping or modifying any of the components of the Project, within the overall approved objectives, budget and time-frame,



- inclusion of additional industrial/institutional partner(s), if the Company and the Institutes requests involvement of such partner(s), in the overall interest of the Project;
- revision of the financial assistance.
- iv. To advise on issues related to securing of IPR and mentor to overcome any technological problem faced in the Project implementation; and
- iv. To advise on any other matter as referred to by TNRPF and/or otherwise reasonably necessary for effective discharge of its duties and/or achievement of aims and objectives of the Schemes.

4. INDEMNIFICATION

- a. The Institute and the Company shall, at all times, indemnify and keep indemnified TNRPF against any claims or suits in respect of any losses, damages or compensation payable in consequences of any accident, death or injury sustained by their employees or by any other third party resulting from or by any act, omission or operation conducted by or on their behalf.
- b. The Institute and the Company shall, at all times, indemnify and keep indemnified TNRPF against all claims/damages etc. by any infringement of any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) while carrying out their responsibilities/work under the Project and this GLA.
- c. The provision of Grant-in-aid funds by TNRPF does not create any liability, explicit or implicit, on TNRPF in respect of the manpower engaged in the Project.
- d. The Parties shall not be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations in successful completion of the Project under this GLA due to the exigency of one or more force majeure events such as but not limited to acts of God, war, flood, earthquakes etc.

5. FORECLOSURE AND TERMINATION

- a. In case, during the tenure of the Project, it is found that the Project or any Project component is not likely to lead to successful completion, TNRPF may decide to foreclose the Project or the Project component as warranted. The decision of the TNRPF shall be final in all respects. The Institute shall immediately refund any grant-in-aid unutilized out of TNRPF's disbursements, along with detailed accounts of funds received, utilized and unutilized. If the Institute and the Company like to continue the Project at its own cost, it would be able to do so without restrictions from TNRPF after complying with these provisions.
- b. The Institute and the Company may, before the completion of the Project, terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months' written notice to TNRPF. TNRPF may also terminate this Agreement by written notice to "the Institute and the Company" committing breach of any term of this Agreement and either not rectifying it to the satisfaction of TNRPF or not satisfying TNRPF about its inevitability within a specified period. In the event of termination of the Agreement, no further disbursement shall be made by TNRPF. The Institute shall be liable to return immediately the amount of grant-in-aid already availed from TNRPF with simple interest at the rate of 12 (twelve) per cent per annum within 30 (thirty) days of termination of the Agreement. In case of failure to repay, without prejudice to any other rights under this Agreement, the amount can be recovered by initiating any procedure available in Law.

6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION

- a. In the event of any dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the Parties out of or relation to the construction, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this agreement or the validity the breach thereof shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation or through the good offices of the Chairman, TIDCO.
- b. If such resolution is not possible, then the unresolved dispute or difference whatsoever arising between the Parties out of or relation to the construction, meaning, scope, operation or effect of this GLA or the validity the breach thereof or in respect of any defined legal relationship associated therewith or derived there from dispute shall be submitted for arbitration to International Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ICADR), an autonomous organization working under the aegis



of the Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, Government of India. The Authority to appoint the arbitrator(s) shall be the ICADR. The Arbitration under this Clause and provision of administrative services by ICADR shall be in accordance with the ICADR Arbitration Rules, 1996 read with the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. The award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the Parties. The venue and the seat of arbitration shall be Chennai and the arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English Language.

- c. The provision of this Clause shall not become inoperative notwithstanding the GLA expiring or ceasing to exist or being terminated or foreclosed.

7. EFFECT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE GLA

- a. GLA shall remain in force for whichever of these is the longest time unless suspended sooner:
 - i. For ____ (Project duration) months from the above Effective Date subject to the Change Order(s) issued by the TNRPF from time to time;
 - ii. As long as any part of the amount disbursed for the Project remains unspent; or
 - iii. For as long as any monitoring or recording or IP governance is required under any relevant laws and regulations.
- b. No amendment or modification of this GLA shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by the Parties or their authorized representatives specifically stating the same to be an amendment of this GLA. The modifications / changes shall be effective from the date on which they are made / executed unless otherwise agreed to.

8. SEVERABILITY

In case any one or more of the provisions or parts of a provision contained in this GLA shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or part of a provision of this GLA; and this GLA shall, to the fullest extent lawful, be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision, or part of a provision, had never been contained herein.

9. GOVERNING LAW

This GLA and the associated undertaking shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of India subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts at Chennai.



Acceptance & Undertaking

In consideration of the foregoing, the Institute and the Company, intending to be admittedly bound by the terms set forth above, undertake as stated below;

The Institute and Company shall

1. Execute the activities as set out in the Project proposal and shall conform to the specified objectives, outputs, milestones, and targets therein as per Schedule 3
2. Submit periodic Milestone Completion Report (MCR) to TNRPF as per the Project milestones, details of activities involved in performing the Project activities, Utilization Certificate (UC) and Statements of Accounts Expenditures (SoE) as per Schedule 1.
3. Obtain all the necessary requisite approvals, clearance certificates, permissions and licenses from the Government/local authorities for conducting its activities/ operations in connection with the Project.
4. Abide by the decisions of TNRPF to modify the objectives, outputs, milestones, targets, Project Grant-in-aid as also the foreclosure of the Project or any of its components as may be arrived at after mutual discussion.
5. Subject the Project to evaluation by the Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC).
6. Maintain strict confidentiality and refrain from disclosure thereof, of all or any part of such information and data exchanged/generated from the Project which is not in the public domain by use and/or publication at the time of its disclosure except for purposes in accordance with this Project or is required by public authority, by law or decree.
7. The Institute shall verify the completion of the milestone and the utilization of the funds as stated by the partnering Company which will be a prerequisite for the next fund release.
8. Complete the Project within the stipulated period subject to the Change Order(s) issued by the TNRPF from time to time.
9. Not sub-delegate or outsource the obligations under this GLA without express permission of TNRPF except as provided for in the Project Document
10. Adhere to this GLA and the Conditions of Grant, as, violation of any provision of which shall be the reason for suspension of the Grant.
11. Consider any changes to the provisions of this GLA when made in writing only and shall consider any notice duly served if the same shall have been delivered electronically through the official mail of the Project Coordinator or delivered by post at the addresses mentioned in the GLA.
12. Conform to the governing terms related to aspects of New IP, Technology transfer, licensing arrangements and/or profit sharing that shall be determined by the Institute and the Company and will be in the manner as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), copy whereof is attached as **Schedule 4**. Any amendment whatsoever to the above MoU shall be determined by the Institute and the Company after TNRPF approval during the Project Duration.
13. Acknowledge the assistance of TNRPF while publishing or presenting in any manner the details of the Project, its progress or its success or commercialization of the Product.



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IN ACCEPTANCE WHEREOF the **Institute and Company** hereto through their duly authorized representatives have signed this undertaking as set below:

For and on behalf of, “the Institute”
Date and Place:
Signature
Name
Designation
Seal
Witnesses
Signature
Name
Address

For and on behalf of, “the Company” duly authorized vide Resolution No dated of its Board of Directors.
Date and Place:
Signature
Name
Designation
Company Common Seal or Signatures of Two Directors or One Director and Company Secretary
Witnesses
Signature
Name
Address



PROJECT DOCUMENT

Particulars regarding activities for Milestone number: _____

Timeline		
Activities	Month of end of Activity	Indicators of Progress
Objective 1:		
Objective 2:		
Objective 3:		
Objective 4:		
Objective 5:		



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Schedule 4

True copy of the Pre-existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute and the Company



Annexure 3: Format of the Fund Utilization Certificate (UC) to be submitted to TNRPF

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE
(For the period from _____ to _____)

1.	Title of The Project	
2.	Principal Investigator	
3.	Name of the Institution	
4.	TNRPF Research Project Reference No	
5.	Sanction Order No and Date of sanction	
6.	Head of Account / Finance section	
7.	Grant Amount received during the _____ Milestone of,	
	Financial year _____	
	Tranche No _____	
	Date received _____	
8.	Total amount that was available for expenditure (excluding commitments)	
9.	Actual Expenditure Incurred during the period from _____ to _____	
10.	Amount already committed, if any*	
11.	Balance amount available at the end of the above mentioned period	
12.	Amount to be carried forward to the next tranche / financial year	

(Principal investigator)

(Finance officer)

(Head of institution)

(Industry Partner)



UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that out of **Rs. _____** /- (Rupees in words) of the grant-in-aid sanctioned during the year _____ in favor of _____, for the project entitled “_____” under the **TNRPF Proposal Reference No. _____** and **Sanction Order No _____** dated _____, a sum of **Rs. _____** /- (Rupees in words) has been utilized for the purpose for which it had been sanctioned and **Rs. _____** /- (Rupees in words) as committed expenditure towards _____ and balance amount of **Rs. (-) _____** /- (Rupees in words) will be carried forward to the next tranche / financial year.

(Principal investigator)

(Finance officer)

(Head of institution)

(Industry Partner)



Annexure 4: Format of the Statement of Expenditures (SoE) to be submitted to TNRPF

Statement of Accounts for the period from _____ to _____
“Title of the Project”

1. Sanction Letter No. : _____ dated _____
2. Sanctioned Project Cost : Rs. _____ /- for the financial year _____
3. Date of commencement of Project:
4. Statement of Expenditure:

S.No.	Sanctioned Heads	Amount received for x Tranche / x Year (Date mentioned)	Expenditure Incurred (From – To Date)	Balance as on (End Date)
1	Manpower			
2	Equipment			
3	Consumables			
4	Travel (Domestic)			
5	Outsourcing			
6	Prototype testing / validation			
7	IP / Technology Transfer			
8	Contingency & Other Costs			

Principal Investigator

Finance Officer

Head of the Institution

Industry Partner



Annexure 5: Milestone Completion Report Template

Project Title	
TNRPF Project Reference No.	
Project Duration (Start – End Date)	
Milestone No.	
Milestone Description	
Planned Timeline	
Success / Completion Criteria	
Milestone Completion Status	Complete / Partial / Not achieved
Technical Progress Description	
Outcomes / Findings	
Any deviations from the approved plan?	
Reason for deviation	
Correction action and Impact on future milestones	
Any IP generated	
If yes, details of IP	
Approved Budget for Milestone (₹)	
Expenditure Incurred (₹)	
Balance (₹) as on date	
Compliances	
SoE Submitted (Yes/No)	
SoE Submitted Date	
UC Submitted (Yes/No)	
UC Submitted Date	
PI Declaration	
PI Name & Date	

Note: The mode of submission will be intimated to the Principal Investigators from time to time by TNRPF



Annexure 6: Project Completion Report (PCR) Template

1. Project Overview

Item	Details
Project Title	
Project ID / Reference No.	
Implementing Institution (HEI)	
Principal Investigator (PI)	
Co-Investigator(s)	
Project Duration	From ___ To ___
Approved Budget (₹)	
Actual Expenditure (₹)	
Date of Completion	

2. Executive Summary (1 Page Max)

Brief summary of objectives, major activities undertaken, key outcomes, and overall impact.

3. Objectives and Scope

List the approved objectives and scope of the project.

4. Work Undertaken & Methodology

Describe the work carried out, methodology adopted, and any deviations from the approved plan (with justification).

5. Milestone-wise Progress and Outcomes

Milestone	Planned Outcome	Achieved Outcome	Completion Status
M1			
M2			
M3			

6. Key Deliverables / Evidences of Outcomes

- Technical outputs (reports, designs, software, datasets, prototypes)
- Publications (if any)

7. Technology Readiness Level (TRL)

Stage	TRL at Start	TRL at Completion
Description		

8. Intellectual Property Generated

Type	Title / Description	Application / Grant No.	Status
Patent			
Copyright			
Design			

9. Commercialisation & Industry Engagement

- Industry partners involved (if any)
- Licensing / MoU / NDA details (if any)
- Revenue / investment realised or pipeline

10. Capacity Building & Human Resource Development

- Students / researchers trained
- Skills developed
- Employment generated (direct / indirect)



11. Societal / Economic Impact

Describe the realised or potential societal, economic, environmental, or policy impact.

12. Financial Statement

S.No.	Sanctioned Heads	Amount received for the Project period (Date mentioned)	Expenditure Incurred (From – To Date)	Balance as on (End Date)
1	Manpower			
2	Equipment			
3	Consumables			
4	Travel (Domestic)			
5	Outsourcing			
6	Prototype testing / validation			
7	IP / Technology Transfer			
8	Contingency & Other Costs			

(Attach audited Utilisation Certificate and Statement of Expenditure as applicable.)

13. Declarations

I/We certify that the information furnished above is true and correct, and that the project has been completed as per approved terms and conditions.

PI Name Designation Signature Date

14. Enclosures (Checklist)

- IP Documents (if any)
- Utilisation Certificate (UC)
- Statement of Expenditure (SoE)
- Any other documents for justification of Outcomes
- Any other relevant documents