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As clearly outlined by the DBT, the proposal should be aimed at diffusion of new and tested interventions, increasing the awareness among the community and training the rural health workers, developing low cost easy-to-use diagnostics/point of care technology etc. It has been also mentioned that the proposals with new thinking and having a well-articulated work plan will be encouraged. The few examples in that case are the developing of low cost point of care technology for new-borns, such as respiratory counter, mobile miniature pulse oximetry, point of care diagnostics for detection of new-born sepsis etc.; simple and affordable solutions for newborn resuscitation.

However, the funding will not be considered for infrastructure development, basic research or solely R & D proposals, educational/awareness generation activities without any technological interventions and technologies that are not useful in low-resource setting

The projects will be supported to universities, national labs, autonomous institutions and colleges, voluntary organizations, NGOs, social trust, foundations etc. In case of NGOs and private organizations, the projects should be submitted in collaboration with other government funded agencies/ institutes with proven track record etc. The NGOs should be duly registered for minimum last five years and should have experience in implementing such projects at community level. The proposals will be examined by a DBT constituted expert committee and only shortlisted proposals will be intimated for presentation before the Task Force committee for consideration of financial support by DBT.

The proposals have to be submitted online through DBT eproMIS website (<http://dbtepromis.nic.in/login.aspx>) under the Programme Area "Biotechnology Based programme for Women" and later through hard copies latest by April 15, 2014. In studies wherever ethical clearance is required, the same may be obtained from the competent body and submitted within one month of proposal submission.