

Scrutiny of Applications:

30. The proposals received by the PCCFs shall be screened and scrutinized for their suitability, technical feasibility and credibility of information/ documents pertaining to the proposals before recommending 10-15 proposals in order of merit to the NAEB for further consideration along with their pre-appraisal report in the prescribed format. The respective PCCFs may decide on the modality/ mechanism for screening and scrutiny of the proposals. The following criteria may be adopted for selection of projects for recommendation to the Board:

- To ensure appropriate regional distribution across the State.
- Projects tackling high proportion of community/government revenue lands may be given preference.
- Status of Project area in terms of:
 - land degradation, soil erosion, drought conditions, human development indices, availability of waste lands, extension of forest/ tree cover.
- Past performance and credibility of the Agency including their financial soundness and non-involvement in the anti-social or anti-national activities.

While forwarding the recommendations, the PCCFs should also give a summary of the total proposals received and considered for recommendation to the Board. The recommendations received from the PCCF in respect of prioritized proposals shall be valid for the relevant financial year only and shall not be carried forward to the next financial year automatically.