



**Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives
(SMEs Division)**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**SETTING UP OF MINI FRUIT PROCESSING PLANTS FOR SMALL AND
MEDIUM ENTERPRISES AND COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES**

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) is inviting Expressions of Interest from existing and/or potential Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)/Cooperative Societies willing to set up Mini Fruit Processing Plants.

2. The objective is to convert locally available fruits into value added products, for example, fruit juice, jam, syrup or other fruit-based products.
3. A financial grant (up to a maximum of Rs One Million) will be provided to **a maximum of four (4) selected SMEs/Cooperative Societies** to cover 50 percent of the cost of equipment and machinery procured to set up the Plant.
4. Interested SMEs/Cooperative Societies are invited to submit their 'Expressions of Interest' as per the set up Guidelines in a sealed envelope and marked 'Mini-Fruit Processing Plant' on the left-hand corner to the Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) and should be deposited in the Tender Box at 16th floor, Newton Tower, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis, **at latest by noon on Wednesday 26 October 2022.**
6. The Guidelines for the submission of Expression of Interest can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) at <https://enterbusiness.govmu.org/>.
7. A pre-bid meeting for interested SMEs/Cooperative Societies will be held on **Thursday 13 October 2022 at 10.30 am** in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division).

Expressions of Interest received after the closing date will not be considered.

The Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (SMEs Division) reserves the right NOT to proceed with this Expression of Interest without showing any cause thereof.

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