



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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**POTATO PROCESSING SCHEME 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 engage in potato processing.

2. The objective is to convert locally produced potato into value added agricultural products such as potato chips, potato wedges, potato French fries, etc.
3. A financial grant (up to a maximum of Rs 300,000) will be provided to **a maximum of fifteen (15) selected SMEs/Cooperative Societies** to cover 50 percent of the cost of equipment and machinery **only**, to be procured to set up the production line.
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 'Potato Processing Scheme' 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 30 November 2023**.
5. 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/>.
6. A meeting for interested SMEs/Cooperative Societies will be held on **17 November 2023 at 10.30 hrs** 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.

06 November 2023