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■ **Application & Approval Processes Simplified for Horticulture Subsidy Scheme**

The National Horticulture Board (NHB) has introduced a simplified process for filing and approval of applications under its back-end capital investment subsidy schemes for commercial horticulture and cold chain infrastructure. Under these schemes, subsidy from 35 to 50 percent is provided for various components as per prescribed cost norms. The new system will cut down sanction time from 6 to 8 months to less than 100 days, which will greatly help the farming community. The new scheme design has come under effect from 15th March.