

OSFC weathers sickness, back on its rails

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THE Orissa State Financial Corporation (OSFC) has started on the path of revival with a target of sanctioning ₹ 50-crore loans to the MSME sector during 2011-12.

The sick small enterprise financing body has begun to breath again with assistance of the State Government. The support has been in the form of conversion of ₹ 294.21-crore loan into share capital by the Government.

The Corporation aims at completing disbursement of ₹ 35 crore worth of loans and achieving recovery to the tune of ₹ 40 crore during the year.

Detailing its plans at the Entrepreneurs Week celebrations here today, Managing Director BK Bose said the focus would be on lending to ancillary and downstream units, industrial clusters, agro-enterprises, food processing units, marine and tourism-based enterprises,

IT and ITES projects along with services. Financing would also be extended to assisted entrepreneurs for expansion, technology upgradation and diversification.

Relaunching its lending operations from 2010 after seven years, the Corporation has already sanctioned around ₹ 4.68 crore of loans to about eight projects and identified about 50 assisted entrepreneurs to explore business opportunity. It is also set to sign an MoU with the Industries Department for fixing financial and non-financial performance parameters for preventing the downside that it has already experienced. The MSME Technology Upgradation Scheme is under consideration of the State Government, Bose said.

He also pressed for introducing multi-products in advances to be able to compete with banks. The Corporation needed infusion of young professionals as the manpower was ageing. The infrastructure and process needed acceleration and recovery efforts should be streamlined.