

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- #1255**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2023

**PROMOTION OF TRIBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

1255 # SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:  
DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:  
SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:  
SHRI KAILASH SONI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any specific initiatives aimed at fostering entrepreneurship within tribal communities; and

(b) if so, the details of specific success stories and case studies of tribal entrepreneurs who have benefited from Government support?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

**(a) & (b):** The initiatives aimed at fostering entrepreneurship within tribal communities undertaken by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are as under:

i. Ministry is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)' through Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) which envisions to strengthen tribal entrepreneurship initiatives and to facilitate livelihood opportunities by promoting more efficient, equitable, self-managed, optimum use of natural resources, Agri / Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs/MFPs) / Non-farm enterprises. Under the scheme, the Ministry provides financial support for value addition activities through setting up of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras. TRIFED also provides backward & forward linkages to tribal artisans / suppliers for marketing of their products through procurement and sale under various product categories like metal craft, textile, jewellery, painting, cane & bamboo, terracotta & pottery, organic & natural food products etc. TRIFED also organizes and participates in festivals, melas etc. to provide platforms to the tribal artisans to showcase their products and connect them to the potential buyers. Some of the success stories of tribal entrepreneurs under this scheme is available at the following link - [https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-12/Sucess%20Stories\\_0.pdf](https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-12/Sucess%20Stories_0.pdf).

ii. National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, provides credit linkage by extending concessional loans to the eligible Scheduled Tribe persons for undertaking income generation activities/ self-employment thereby instilling the spirit of entrepreneurship. Some of the success stories of tribal entrepreneurs supported by NSTFDC is available at the following link - [https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/\(S\(3gwil13ratte2y5nojjmjwih\)\)/frm\\_success\\_Details.aspx?id=20](https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/(S(3gwil13ratte2y5nojjmjwih))/frm_success_Details.aspx?id=20).

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