

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHIN THE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

2057 # SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any specific initiative has been taken by Government with the objective to promote entrepreneurship within the tribal communities;
- (b) if so, the details of some specific success stories and case studies of tribal entrepreneurs who benefited from Government support; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard in the State of Tripura?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c): The initiatives aimed at fostering entrepreneurship within tribal communities undertaken by two agencies namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) and National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are as under:

1. 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 / Minor Forest Produce (MFPs) / Non-farm produce. Under the scheme, financial support of INR 15.00 lakhs is provided to the State Governments for setting up of each Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) which are the centres of value addition activities of MFPs/Non-MFPs. As on date, 3958 VDVKs have been sanctioned which have recorded a sale of INR 41.02 crores since 2019-20. Out of these, 57 VDVKs have been sanctioned in Tripura which have recorded a sale of INR 17.91 lakhs. TRIFED also provides backward & forward linkages to tribal artisans / suppliers for marketing of tribal products of various categories like metal craft, textile, jewellery, painting, cane & bamboo, terracotta & pottery, organic & natural food products etc. through online and offline platforms. In the last five years, TRIFED has sold products worth INR 172.55 crores out of which the contribution of the state of Tripura is INR 1.72 lakhs. In addition, 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 giving thereby an opportunity to enhance their entrepreneurship activities. Some of the success stories of tribal entrepreneurship under this scheme is available at the following link - https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-12/Sucess%20Stories_0.pdf.

2. 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. The prominent schemes of NSTFDC are given as under:

a. Term Loan Scheme: NSTFDC provides Term Loan for viable projects costing upto ₹50.00 lakh per unit. Under the scheme, financial assistance is extended upto 90% of the cost of the project and the balance is met by way of subsidy/ promoter contribution/ margin money.

b. Adivasi MahilaSashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY): This is an exclusive scheme for economic development of Scheduled Tribes Women. Under the scheme, NSTFDC provides loan upto 90% for projects costing upto ₹2.00 lakh at highly concessional rate of interest of 4% per annum.

c. Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups (MCF): This is an exclusive scheme for Self Help Groups for meeting small loan requirement of ST members. Under the scheme, the Corporation provides loans upto ₹50,000/- per member and maximum ₹5 Lakh per Self Help Group (SHG).

d. Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY): This is an education loan scheme to enable the ST students to meet expenditure for pursuing technical and professional education including Ph.D. in India. Under this scheme, the Corporation provides financial assistance upto ₹10.00 lakh per eligible family at concessional rate of interest of 6% per annum.

In the last five years, NSTFDC has disbursed loans amounting to INR 1518.80 crores to 5.99 lakh beneficiaries under its various schemes out of which INR 39.25 crores have released to 3,725 beneficiaries in the State of Tripura. Some of the success stories of tribal entrepreneurs supported by NSTFDC is available at the following link - [https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/\(S\(3gwil13ratte2y5nojmmjwih\)\)/frm_success_Details.aspx?id=20](https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/(S(3gwil13ratte2y5nojmmjwih))/frm_success_Details.aspx?id=20).
