

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- # 1102**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 04/12/2024

**INITIATIVE FOR PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHIN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

1102 # DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific initiative has been taken with the aim of promoting entrepreneurship within the tribal communities; and

(b) if so, the success stories and case studies of tribal entrepreneurs benefited from Government assistance?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a) and (b):** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through its two agencies namely Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) & National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) have contributed significantly in promoting economic activities being undertaken by the tribal communities and have impacted in turn their economic development.

Ministry is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)' through 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 01.11.2024, 3958 VDVks have been sanctioned. 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. TRIFED has empaneled 4990 tribal artisans / suppliers as on 31.07.2024 for procurement of tribal products. During the last five years, TRIFED has made a procurement of Rs 130.58 cr and has realized a sale of Rs. 186.02 cr..

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/2024-11/Success%20Stories.pdf>.

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:

1. 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.

2. Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

During the last five years an amount of Rs. 1577.12 cr has been disbursed to 623605 beneficiaries. Some of the success stories of NSTFDC assisted beneficiaries have already been uploaded on the website of NSTFDC and can be seen on the homepage ([www.nstfdc.tribal.gov.in](http://www.nstfdc.tribal.gov.in)). Further, the URL for the success stories is: [https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/\(S\(3gwill3ratte2y5nojrmjwih\)\)/frm\\_success\\_Details.aspx?id=20](https://nstfdc.tribal.gov.in/(S(3gwill3ratte2y5nojrmjwih))/frm_success_Details.aspx?id=20).

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