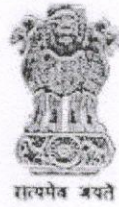


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Government of India  
जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

D.O.No.19/10/2019-Livelihood

Dated:27/06/2019

Dear /

The Government of India is deeply committed to the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. A number of Schemes have been launched in this regard. Among its various initiatives, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the Scheme, "Mechanism for Marketing of MFP through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP" since 2013-14. Through this scheme, support is provided to facilitate creation of sustainable livelihoods and generate income for the tribal population engaged in gathering, processing and selling minor forest produce. The Scheme seeks to take measures to provide fair returns to forest gatherers for their efforts in collection and value addition of MFPs.

2. The Scheme, broadly, consists of the following 3 components:
  - a. Setting up a revolving fund, procurement of MFPs at the declared price in case the market price falls below the notified Minimum Support Price out of the revolving fund and recuperation of losses to the revolving fund, if any;
  - b. Support for establishment of infrastructure including modernization of Haat Baazars, and setting up of primary aggregation/ storage facilities etc.;
  - c. Supporting improvement in income generation in this process through training of tribals on various aspects of gathering, storing and value addition to MFP (Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram).

Setting up the revolving fund and offsetting losses (component at a. above) and infrastructure development (component at b. above) are funded in the ratio of 75:25 by the Central and State Governments. The training component (component c., Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram) is done by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through TRIFED, a multi-State cooperative society under this Ministry.

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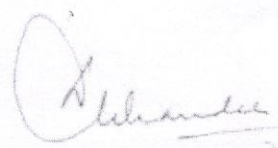
3. For implementation of the Scheme, State Governments have to nominate implementing agencies and be actively involved in ensuring further action under the relevant components is taken at the appropriate time. For financial support, proposals have to be sent to the Ministry as per schematic guidelines. On behalf of the Ministry, TRIFED will be coordinating between the Central and State Governments for this purpose. TRIFED will also be needing support of the State Governments for its initiatives in undertaking training and value addition activities under the Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram. The team from TRIFED will be establishing contact with the nodal Department for Tribal Affairs in your State to take the initiatives forward.

4. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been asking for proposals from State Governments under this Scheme. I shall be grateful if proposals for your State are sent to the Ministry. The State is also required to notify appointment of (i) State Nodal Department for Scheme Implementation; and (ii) Implementation Agencies for MFP Procurement.

With regards,

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Your sincerely,

  
27/06/13  
(Deepak Khandekar)

To,

Chief Secretary (As per list attached)

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Chief Secretary

State Government of

(As per attached list)

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