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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

**Shastri Bhavan, New Delh-01
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To,

The All State Secretaries/in-charge of Tribal
Development (as per the list)

**Subject : Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation
for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) Operations-proposals for 2000-
2001-regarding**

Sir,

As you are aware this Ministry has been releasing funds under Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Cooperative Corporation Scheme (STDCCs) Scheme for MFP Operations since 1992-93. This is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% grant-in-aid. Funds under this scheme are available to the State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation/Forest Development Corporations (MFP TDF) for:

1. Increasing the quantum of MFP handled by setting off operational losses, if need be;
2. Strengthening the share capital base of the Corporation for undertaking MFP Operations thereby increasing the quantum of MFP presently handled;
3. Setting up of Scientific Warehousing facilities, wherever necessary;
4. Establishing processing industries for value addition with the objective of ensuring maximum returns on the MFPs for the tribals;
5. Giving consumption loans to tribals; and
6. Supplementing Research and Development (R&D) efforts.

The State Governments are required to forward the proposals alongwith their recommendations for release of funds under the Scheme. The following aspects have to