

MODEL SCHEME FOR MANUFACTURE OF COIR ROPESIntroduction

The tribal area especially Dugong Creek, Strait Island and Nicobar group of islands have abundant production of coconut. At present the coconut husks are not being utilised at all by the tribals. These available coconut husk could be utilized for making coir rope by semi-mechanised method which can generate substantial employment among the tribals.

Participants

The participants in the proposed project will be selected beneficiaries of Dugong Creek, Strait Island and Nicobar group of islands who will work on cluster basis. The selected/interested tribals may be imparted training under TRYSEM programme or any other specific Tribal Development Programmes sponsored by the Administration.

Market

The main use of coir rope is in the construction of houses and building besides the demand for other applications such as packing, drawing water from wells etc. The local demand for the product is very limited, therefore, an agency like Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd may play a vital role in marketing the product manufactured by tribals in various islands.