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Dear Shri Narayanaswami,

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), is a national level apex body set up to organize procurement and market Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Surplus Agricultural Produce (SAP) grown/collected by the tribal people in order to promote the sustainable development of these commodities. It has placed emphasis in collecting the commodities mainly through organizations like State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, State Forest Development Corporations, LAMPS and other genuine representative organization of tribals like Van Sanrakshan Samities, Laghu Van Upaj Samities, or State Government Undertakings and carefully selected NGOs with a view to ensure that the tribals get remunerative prices for their products on the basis of correct weightment and premium on quality.

2. The main harvest/procurement season (Nov-March) for most of the MFPs and Agricultural Products is on. I shall be grateful, if organizations under the State Government are informed of the commitment of TRIFED, in this regard, so that TRIFED is able to work closely with them and achieve the objective. I believe, Managing Director, TRIFED has already written to Chief Secretary and Secretaries of Tribal Welfare, Forest, Cooperation and other Government agencies in your State.

3. In order to enable the tribal collectors/growers of MFPs & SAPs getting more remunerative prices, it is felt that trading of the MFPs should be free and should not be the exclusive preserve of only certain designated agencies. However, I would like to have your views on the subject. You may like to review the existing system of monopoly procurement in case of some MFPs, as is being done now. Your views on the subject at the earliest will help us to formulate a more effective policy, in this regard.

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