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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(CP&R Section)



To

All State Secretaries/In-charge of
Tribal Development (As per the list)

Sub : Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation for Minor
Forest Produce (MFP) Operations-proposals for 2004-05 – regarding.

Sir,

As you are aware this Ministry has been releasing funds under Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation Scheme (STDCCs) 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;
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 & Development (R&D) efforts.

The State Governments are required to forward the proposals alongwith recommendations for release of funds under the Scheme. The following aspects have to be given due consideration for recommending any proposal for funding under the Scheme:

- i) Existing potential of different MFP items within the States;
- ii) Present level of exploitation-MFP item-wise in the State.
- iii) Price paid to tribals through the intervention of State TDCC and other-wise during the last 3 years for each of the MFP proposal for collections.