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Sub: Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) Operations-proposals for 2005-06 - 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 since1992-93. 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:

- 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.

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