

107 D. (19) Establishment of Non-Timber Forest Products Collection Enterprises (NTFPCE)

Background:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India under the Non-Timber Forest Product Collection Enterprise (NTFPCE) program sanctioned to setup NTFPCE at Mysore and Koppa in Chikkamagaluru District. KSCST had prepared and submitted the Detailed Project Report to Government of Karnataka to setup Honey, Amla and Sikakai Processing units at Karnataka State LAMPS (Large sized Adivasi Multipurpose Society) Co-operative Society Federation building at Hebbal Industrial area Mysore and setup Honey bottling plant and Sikakai processing plant at LAMP Society Koppa. The Schedule Tribes Welfare Department (STWD), Government of Karnataka accepted the DPR and issued an order to implement this project by KSCST in coordination with Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Society Federation, Mysore and LAMP Society, Koppa.

Objectives of the project

- To process the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) collected by tribal people in forest areas while ensuring a fair price for the products
- To protect the tribals from exploitation, other forest dwellers can sell at MSPs in the protected environment with assured return.
- Social safety and improvement of livelihood of tribal people by providing them a fair price and enhanced income level.
- To process raw materials locally and create the market.
- To establish a framework to ensure fair returns for the produce collected by tribals, assurance of buying at a special price with primary processing, storage, transportation, facilities, etc., while ensuring the resource base's sustainability.

Implementation Methodology:

- KSCST provides the technical and management support in coordination with the experts from CFTRI Mysore, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Bengaluru.
- The Schedule Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka will release the funds to KSCST.
- Initially Honey, Amla, and Sikakai processing plants will be setup at Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Federation building, Hebbal Industrial area at Mysore and LAMP Society, Koppa in Chickmagaluru District.

Progress:

- MoA has been signed between the Schedule Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, KSCST, Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Society Federation, Mysore and LAMP Society, Koppa on 17.12.2022.
- KSCST technical team visited Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Federation, Mysore and LAMP Society, Koppa in Chickmagaluru District during December 2022 to assess the available infrastructures and required modifications / renovations for setting up of the plant and machineries in the proposed locations.

- The Schedule Tribes Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka has released the first instalment of Rs.224 lakhs to KSCST on 01.03.2023.

Budget: Rs.746.16 Lakhs

Duration: 24 Months