

ACTIVITIES OF INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT OF TTAADC.

In a State like Tripura where proper communication facilities are not available, power supply is not enough to meet up the requirement of the state, raw materials supply for heavy and medium Industries are not assured, market is limited and other infrastructure like availability of skilled labour are not there, the policy of TTAADC is to put concentration on the development of village and small industries including other agri- based industries like Sericulture.

Industries Department , TTAADC runs some training centres in the remote hilly areas with the objects of imparting practical training to the unemployed tribal youths in different trades like weaving, cane and bamboo, bee-keeping, tailoring , carpentry etc for their self reliance.

1. TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE UNEMPLOYED TRIBAL YOUTHS:-

1.1. Handloom: - The Tribals of Tripura have been producing their own clothes from the time immemorial. So, Handloom is the largest and oldest Industry in the state. So, the Industries Department of TTAADC imparting training to the Tribal people for skill development i.e. modern design and technique, colour combination etc. Industries Deptt. of TTAADC runs 18 no weaving training centre in the remote places of the District Council areas.

1.2. Handicrafts: - Another important sector is Handicraft. Production of Handicraft items mainly made of cane and bamboo is the tradition of the Tribal of Tripura. Bamboo made products is used by the Tribal people in their every day life. Cane and bamboo is available raw materials in our state. So, Industries Department of TTAADC is imparting training to the unemployed tribal youths for making quality based articles like partition, furniture, basketry, decorative items etc. utilizing the available raw materials like cane and bamboo. There are 16 nos cane & bamboo training centres within the District Council areas.

1.3. Tailoring: - The tribal youths are also trained in tailoring so that they can run tailor shop in their remote market. There are 16 no tailoring centres within the District Council areas. Besides, short course training is also organized on making of fashionable garments like jackets, caps, churidars, skirts, bags etc.

1.4 Besides these, Industries Deptt TTAADC organizes training for the uneducated tribal youths in the remote villages on the trades like Pottery, Bee-keeping, Blacksmith etc.

The trainees of the training programme are selected by the selection committee of the Zonal/Sub-Zonal level. The duration of the training programme is 10months/6months according to the trade. There is a provision for stipend of the trainees during their training period. After completion of the training they are issued trade certificates. As per certificates the ex-trainees are assisted by the Industries Deptt. of TTAADC or they are linked with Swavalamban Programme of the State Government through which they get loan on subsidy to run their business.

2. Sericulture: - The prospect of Sericulture in the state of Tripura is very bright. As these Industries can provide the Poor Tribal an additional income,

TTAADC has taken up Sericulture with its areas for the last few years. Necessary financial and technical helps are extended to the Tribal people for taking up mulberry plantation. During the year 2006-07 to 2008-09 ninety nos tribal farmers were assisted for mulberry plantation in 0.5 acre of their own land. Rearing of the silk worm will be started from the year 2009-10. Department of Sericulture, State Government is also extending their helping hand for implementation of the Sericulture scheme within the District Council areas.

3. **Distribution of yarn:-** Tribal women are traditional weavers who weave their own clothing in their traditional loin loom. But most of them are extremely poor, they can not afford to purchase yarn from the open market for producing their own clothing. So, Industries Deptt. provides yarn to the selected distressed Tribal women weavers in free of cost so that they could meet their requirement to some extent. During the year 2008-09 26,350 no poor Tribal weavers were distributed yarn in free of cost by the Industries Deptt of TTAADC.
4. **Distribution of blankets:** - TTAADC is mainly inhabited by the poor Tribal. They have no sufficient clothing. It is experienced that they have to struggle with the cruelty of the nature. Especially they feel very trouble in the winter. Blanket is a piece of clothe that can be used for various purposes by the poor Tribal. During the year 2008-09, 31,620 no poor Tribal were distributed blankets.
5. Besides these, Industries Deptt. TTAADC is going to implement Baba Sahib Ambedkar Hastashilpa Vikash Yujana (AHVY) on Cane & bamboo craft at Mandai, West Tripura and Killa, South Tripura covering more than 500 tribal artisans in each cluster area.