
Executive Summary

- The State Govt. for development of Handicrafts had submitted special project proposal to MoRD, Gol with outlays of Rs. 350.00 lakhs. But against this the MoRD, Gol sanctioned a project for development of Handicrafts during the year 2002-03 with an outlay of Rs.300 lakhs. The break-up of the components announced has been: a) Central Govt. share of Rs.255 lakhs; b) State Govt. Rs.45 lakhs; and, c) Without the provision of bank loan credit, with the remark that the project activities would be financed through the grants from the central and state govts. The main handicraft activities to be promoted are: *Carpet Weaving, Crewel Embroidery, Sozni Shawl Embroidery, Tilla- Embroidery, Paper Mashie and Chain Stitch Embroidery*, etc.; For this purpose the project envisages: -
 - a) Establishment of 14 Production Centres @ one production Centre per Block at Baramula, Bandipora, Boniyar, Hajin, Gurez, Pattan, Rafiaband, Rohama, Sopore, Sumbal, Tangmarg, Uri, Wagoora and Zaingeer-one hall, one store room one office and one bath room- for 50 workers (Rs.98.00 @ 7.00 lakhs per Centre)
 - b) For marketing set-up – constructing 5 show rooms at Gulmarg, Sopore, Baramulla, Bandipur and Uri for display and sale of the handicrafts products of Craftsmen (10.00 @ 2.00 lakhs per show-room).
 - c) Processing plant / unit at a suitable location in Baramulla for washing and finishing of the products (Rs.12 lakhs).
 - d) Load Carriers-2 for transportation of raw material and finished products (Rs.10 lakhs)
- The fund utilization as yet is low, as only Rs.61.057 lakhs, i.e. 56.53% of the fund earmarked and made available to BDOs and are accounted for. The audit of the accounts has not been done for the year 2003-04 / 2004-05. No CA has been engaged so far. BDOs and PO had no clear idea about this.
- Apparently the whole attention of the Project Authorities is on the construction activities that too without any systematic planning and scheduling of the activities and their linkage to the other Project activities, work on which should have been planned and initiated in right earnest for expected outcomes, e.g. social mobilization to select beneficiaries and SHG formation., the process for which requires considerable time and effort.
- A sum of Rs.7.00 lakhs for construction of Handicrafts Centre and Rs.2.00 lakhs per show room have been placed at the disposal of concerned BDO who get these executed through the concerned Engineering Department. There is no proper and scientific monitoring of the construction activities as to what extent, quality and specification these construction and their fixtures and fittings have been completed or are there gaps therein or missing items, BDOs claim that these are not the only works with them and they are busy with other poverty alleviation and development work with them.
- Regarding the method of selection of beneficiaries, it was learnt that the process is yet to start. There was no clarity on whether SHGs would be formed or not and, if so when and how? DPIC was yet to take a decision on the matter as the present emphasis was on taking up construction activities and their completion as a priority. Further, neither concrete step for the formation of SHG's have been initiated, nor any social mobilization has been attempted so far by the DRDA. No programme has been drawn up for the purpose so far nor the content of the training and places / institutes, etc decided.
- The Project Officer, DRDA only having monitoring role is not in accordance with the SGSY approach. He may not be able to have full control over the expenditure and pace of project implementation. Besides, maintaining accounts and auditing the accounts in accordance with the terms of project sanction, may be a difficult proposition. The Comments and Observations on the Project implementation put forth below need an immediate attention. Since the Project has been sanctioned under SGSY, its concept and approach, should be followed in letter and spirit.
- The NRIF towards the end has provided the Recommendations for MoRD, Gol with the remark that the release of 2nd installment of central assistance be considered only after: PO, DRDA, Baramulla sends the audited accounts for the year 2004-05 to MORD, GOI; At least 80% of the available funds have been utilized; The process of social mobilization for identification of potential beneficiaries and SHG formation has been taken up by the PO, DRDA, Baramulla in right earnest; The final list of the swrojaris has been drawn up after due screening through the association of the Gram Sabhas; Arrangement for equipping and operationalization of the HPCs and thereafter show rooms and related infrastructure (e.g. Processing unit and Carrier) as also procurement of raw material are completed.

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DISTRICT-WISE RESULT OF THE BPL CENSUS 1998

S.No	District	Total population 2001	Area in Km ²	Density Square Kms.	No. of rural Families	No. of rural Families BPL	%age of Families BPL	SC	ST	Out of total BPL families					
										Wome n	Physically handicapped	Small Farmer	Marginal Farmer	Rural artis ans	Agri. Labour
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Baramulla	11,69,780	4588	255	124259	75989	61	2272	6341	186720	7369	10392	63975	-	46354
	Total Kashmir & Ladhak Regions	57,13,509	1,12,649	50.72	491650	300324	61	6000	141451	805702	23488	138787	347385	74890	247856

SOURCE: 1. Directorate of Rural Development Kashmir; 2. Directorate of Economics and Statistics J & K

Block	No. of Panchay ats	No. of Villages	No. of rural Families	No. of Families BPL	Male	Female	Total	%age of families BPL	SC	ST	Wome n	Physically handi Capped	Small Farmer	Margi nal Farmer	Rural Artis ans	Agri. Labou rers	No. of familie s receive d assista nce	No. of houses having live stock
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Baramulla	18	66	12480	4162	10194	6838	17032	33	6	148	6838	60	-	3409	141	3092	46	7408
Rohama	15	31	5702	3054	9290	7892	17182	54	-	-	7892	107	-	3054	-	3054	-	6125
Sopore	15	27	6566	5329	30399	26656	57055	81	-	-	26656	559	737	4356	1102	1102	-	11503
Uri	18	45	6566	5275	14012	10511	24523	80	1266	-	10511	6	18	5340	-	87	-	3580
Pattan	28	71	15335	8305	24503	21522	46025	54	28	3	21522	475	449	4407	2191	3016	32	20560
Bandipora	31	46	12442	8315	18124	16848	34972	67	456	2101	16848	3849	3762	1716	382	4627	52	15432
Sumbal	19	40	8840	6535	19117	14184	33301	74	-	-	14184	116	77	6247	540	4049	-	17243
Boniyar	15	48	6765	5477	15483	11800	27283	81	4	974	11800	167	-	5210	-	4617	477	10203
Hajin	28	49	10822	6305	19619	15300	34919	58	-	-	15300	209	36	6269	184	4991	-	13506
Gurez	10	28	6205	2805	8028	6824	14852	45	-	2803	6824	-	2803	-	2811	-	-	5104
Tangmarg	23	79	8692	5634	5784	4600	10384	65	57	79	4600	121	946	4445	669	4475	16	4902
Zaingeer	23	37	8422	6398	23394	21500	44894	76	425	1	21500	37	1154	3692	386	2881	-	5001
Total	276	677	124259	75989	223281	186720	410001	61	2272	6341	186720	7369	10392	63975	10013	46354	663	149027