

II-I. GENDER BUDGETING CELL

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gender Budgeting Cell has initiated action as per the guidelines/circulars issued by the Ministry of Finance for promoting gender budgeting. Steps have been taken to enhance the share of women in respect of beneficiary oriented schemes and launched a Technology Development and Utilization Programme for Women (TDUPW). The programme is aimed to meet specific needs of women and to enhance their contribution towards technology capability building. The objectives of the programme are:

- Promoting the adoption of new technologies by women
- Awareness creation and training of women in various technologies
- Technological up-gradation of tiny, small and medium enterprises run by women entrepreneurs
- Showcasing of appropriate technologies and organizing demonstration programmes for the benefit of women

2. ACTIVITIES

Some of the projects taken up under the programme during the year are listed below:

Impact of the Information and Communication Technology on Women Employment in Kerala.

The proposal of Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum aims to study the Impact of the Information and Communication Technology on women employment in Kerala. The study is with respect to micro enterprises managed by poor women groups called Kudumbasree. The study would also

examine the factors conducive to capacity building in these enterprises in terms of training, management, financial accounting etc to make them competent to meet customers demand.

An Action Research on Diffusion of Farm Technologies to Farm Women through User-Friendly Interactive Multimedia Compact Disc

The proposal of the Department of Agrl. Extension and Rural Sociology, Agricultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Madurai is to study and document the technical know-how required by women farmers in different ecosystem through participatory approach, and to develop a user friendly Interactive Multi-media Compact Disc (IMCD) on identified agricultural technologies

Economic Development of Women SHG member of Talala Taluka in Junagadh District

The proposal from Saurashtra Economic Development Centre, Junagadh intends to provide technical and entrepreneurial development training to 300 members of the women SHGs to take up income generating activities. Training on Electrical, Electronics equipment repairing and Aribharat-Embroidary machine technology will be imparted. The duration of the project is one year.

Technological Sustainability of Women Enterprises under Kudumbasree Programme of Kerala

The project from Centre for Tropical Studies, Trivandrum, is aimed at assessing the

sustainability of technologies used by the Kudumbasree micro enterprises and their knowledge of and accessibility to related modern technologies in selected districts of Kerala. The duration of the project is 15 months.

Status of Women Entrepreneurship in Andhra Pradesh

The project by the National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET), Yousufguda, Hyderabad aims at studying the demographic profiles, motivational factors, behavioral competencies and problems of women entrepreneurs in Andhra Pradesh and to suggest a policy framework for promoting women entrepreneurship in the state. The duration of the project is 12 months.

Rural women and Technology in Kamataka: A comparative Study of Selected Districts in South and North Kamataka.

The project of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udipi, Karnataka aims to identify linkages between women's roles, responsibilities and use of technology by rural women, to explore the ways in which women use their knowledge and skills to develop, modify and adapt the techniques and technical processes in which they are involved, to examine the links between indigenous and modern technologies in relation to gender considerations and to find out whether locally available indigenous technologies are appropriate to the living conditions of rural women etc. The project can contribute to a greater understanding of the linkages between women's roles, responsibilities and their use of technology. The duration of the project is 2 years.

Technology Adoption and Utilization Programme for Women in Handicraft Sector [TAP HAND]

The implementation of this proposal from Kerala Rural Development Agency [KRDA], Kollam, Kerala would facilitate the adoption in Coloring Technology, dye making among 1000 women craftsmen in Screwpine Craft in Kerala and shall build up capacity and awareness of the craftsmen engaged in the above said handicrafts activity. The duration of the project is 12 months.

Upgrading indigenous technology for preparation of herbal products as home remedies and food supplements by encouraging sustainable cultivation, conservation and propagation of medicinal plants involving rural women of West Bengal.

The project of Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, West Bengal aims to survey and document (a) herbal wealth, (b) related available indigenous knowledge and (c) prevalence of human diseases of the targeted localities; Development of suitable technology using principle of organic farming for cultivation, propagation, conservation of some of the locally available as well as newly introduced medicinal plants for use in prevention and cure of human diseases; Upgrading the existing technology for preparation of compost, vermicompost and plant based bio-pesticide and encouraging the targeted women to adopt those for achieving organic farming and Encouraging cooperative farming and entrepreneurship basing on plant- women partnership for marketing the herbal raw material/products for additional income generation.

Propagation of Technologies & Development of Micro Enterprises by Women in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa & Kerala States

The project of APITCO Limited, Hyderabad relates to conduct a pilot study to identify technologies available with different CSIR labs and other institutions and viable investment opportunities for setting up of Micro & Small Enterprises among the women entrepreneurs.

Training-cum-Workshop on Development of Modern Educational Training Kits for Women Consultancy Cells

Under the project, the Electronic Research Development & Facilities (ERDC), Ambala Cantt., would provide 6 months training in a practical oriented workshop to 120 women science graduates/diploma or + 2 Science, so that they are fully trained to take up the tasks related to modern educational training kits used in polytechnics, Science & Engineering Colleges and Research institutions.

Farm and Non-Farm Sector Employment and Tribal Women – A Socio Economic Analysis

The project of the Directorate of Research, Dr. Y.S.Parmar University of Horticulture and

Forestry, Solan (HP) aims to study the gender wise employment status and pattern in farm and non-farm sectors.

Training of Women in Computer Aided Drafting Package and Microsoft Office Software

The project of Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Tamilnadu is for training of women to increase their participation in technical jobs.

Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship Development

The project of the MITCON is for empowering the potential of women entrepreneurs through scientifically designed training programmes in 3 districts of Maharashtra. The vocational courses would be conducted in the areas of food processing, bakery, gem and jewellery and herbal cosmetics. The duration of the project is 2 years.