

Self Help Group and Self Employment



Achievements of Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakalpa (BSKP)

Society for Self Employment of Unemployed Youth, West Bengal, as subsidiary organ of the Department of Self Help Group & Self Employment, Govt of West Bengal implements the flagship scheme Bangla Swanirbhar Karmasansthan Prakalpa (BSKP) all over the state. Unemployed youths on fulfillment of certain criteria laid down in the scheme are helped out to start individual or

group enterprises with bank finance. Govt. subsidy representing 20% of the project cost (maximum Rs. 1 lakh for individual and Rs. 2.5 lakh for group of five & above) is provided by Society for Self Employment of Unemployed Youth, West Bengal as nodal agency. Performance of the scheme for the year 2009-10 to 2011-12:

Year	No. of cases sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Total project cost involved (Rs. in crore)	Total subsidy involved (Rs. in crore)	No. of cases for which subsidy released	Amount of subsidy for released cases (Rs. in crore)
2009-10	25098	588.85	130.27	18947	85.91
2010-11	20679	472.85	97.91	19446	92.94
2011-12	22606	517.67	113.03	29786	134.00

Performance of the Department in respect of different training programmes for SHG members for the year 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 :

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	43.49
2010-2011	227.61
2011-2012	441.22

Performance of the Department in respect of Scheme under RIDF

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	111.74
2010-2011	223.94
2011-2012	312.08

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- Vision of the present Government towards this scheme is to train, arrange for institutional finance & opening of marketing avenue. Training programmes have been organized in – paper bag making, sewing & embroidery, leather products, packaging, computer hardware & networking, fridge & air conditioner repairing, jori work, imitation Jewellery manufacturing, preparation of different articles from paper pulps, mushroom cultivation and its preservation, care etc.
- Decision for extensive training programme has been taken for unemployed youth of 23 Blocks under Jangal Mahal in the District of Bankura, Purulia & West Midnapur.
- West Bengal Swaroggar Corporation Limited will build its own team of Resource Persons called Swanirbhar

Sahayak (SS) who will serve as the ground-level link between the State Government and the Non-SGSY SHGs.

- SS will be the anchor-cum-operator of WBSCL's marketing and infrastructure plans in the days ahead.
- Each Block, Subdivision & Municipality will have one SS each whose work will be supervised by existing SHG Supervisors.
- The aforesaid 491 SSs will build-up Master Data Base for all the saving-linked and credit-linked Non-SGSY SHGs of the State; number of such SHGs in the State has already touched several lakhs. SSs will also be assigned work relating to optimal utilization of West Bengal Swanirbhar Sahayak Prakalpa (WBSSP), tie-up with consumer co-operatives and big market players for sale of SHG products, micro insurance for SHG members etc.
- WBSSP, which remained lack-lustre along the initial year of 2010-11 and 2011-12, will get a major boost by way of changing the payment structure through electronic mode. Under the proposed Scheme which is awaiting the approval of the Finance Department, each SHG account holder will get direct credit of the subsidy amount through RTGS or NEFT.

mind, the Deptt. has organized several training programmes of SHGs to enable them to produce quality goods so that they can get remunerative prices from their products. Special emphasis has been given to Jungal Mahal areas in this matter. The training programmes organized by the Deptt. are on different trades viz. Packaging, Interior Decoration, TV Repairing, Mobile Repairing, Bee-keeping, Book Binding, Zari Work, Kantha Stitching, Paper & Jute Bag Making, Leather Goods Making, Artificial Jewellery, Poultry Farming, Cultivating of Dry Mushrooms, Scented & Decorated Candle Making, Fashion Garments Making, Beautician, Repairing of Refrigerators, etc.

- **Sabala Mela :**

The Department organized District level 'SABALA' mela in 2011 in most of the Districts with a view to providing an opportunity to Self Help Groups in the far flung areas of the districts to sell their products from an important place in the district headquarters.

- **Scheme under RIDF :**

It has been decided by the Department to set up Training Centre-cum-Marketing Complexes under RIDF and State Plan at important locations and district headquarters to facilitate training of Self Help Groups and for marketing of their products. Projects under RIDF could help SHGs in marketing their products from the permanent counters of the Market Complexes. The Deptt. has decided to set up one bigger Marketing Complex-cum-Training Centre in each district headquarters or near to it.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES.

- **Training Programmes :**

The SHGs face major constraint specially in regard to skill upgradation training, marketing of their products and flow of institutional finance. Keeping this in

