

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL COOPERATIVE MARKETING DEVELOPMENT FEDERATION OF INDIA

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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the date on which Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED Ltd.) was set up along with the objectives thereof;
- (b) the details of the achievement made by the TRIFED in each year, State-wise, during the last three years;
- (c) the details of work proposed to be undertaken by the Federation during the current financial year, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the profits earned/losses incurred by the TRIFED Ltd. during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

(a) The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED) was set up on 08.08.1987 under section (7) of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. The objectives of TRIFED are given at Annexure-I.

(b) The major activity of TRIFED in the past has been procurement of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Surplus Agricultural Produce (SAP) collected/grown by the tribals with the sole objective of paying remunerative prices to them and to arrest their exploitation by middlemen in tribal areas. The procurement in terms of value undertaken by TRIFED during last three years is as under:—

(Value Rs. in Lakhs)

Financial Year	Procurement			
	MFP	SAP	Handicrafts	Total
2000-01	4575	3521	37	8133
2001-02	2649	1404	26	4079
2002-03 (Provisional)	1425	1037	24	2486

The information regarding the State-wise procurement of MFP, SAP and handicrafts/handlooms undertaken during the last three years is placed at Annexure-II.

Besides, TRIFED has also undertaken a number of developmental activities mainly relating to imparting training to tribals in various State during last three years.

(c) The activities now being focused upon by the TRIFED during the current Financial Year relate to its basic mandate, i.e. Marketing development of tribal products aimed at bringing better returns to the tribals for their products and to provide them linkage with the ultimate market. The basic thrust is now on planning and implementing projects for marketing development of tribal products in a need based manner. Accordingly, some projects have been identified as viable for Marketing development of tribal products directly benefiting the tribal population and these are being taken up during the Current Financial

Year i.e., 2003-04. The details are given at Annexure-III.

Moreover, TRIFED will also be undertaking procurement of oilseeds and pulses in tribal areas of all the States during the current Financial Year wherever it is found that the prices are below MSP.

(d) The Gross Profit/Loss and net loss incurred during last three years is as under:

**(Amount Rs. in Crores)**

**Financial Gross profit Net Loss**  
**Year (+)/Loss (-)**

2000-01	-15.10	-27.23
2001-02	-04.14	-16.18
2002-03	+03.86	-04.74

(Provisional)

The net loss has been arrived at after deduction of administrative expenses, interest & depreciation.