Rubber Plantation by TFDPC

Background of the initiative

Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Limited is a Public Sector Undertaking of Government of Tripura. The Corporation is working for re-vegetation of degraded forestland through Rubber plantation and other forest resources to ensure development and upliftment of economically weaker sections of the society. The Corporation was registered under the Companies Act, 1956 on 26-03-1976. The main objective of the Corporation is to carry out business in plantation crops with special emphasis on Rubber plantations. Besides business activities the Corporation also takes up social responsibility for poverty alleviation through Rubber plantation for Schedule Cast, Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Caste and other rural poor families.

Details of initiatives

- Rehabilitation of degraded forestlands through Rubber plantations.
- Rehabilitation of tribal shifting cultivators through Rubber plantations.
- Promote forest /Rubber based industries and employment generation in rural areas.
- Promote Eco-friendly Rubber wood to reduce pressure on natural forests.
- Promote conservation of threatened wild life specially primate population in Tripura.

Categories of beneficiaries

- The Tribal Jhumias and other backward population.
- Resettlement of Schedule castes and Schedule Tribes families on rubber plantation based projects for their economic upliftment.
- Providing permanent employment in rural sector of Tripura

Results of Initiatives

The TFDPC Ltd is a proud owner of total around 11,720 ha of rubber plantation raised during 1976-2012 including 418 ha raised & handed over by Forest Department, Govt of Tripura from 1964 to 1975. A unique entity of single Largest Unit area wise in the country in Rubber Plantation Sector.

More than 2700 Tribal Jhumias have been permanently settled on 1 ha rubber plantation each earning at least Rs 15,000/- to Rs 25,000/- per month. Thus, the Corporation has been pioneer in evolving model for affective and permanent settlement of tribal shifting cultivators in the country.
The Corporation is generating direct employment for 6500 rural poor on permanent basis apart from engaging casual labourers for raising new plantations and maintenance. Out of 6500 workers 3240 workers are under the category of leave card holders and 3260 under the category of casual workers, thus generating around 07 lakhs man days in rural areas every year.

**Future Programme**

**Rubber Mission**

Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation Limited shall be playing a leading role in the State for expansion of Rubber. A Mission approach has been adopted in the State to promote expansion of Rubber in the State. Tripura Rubber Mission has the mandate to coordinate, monitor, plan, fund tie up, training and capacity building. The Mission proposes to bring 85,094 ha land under Rubber plantation in the next 20 years.

**Creation of Rubber Plantation along Indo-Bangla International Border:**

About 3874 ha of land along Indo-Bangla international Border would be brought under Rubber plantation. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt of India has already allowed planting of Rubber along the Indo-Bangla international border.

**Replanting & Replenishment of existing Rubber Plantations:**

After attaining economically viable maturity i.e. Productive Line of about 24 years starting from 7th years up to 31 years of Age Rubber trees need to be felled and timber used for various end uses as described earlier. Thus the land available is to be replanted.

Similarly Gaps created due to damage of plantations caused by Natural calamities e.g. cyclones, Hurricanes, Drought, Frost , Soil & Wind erosion and other Biotic factors are to be covered by Replenishment plantings in order to optimize the productivity from Rubber Plantations.

**Development of Urban Industrial Tourism Centre:**

TFDPC Industrial state is being developed into an Urban Rubber Based Industrial Tourism centre. Preparation of site plan, master plan and acquisition of land for creation of lake is under progress. Resorts, cafeteria, gardens, parks etc will be developed in the estate to attract tourists in about 3 years.

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