

SCHEME FOR PROMOTING RUBBER PRODUCERS SOCIETIES (RPSS)

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a. RUBBER PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES

Though the Rubber Board has produced Rubber Marketing Cooperative Societies from 1960's, these societies could not reach out to a large number of growers, particularly the resource poor growers in the rural areas. As the membership in these societies increased, the growers got distanced from the functioning of the societies. The political and beurocratic controls in these societies did not help to promote the self-help concept. To overcome this the Board promotes formation of small voluntary associations of small growers registered under the Charitable Societies Act called the Rubber Producers' Societies (RPS) in 1986. This concept has been widely accepted by the grower community and at present there are 2180 RPS in the country. RPS function as self helping group at village level under the guidance of the Rubber Board. RPS can help devolution of extension functions leading to empowerment of the grower community.

Distinguishing features of RPS.

- Operate in small compact areas having a radius of 2 to 3 kms.
- Membership in the range of 50 - 200. Only small rubber growers having rubber holding located within the operational area of concerned RPS can

be members.

- Each RPS member should contribute Rs. 50/- as entrance fee and Rs. 10/- as annual subscription.
- Function non-politically and on democratic lines. Administration through elected Director Board headed by President. Directors are to be elected by rotation.
- Rubber Board's local Field Officer will be nominated to the Board of Directors of the Society.
- The General Body should meet regularly once in every quarter and should take policy decisions and review progress of implementations and as well as performance. The General Body should as far as possible meets in members' holdings and should discuss technical and development issues of interest and concern. Rubber Board's Field Officer do participate in such discussions.
- Designated Chartered Accountant should annually audit and certify the accounts of the RPSs. The accounts should be presented to the Director Board and General Body from time to time.
- Should not engage regular employees. Any one engaged for any assistance should work on a fair commission paid on the basis of actual work turned out.

Functions

- Assist in transfer of technology to members.
- Undertake (or assist) common marketing of members' rubber grade-wise and at remunerative prices.
- Establish and run common crop processing facilities that help members to upgrade quality of rubber.
- Promote and assist group approach for newplanting, replanting, productivity enhancement, availing of bank finance, Rubber Board grants etc.
- Raise nurseries and supply high yielding planting materials to members.
- Receive supplies of various inputs from Rubber Board and other possible

sources and distribute among eligible members.

Participate in joint ventures of RPS undertaken on regional basis, with or without Rubber Board assistance, for furthering common interest of members.

b. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTRES / MODEL RUBBER PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES (MODEL RPS)

Selected RPS are supported financially as well as technically to transform them into model ones which act as demonstration centres for other RPS. Support is given for capacity building and to develop infrastructural facilities for scientific community processing. Provision has also been given for treatment of the effluent generated while sheet processing for biogas generation. These model RPSs function as technology dissemination centres.

List of Model RPSs

Sl. No	Name of RPS	Regional Office
1	Nirathumthattu	Kanhangad (Kerala)
2	Chundapparambu	Sreekantapuram (Kerala)
3	Mampoil	Thaliparamba (Kerala)
4	Thermala	Thaliparamba (Kerala)
5	Odenthode	Thalassery (Kerala)
6	Koodaranji	Kozhikkode (Kerala)
7	Elavampadam	Palakkad (Kerala)
8	Karulai	Nilambur (Kerala)
9	Karimba	Mannarkkad (Kerala)
10	Kuttichira	Thrissur (Kerala)

11	Malayampurathupady	Ernakulam (Kerala)
12	Kaippattoor	Ernakulam (Kerala)
13	Kalampur	Muvattupuzha (Kerala)
14	Mekkadambu	Muvattupuzha (Kerala)
15	Kakkombu	Thodupuzha (Kerala)
16	Theckumbhagom	Thodupuzha (Kerala)
17	Janatha, lymcombu	Pala (Kerala)
18	Andhyalam	Pala (Kerala)
19	Chirakkadavu	Kanjirappally (Kerala)
20	Kurunkanny	Kanjirappally (Kerala)
21	Pangada	Kottayam (Kerala)
22	Nellikunnu	Kottayam (Kerala)
23	Desasevini	Changanacherry (Kerala)
24	Chethackal	Pathanamthitta (Kerala)
25	Pallickal	Adoor (Kerala)
26	Muthupilackad	Adoor (Kerala)
27	Pooyappally	Kottarakkara (Kerala)
28	Vamanapuram	Nedumangad (Kerala)
29	Karikkuzhy	Nedumangad (Kerala)
30	Kaliyail	Nagercoil (Tamil Nadu)

31	Purba Noagon	Agartala (Tripura)
32	Kayarthaduka	Mangalore (Karnataka)
33	Peradka	Mangalore (Karnataka)
34	Tripureswari	Udaipur (Tripura)
35	Lamakona	Guwahati (Assam)

c. COMPANIES IN THE RPS SECTOR

In order to further integrate and strengthen the activities of the RPSs, the Rubber Board took the initiative to set up 6 processing companies and 11 trading companies in the predominant rubber growing areas in Kerala. While most of these are private limited companies jointly promoted / owned by the Rubber Board and Rubber Producers' Societies of the concerned areas with majority equity participation by the Rubber Board, a few of them have become public.

Processing Companies				
Sl. No	Name & Address of the Company	Location of the Factory	Product	Area of Operation
1	Rubco-Sreekantapuram Latex Pvt. Ltd. Kottor, Sreekandapuram, Kannur Dt. Phone : 0497 – 2711134 FAX: 0497 – 2711034 Factory: 0460 – 2265961	Madanbam, Sreekantapuram	PLCEBCCreamed LatexCentrifuged latex &Block Rubber	Kannur and Kasargod Districts in Kerala
2	Periyar Latex Pvt. Ltd.Ushus Arcade, TB Junction, Muvattupuzha – 686 661	Kavakkad, Kalloorkad Ayavana Panchayat	Centrifuged Latex	Ernakulam and Idukki Districts

	<p>Phone: 0485 – 2835329 2834918 283 6252 FAX : 0485 – 2834918, 2835250 Factory : 0485 – 2289317</p>			
3	<p>Kavanar Latex Ltd.LC- IX/13, Opp: KSRTC Pala - 686 575 Ph: 04822 – 212399 , 213199 , 214799 Factory 04822 – 286373 , 286519 Fax: 04822 - 213199</p>	<p>Vakakkad, Moonnilavu Pamchayat</p>	<p>Block Rubber</p>	<p>Kottayam , Idukki and Ernakulam Dts</p>
4	<p>Meenachil Rubber Wood Ltd, IPC Philadelphia Building, KK Road, Kanjikuzhy, Kottayam 686 004, Ph/Fax: 0481-2572873, 2576045 Show room 0481 2301733 E-mail: metrowood@hotmail.co m</p>	<p>Peringulam, Poonjar Middle Village</p>	<p>Chemically treated & seasoned rubber wood(Metrowo od) furniture, interior item</p>	<p>All India</p>
5	<p>Pampa Rubbers Ltd, Konny 689 691 Pathanamthitta Dt Ph: Office – 0468 2241027, 2243412 E-mail: prl@sancharnet.in</p>	<p>Aruvappulam Konny Taluk</p>	<p>Block Rubber</p>	<p>Pathanamthitta, Idukki and Alappuzha Dts.</p>
6	<p>Ponmudi Rubbers Ltd, Rubber Board Regional</p>	<p>Meenmutty, Palode,</p>	<p>Block Rubber</p>	<p>Thiruvananthapu ram and Kollam</p>

Office, TC 41/249, Thycaud PO – 695 014 Thiruvananthapuram Ph: / Fax: 0471 – 2323233,2323307 Factory: Ph/Fax: 0472 – 2840456	NedumangadT aluk		Districts
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Trading Companies			
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Sl. No	Name &Address of the Company	Branches	Area of operation
1	Kanhangad Rubbers Pvt Ltd 1st Floor, Besto Centre, Behind Municipal Bus Stand, Kanhangad - 671315 Ph: 0467 - 2201510, 2209696, 3950039 Fax: 0467 - 2201510	Taliparamba, Thondiyl (Peravoor) ,Iritty , Chullikkara, Sullia (Karnataka)	Kasaragod and Kannur Districts
2	Kozhikode Rubbers (P) Ltd , 6/95M2, V.P. Complex, Ashokapuram, Nadakkavu P.O, Wynad Road, Kozhikode - 673001 Ph: 0495 - 2761690	Thamarassery Ph: 0495 - 2223766 Mukkam Ph: 0495 - 2295557 Engapuzha Ph: 0495 - 2232061 Meenangadi Ph: 04936 - 246179 Mananthavadi Ph: 04935 - 245921	Kozhikode District
3	Thunchathu Ezhuthachan Rubbers (P) Ltd, Pioneer Complex, Near LIC Buildings, Nilambur 679 329. Ph: 04931 220610, 222451 Fax: 04931 - 220610		Malappuram District

4	Bharathapuzha Rubbers (P) Ltd, Rubber Board Regional Office, Sobha TSM Complex, Palakkad Ph: 0491 - 2532853	Mannarkkad Vadakancherry Chemmanamkunnu Ottappalam	Palakkad District
5	Vallathol Rubbers (P) Ltd, Rubber Board Regional Office Building, Krishnaiyer Lane, Divan Narayanan Menon Road, Chembukavu Road, Thrissur 680 020 Ph: 0487 – 2337173	Chelakkara Wadakkaanchery Erumapetty Thiruvilwamala Alangad Velooppadam	Thrissur District
6	Vembanad Rubbers (P) Ltd, No-43/2921, STP Road Near Fathima Matha Church, Elamkulam, Kadavanthra Kochi-20. Ph:0484 2205191 Fax: 0484 2204989		Ernakulam District
7	Kanjirappally Rubbers (P) Ltd, Thoonkuzhiyil Buildings Opp. Police Station Kanjirappally Ph: 04828 –203756, 202443	Mukkottuthara Ph: 04828 - 254999 Mundakayam Ph: 04828 - 272429 Erumely Ph: 04828 - 213424	Areas coming under Regional Office, Kanjirappally
8	Manimalayar Rubbers (P) Ltd Vadavathoor P.O Kottayam 686010 Ph: 0481 2572870, 2573870, 3093741 Fax: 0481 2572670 Email: manimalayar@rediffmail.com	i. Sewjipath, Basisthpr, Dispur, Guwahati 781006, Ph: 0361 2228796 ii. Rubber Board Zonal Office, Chandmari, Kunjaban P.O.,	Areas coming under Rubber Board Regional Offices at Kottayam, Changanacherry and Kanjirappally. Also the whole states of Assam, Meghalaya and

		<p>Agartala 799006, Ph: 2359383</p> <p>iii. Pallickathode, Ph: 0481 - 2552347</p> <p>iv. Kuruppanthara</p> <p>v. Ranni</p> <p>vi. Nedumkunnam</p>	Tripura
9	<p>Adoor Rubbers (P) Ltd, Parvathi Mandiram Adoor PO 691523 Ph: 04734 - 228874 Fax: 04734 - 221392</p>		Kollam Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha Dts
10	<p>Sahyadri Rubbers (P) Ltd, Raha Towers, Opp: Krishnan Kovil Tholicode PO, Punalur 691 333 Ph: 0475 – 222945 ,2227281</p>	<p>Kottarakkara Ph.-0474-2456801</p>	Pathanapuram and Kottarakkara Taluks
11	<p>Ananthapuri Rubbers (P) Ltd MAR Buildings Market Junction Nedumangad – 695 541 Ph: 0472 – 2803115 Email: ananthapurirubbers@hotmail.c om</p>	<p>Aryanad Vellarada Kattakkada Ph: 0471 2290976 Kilimannoor Ph: 2673499</p>	Thiruvananthapura m District

d. SCHEMES FOR ESTABLISHING ECO FRIENDLY GROUP PROCESSING FACILITIES BY RPS

1. Assistance for Establishing Ecofriendly Group Processing Centre by RPSs

(The following schemes were implemented during the X Plan period ie. From 2002-03 to 2006-07. Proposals for continuance of similar schemes have been submitted to the Govt. Of India for which approval is awaited)

Financial and technical assistance are provided to RPS/Co-operative Societies which own 20 cents of land for setting up fully fledged Ecofriendly Group Processing/Technology Transfer Centre. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 6,62,500/- or 50% of the actual cost whichever is less is given to the RPS/Co-op Society as shown below.

a	Group Processing Centre	Rs. 1,77,500/-
b	Smoke House	Rs. 1,37,500/-
c	Training Hall	Rs. 1,10,000/-
d	Effluent Treatment Plant	Rs. 75,000/-
e	Aeration Tank	Rs. 17,500/-
f	Processing Equipments and other accessories	Rs. 1,25,000/-
g	Furniture and other training facilities	Rs. 20,000/-
	Total	Rs. 6,62,500/-

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

The RPS/Co-op. Society should execute a tripartite agreement with the Board and the participating company in the format given in Annexure III for the performance of the terms and conditions of the scheme Application for assistance shall be submitted to the company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I along with copy of the resolution of the executive committee/Committee in the form given in Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendations for sanction of financial assistance.

RPSs/Societies that carry out civil work shall collect competitive quotations for the construction work and the quotations, duly evaluated by the executive committee/committee of the RPS/Society should be submitted to the Board for approval. After ascertaining the eligibility of the RPS/Society for availing of assistance for each item and on approval of the quotation for civil work, Rubber Board will sanction the eligible amount of assistance and ask the company to purchase and supply the equipments to the RPS/Society. RPSs/Societies that carryout civil work will be asked to award work to the contractor. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company should execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS/Society and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of the equipments supplied. In the case of Co-Op. Societies, which have no link with the companies, the application can be directly submit to the Regional Offices.

There are schemes for providing financial for construction of Smoke House, Effluent Treatment Plant or Training Hall separately also. Financial assistance will be limited to the cost of construction undertaken. Procedure for claiming the assistance is similar to that of the scheme for setting up of Group Processing Centres.

2. Assistance to Purchase Latex Collection Equipments

RPS that purchase equipments required to set up latex collection center are provided financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- to purchase Platform Balance, Chemical Balance and Hot Air Oven and transportation and installation charges

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to Trading/Processing Company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I of Xth Plan Scheme along with copy of resolution of the Executive Committee as per Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendation for sanction of financial assistance. Regional Office will request the company to purchase and arrange transportation/installation of equipment at the RPS. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company shall execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of equipment supplied to the Regional Office to disburse eligible financial assistance to the concerned RPS/Society. However in case where the RPS are not willing to have the purchase made through the companies, RPS may directly purchase the equipment from the supplier.

3. Scheme for Setting up Latex Collection Centre

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO RPSS WHICH OWN 2 CENTS OF LAND, FOR SETTING UP LATEX COLLECTION CENTRE. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS LIMITED TO RS. 80,000/-

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to Trading/Processing Company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I of Xth Plan Scheme along with copy of resolution of the Executive Committee as per Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendation for sanction of financial assistance. RPS that carry out civil work shall collect competitive quotations for the construction work and the quotations duly evaluated by the Executive Committee of the RPS shall be submitted to the Board through the Regional Office concerned for approval. After ascertaining the eligibility of the RPS for availing of assistance for each item and on approval of the quotations for civil work, Rubber Board will communicate sanction of eligible amount of assistance to the concerned Regional Offices. Regional Office will request the company to purchase and arrange transportation/installation of equipment at the RPS. RPS will be requested to carry out civil work. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company shall execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of equipment supplied to the Regional Office to disburse eligible financial assistance to the concerned RPS/Society. However in case where the RPS are not willing to have the purchase made through the companies, RPS may directly purchase the equipment from the supplier.

4. Scheme for Setting up Latex Collection Centre and Training Hall

Financial assistance is provided to RPSs having 5 cents of own land to the tune of Rs. 2,10,000/- for setting up Latex Collection Centre and Training Hall

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to Trading/Processing Company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I of Xth Plan Scheme along with copy of resolution of the Executive Committee as per Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendation for sanction of financial assistance. RPS that carry out civil work shall collect competitive

quotations for the construction work and the quotations duly evaluated by the Executive Committee of the RPS shall be submitted to the Board through the Regional Office concerned for approval. After ascertaining the eligibility of the RPS for availing of assistance for each item and on approval of the quotations for civil work, Rubber Board will communicate sanction of eligible amount of assistance to the concerned Regional Offices. Regional Office will request the company to purchase and arrange transportation/installation of equipment at the RPS. RPS will be requested to carry out civil work. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company shall execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of equipment supplied to the Regional Office to disburse eligible financial assistance to the concerned RPS/Society. However in case where the RPS are not willing to have the purchase made through the companies, RPS may directly purchase the equipment from the supplier.

5. Scheme for Construction of Store Room for Storage of Sheets

RPSs having group processing centres are provided with financial assistance of Rs. 1,85,000/- to set up store room for storage of rubber sheets. Above schemes are implemented through the regional offices functioning in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to the company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I along with copy of resolution of the executive committee in the form given in Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendations for sanction of financial assistance. RPS that carry out civil work shall collect competitive quotations for the construction work and the quotations duly evaluated by the executive committee should be submitted to the Board for approval. After ascertaining the eligibility of the RPS for availing of assistance and on approval of the quotation for civil work, Rubber Board will sanction the eligible amount of assistance of the RPS.

6. SCHEME FOR PURCHASE OF GENERATOR

RPSs which have set up group processing centre are eligible for financial assistance to purchase/transportation and installation of generator limited to 50% of the cost of purchase/transportation charges/installation or Rs.35,000/- whichever is less.

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to Trading/Processing Company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I of Xth Plan Scheme along with copy of resolution of the Executive Committee as per Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendation for sanction of financial assistance. Regional Office will request the company to purchase and arrange transportation/installation of equipment at the RPS. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company shall execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of equipment supplied to the Regional Office to disburse eligible financial assistance to the concerned RPS/Society. However in case where the RPS are not willing to have the purchase made through the companies, RPS may directly purchase the equipment from the supplier.

7. SCHEME FOR PURCHASE OF SHEETING BATTERY

RPS which have set up Group Processing Centre are eligible for financial assistance to purchase/ transportation and installation of Sheeting Battery limited to 50% of the cost of purchase/transportation/installation or Rs.33500/- which ever is less.

Formalities to be completed for claiming the assistance

Application for assistance shall be submitted to Trading/Processing Company in duplicate, in the format given in Annexure I of Xth Plan Scheme along with copy of resolution of the Executive Committee as per Annexure II. Company will forward one copy of the application and resolution to the concerned Regional Office, along with its recommendation for sanction of financial assistance. Regional Office will request the company to purchase and arrange transportation/installation of equipment at the RPS. After completion of purchase of all the items, the company shall execute a tripartite agreement with the RPS and Rubber Board and produce the purchase bills of equipment supplied to the Regional Office to disburse eligible financial assistance to the concerned RPS/Society. However in case where the RPS are not willing to have the purchase made through the companies, RPS may directly purchase the equipment from the supplier.

8. RPSs as Technology Transfer Centres

About 200 RPS are equipped with facilities for conducting training programme. short duration intensive training in tapping is conducted every year to impart

training in scientific method of tapping and processing of latex. Campaign meetings are also conducted every year with active support of the RPSs to popularize modern technology of rubber cultivation and processing. In addition to this seminars, group meetings and statutory meetings of RPSs are also conducted frequently. Training programme for imparting training in account maintenance, capacity building etc. are also conducted along with other topics on rubber cultivation in these centres.

e. RUBBER SWASRAYA SANGHOM (SH GROUPS)

Formation of Self Help Group to strengthen participatory extension among nominal growers as well as women growers

The areas identified for supporting RPSs/SHGs are as follows

1. Financial assistance for purchase of latex collection equipment to set up latex/scrap/sheet collection center
2. Financial assistance to arrange training programme related to rubber sector such as
 - a. Beekeeping
 - b. Nursery Management
 - c. Processing of Latex into quality sheet/preservation of latex, grading etc.
 - d. Capacity Building
 - e. Account maintenance etc.
3. Financial assistance for Apiculture to Self Help Group
4. Providing technical assistance and supply of planting material to raise source bud nursery at concessional rates

f. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RPSs/SHGS FOR ADOPTING APICULTURE

Financial Assistance for RPSs/SHGs for Adopting Apiculture

Financial assistance to RPS/SHGs for extra income generation from rubber plantation by adopting Apiculture

The scheme is to provide financial assistance to RPSs/SHGs for extra income

generation by Apiculture. The financial assistance is extended for a minimum of 10 growers and maximum 20 growers in one SHG/RPS ie Rs. 20,000/- to maximum of Rs. 40,000/- for a single group.

Nature and mode of payment of financial assistance

The scheme is proposed to be implement through the SHG/RPS. The number of hives and equipment will be limited to a maximum of 4 hives with colonies, 4 stand, Honey extractor-1, Smoker-1, Bee veil-1, Bee net-1, Queen gate-1, Queen cage-1, Bee knife-1per participating member. The scheme envisages group extraction and further processing and as such the number of extractors to be purchased may be decided by the RPS. The Board will grant a financial assistance @ Rs.2000/- per set of Bee hives, Colonies and equipment detailed in para A or 50% of the total cost of the various equipment purchased, which ever is lower. Preference, however, will be given to the women SHG.

The SHG/RPS should identify the participating members with the approval of the concerned officer of the Board and forward the request to the Dy.RPC/DO of the Regional Office. The SHG/RPS can procure the items together. The bill can be drawn in favour of the concerned SHG/RPS. The bill should be forwarded to the Regional Office of the Board. The eligible amount of financial assistance will be paid to the SHG/RPS concerned after satisfactory establishment of the Bee colonies in the rubber holding.

g. SCHEME TO SUPPORT RPSS FOR COMPUTERS

Scheme to support RPSs having group processing centres for providing computers and peripherals

Scheme to support RPSs having group processing centres for providing computers and peripherals RPSs having group processing centre, functioning well are provided with financial assistance of Rs. 51,000/- to purchase computer and peripherals. In addition to this Rs. 3000/- is provided for imparting training. Mode of Operation:

The eligible society will by a resolution file an application to Dy.RPC/DO in charge of the Regional Office of the Board for including them in them scheme. The Dy.RPC/DO in charge of the Board's Regional Office in turn will make an enquiry and, if eligible, permit the RPS to procure the computer and its accessories by inviting quotations. The quotations thus collected shall be opened by the President in the presence of Board of Directors which will be forwarded to the Dy.RPC/DO in charge of the RO for technical

scrutiny. Purchase order may be placed to the firm based on the recommendations of the Officer in charge of the Regional Office. The material purchased be of branded items and also cover a minimum warranty period of 3 years.

On satisfactory installation of the computer and the accessories in the office of the RPS, the RPS can submit the claim together with the bills to the DY.RPC/DO in charge of the Board's Regional Office, who will release the eligible assistance to the concerned RPS after conducting the field verifications.

h. SCHEMES TO PROVIDE NUCLEUS SOURCE MATERIALS FOR ESTABLISHING NURSERIES IN SHGS/RPSS

Schemes to Provide Nucleus Source Materials for Establishing Nurseries in SHGs/RPSs

Scheme for providing nucleus source materials to selected SHGs/RPSs

As per the above scheme selected SHGs/RPSs are provided with nucleus source material for generating quality planting material and an additional income generation activity.

Selected RPS/SHG is eligible for 100 Nos of Brown budded stumps or 20 mtrs of budwood of various high yielding clones as nucleus source material to raise rubber nursery under the scheme. The financial assistance is limited to 50% of the total cost of nucleus planting material purchased at Board's approved rates, which is being fixed every year

Nature and mode of operation of the scheme:

Selected RPS/SHG is eligible for 100 Nos of Brown budded stumps or 20 mts of bud wood of various high yielding clones as nucleus source material to raise the rubber nursery under the scheme. The financial assistance will be limited to 50% of the total cost of nucleus planting material purchased at Board's approved rates which is being fixed every year. The Dy.RPC/DO in charge of the Regional Office of the Board will identify suitable SHGs/RPS, who can function the rubber nursery in an effective manner and have enough irrigated land to raise the seedling nursery/Bud wood nursery. The land selected for raising bud wood nursery should be with minimum lease period of 5 years. A consent letter of the land owner in this regard will have to be obtained by the RPS in plain paper. The RPS/SHG desirous of participate in the scheme should apply to the Dy. RPC /DO in charge of the nearest Regional Office of the Board, along with their resolution in the Board Meeting. The Officer in charge of the Boards Regional Office after proper

enquiry and if found feasible will grant the required number of budded stumps/bud wood to the concerned RPS/SHG from the nearest Boards' nursery subject to the availability. The RPS and SHG will have to remit 50% cost of the nucleus material to the Board before taking delivery of the planting material. The RPS/SHG also can procure the source material from the private source. In such a case the identification of the clone will have to be certified by the Boards Technical Officer before reimbursing the subsidy component to the RPS/SHG. The bill of the nursery also will have to be filed.

i. DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE INPUTS UNDER PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT COMPONENT

Scheme for distribution of estate inputs to small growers under productivity enhancement component of Xth plan

Rubber Plantation Development scheme under Xth plan has a component for productivity enhancement which envisages procurement and distribution of plantation inputs such as copper oxy chloride, spray oil, rainguarding plastic and rainguarding compound to small growers through RPSs.

As per the scheme, a price concession amounting to 9.025% of the cost of inputs is given to member growers of RPSs.

Board's companies/RPSs/SHGs involved in distribution will be paid service charge of 10% of the actual cost of inputs distributed to meet their expenditure on godown charges, loading and unloading charges etc.