



Implementation of ASRY in Konkan

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Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri. Durgadas Uikey today informed Rajya Sabha that National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, provides concessional loans to the eligible Scheduled Tribe persons for undertaking income generation, self-employment and livelihood activities. The loan assistance is given under its various schemes like Term Loan Scheme, Adivasi MahilaSashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY), Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups (MCF) and Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY). However, no proposal has been received under Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY) from the implementing agencies in the state of Maharashtra during the last five years.

To enhance awareness and outreach in remote and tribal areas, NSTFDC, in collaboration with its implementing agencies, organizes awareness camps and participates in exhibitions, State-level programmes and outreach activities from time to time to disseminate information regarding its concessional loan schemes among tribal communities. NSTFDC is developing a Loan Management System to significantly reduce the processing time of loan proposals.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs and NSTFDC do not implement any scheme exclusively dedicated to financial literacy and counselling for families to avail loans. However, awareness regarding the availability of concessional financial assistance and Government support mechanisms is promoted through outreach activities, awareness programmes and participation in exhibitions and State-level events. Further, during FY 2024-25, NSTFDC undertook a special drive in the State of Maharashtra aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, enhancing financial literacy and creating awareness about financial assistance schemes among tribal youth, women and aspiring entrepreneurs.

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