

**Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)
Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India**

BRIEF NOTE

On

Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram

**Brief on Scheme for Collection, value addition and
marketing of Minor Forest Produces**

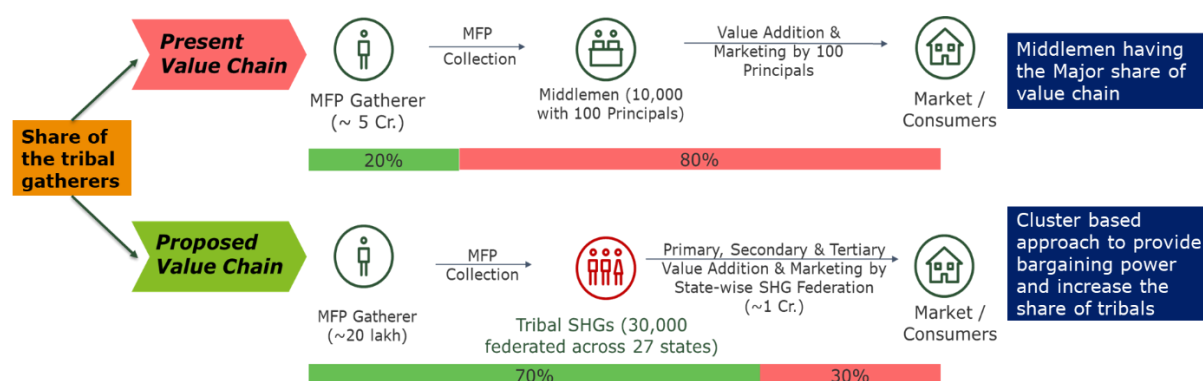
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1 Coverage

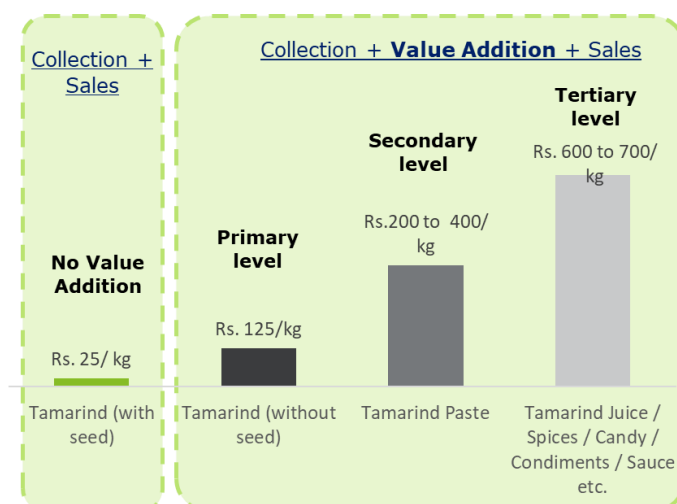
- 27 States and 307 Tribal Districts of the Country;
- 1.1 Crore tribal families or 5.5 Crores tribals;
- Minor Forest Produces surveyed – 55;
- Value of surveyed MFPs – Rs. 20,000 crores (approx. 3,500,000 MT)

2 Implementation Structure



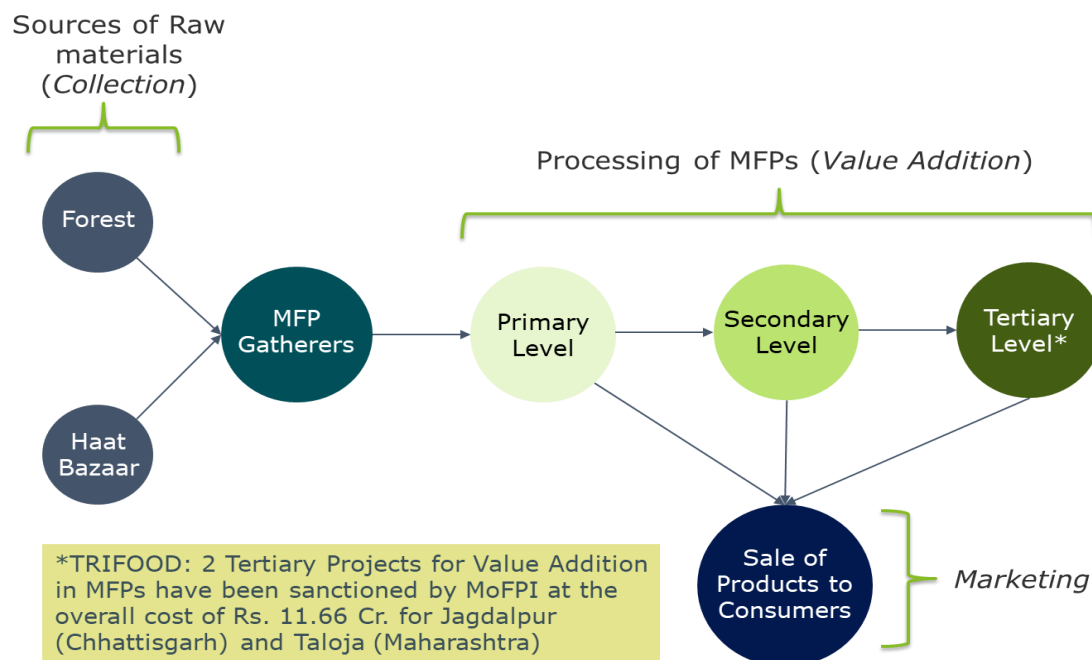
- 3000 tribal community owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendras are envisaged across the country in one year;
- Kendras shall be established in the catchment area of village haat bazaars
- Each Kendra shall constitute of 10 tribal SHGs, each SHG comprising upto 30 members i.e. about 300 beneficiaries per Kendra;
- SHGs to engage in MFP collection & value addition; Kendras to support collective aggregation, storage, secondary processing, forward marketing etc;

Value Addition in case of Tamarind



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- Strengthening of Institutional Structure;
- Decentralized system of Scheme Implementation with delegation of financial and administrative powers to District Collectors/Zila Panchayats;



3 Cost of establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra

Fund requirement for each Van Dhan SHG: Rs. 2.5 lakhs

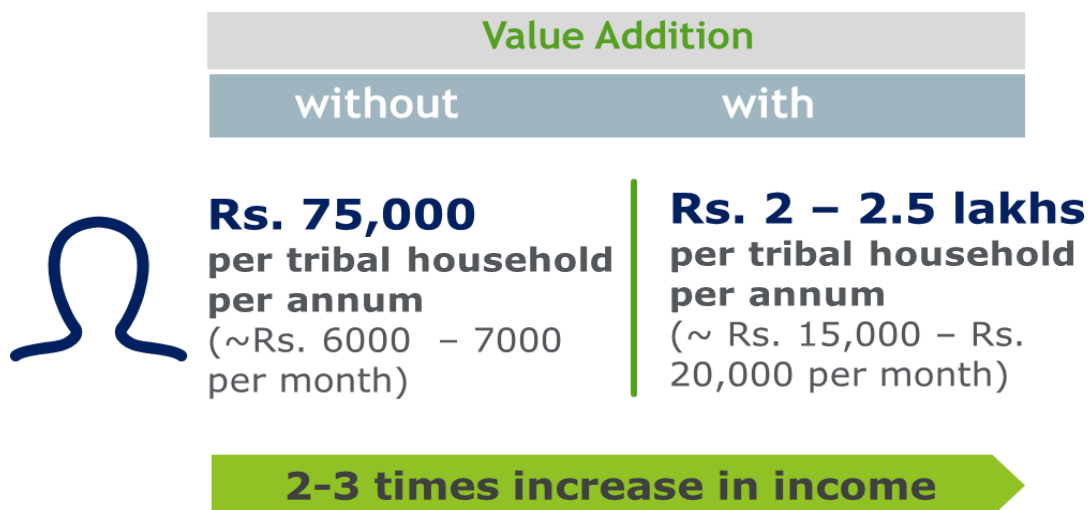
- Training and equipment expenses: Rs. 1.5 lakhs
- Working Capital (if required): Rs. 1 lakh (through own funds, loan from financial institutions, banks, NSTFDC, CSR etc.)

Fund requirement for each Van Dhan Kendra: Rs. 25 lakhs (Rs. 2.5 lakhs x 10 SHGs)

- Training and equipment expenses: Rs. 15 lakhs
- Working Capital (if required): Rs. 10 lakhs

4 Outcomes & Impact:

- Will lead to **two-to-three times** increase in tribal income from MFPs
- Total of **45 lakh tribals** to benefit directly by setting up of 3000 Van Dhan Kendras per annum (300 members per Kendra x 3000 Kendras)
- The programme can cover the entire forest dwelling population over a period of **5** years through a state-wise federation of SHGs
- A full time livelihood activity leading to increase in income would attract tribals away from **Left Wing Extremism (LWE)** and related issues and inculcate entrepreneurship development



5 Oversight & Monitoring:

- IT enabled 3-tier monitoring of VDVKs/ Van Dhan Vikas SHGs – Centre, State & District Level;

6 Convergences:

- **Niti Aayog / Aspirational District Program**
 - ❖ Priority in 39 Aspirational Districts with majority tribal population
- **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)**
 - ❖ Convergence of tribal SHGs under Ajeevika Mission
- **Ministry of Home Affairs**
 - ❖ Livelihood generation in LWE affected districts
- **Ministry of AYUSH**
 - ❖ Development & value addition to Medicinal & Aromatic plants (MAPs) of forest origin
- **Department of Financial Services – Jan Dhan / CSR**
 - ❖ Provisioning of Insurance, Pension Schemes etc.
 - ❖ Linkage with Mudra Scheme and NABARD for loans
- **Ministry of Panchayat Raj**
 - ❖ Regulatory authority for field level implementation
 - ❖ 'Panchayat led micro-market' development
- **Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF)**
 - ❖ Convergence for NTFP Policy
- **Chief Secretary, State Government & District Collectors**
 - ❖ Scheme monitoring, evaluation & feedback
- **ISRO, Department of Space for MFP resource mapping**
- **CSR funds from PSUs/ Banks/ private sector**

