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National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation and its Impact on Tribal Community Development in India

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Abstract: This paper focused on tribal community development through National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) is provides skill development awareness programmes, financial helps to tribal community development in the country. It is promotes socio-economic upliftment, empower for tribal community, and economic development for schedule tribe communities in rural and semi-urban areas. India is one of the largest tribal community population countries in the world. Prior to the adoption of Indian constitutional policy the tribes were variously termed as aboriginals, adivasis, forest tribes, hill tribes, jenukurubas, Kadu Kurubas and primitive tribes etc. This paper mainly analyze the income generating activities, on the tribals, some important tribal community programmes, the NSFTDC is organized to proses financial helps for tribal community and to identify the financial supports is order to help tribal community in the country.
Keywords: Structure of NSFTDC, Financial, NSFTDC Programmes, Income Generating Activities.

I. INTRODUCTION

National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) was set up in 2001, as a non-profit company under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. It provides financial assistance at concessional rates of interest for undertaking workable income and employment generating activities to the schedule tribes and to double the poverty line. NSTFDC is an apex organization for socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and the corporation fulfills its objectives by providing financial assistance at concessional rate of interest varying between 4 to 8 per cent p.a. payable by the beneficiaries. The financial assistance of the Corporation is extended to Scheduled Tribes having annual family income up to Double the Poverty Line (DPL) through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State Governments in addition to certain Regional Rural Banks and PSU Banks.

A. Objectives of the Study

1) To study the budget allocation of tribal community under NSTFDC in India
2) To identify the financial assistance and number of beneficiaries under NSTFDC.

B. Methodology of the Study

The present study mainly based on secondary data. The secondary data was collected from various sources like annual reports for Department of National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, Annual Reports of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Central Government isFinancial Support for Tribal Community under NSTFDC. The study covers a period 15 year from 2001-02 to 2015-16. The collected data has been analyzed by working in to the compound annual growth rate.

II. PRESENT SCENARIO OF NSTFDCS IN INDIA

The NSTFDC is an apex organization set up exclusively for socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes. This Corporation was incorporated as a Government Company under Ministry of Tribal Affairs and granted license under Section 25 (now Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013) of the Companies Act, 1956. It is managed by the Board of Directors with representation from Central

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Government, State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs), Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) and eminent persons representing Scheduled Tribes etc. The Corporation plays a leading role in economic upliftment of scheduled tribes by providing financial assistance at concessional rates of interest.

A. Importance of Objectives for NSTFDCs

Some of the major objectives of the NSTFDCs are as follows

1) To identify economic activities of importance to the Scheduled Tribes so as to generate self-employment and raise their level of income.
2) To upgrade skills and processes used by the Scheduled Tribes by providing both institutional and on the job training.
3) To make the existing State/ UT Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporations (SCAs) and other developmental agencies engaged in the economic development of Scheduled Tribes more effective.
4) To assist SCAs in project formulation, implementation of NSTFDC assisted schemes and in imparting training to their personnel.
5) To monitor implementation of NSTFDC assisted schemes in order to assess their impact.

B. Functions

The functions of NSTFDC are as fallows;

1) To generate awareness amongst the STs about NSTFDC concessional schemes.
2) To provide assistance for skill development and capacity building of beneficiaries as well as officials of SCAs.
3) To provide concessional finance for viable income generation schemes through SCAs and other channelizing agencies for economic development of eligible Scheduled Tribes.

C. Different Programmes of NSTFDC

The corporation is provides financial assistance for income generation activities and marketing support assistance for socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Tribes. The details of schemes of NSTFDC are as under;

1) *Schemes under Income Generation Activities:*

a) *Term Loan Scheme:* In this scheme crucial role in NSTFDC is provides term loan for viable projects costing upto25.00lakhs per unit. Under the scheme, financial assistance is extended up to 90 per cent of the cost of the projectand the balance is met by way of subsidy contribution/margin money.

b) *Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojna (AMSY):* This is aprivate scheme for economic development of scheduled tribe'swomen. Under the scheme, NSTFDC provides loan up to 90 per cent for projects costing upto100,000 financialassistance under the scheme is extended at highly concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum.

c) *Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups (MCF):* The MCF is an exclusive scheme for Self HelpGroups for meeting small loan requirement of ST member. Underthe scheme, the Corporationprovides loans upto 50,000 per member and maximum 5 lakhsper Self Help Group (SHG).

d) *Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana(ASRY):* Another important scheme is an education loan scheme to enable the STs Students to meet expenditure for pursuing technical andprofessional education including Ph.D in India. Under this scheme,the corporation provides financial assistanceupto5.00 lakhs per eligible family at concessionalrate of interest of 6 per cent per annum.

Table-1

NSTFDCS Budget Allocation and Sanction (2001-2016)

Year	Budget Allocation (In Crore)	Sanctions		
		Income Generating Activities		
		Fund Released	Balance	No. of Beneficiaries
2001-02	60.00	60.25	-	5383
2002-03	80.00	93.98	-	69015
2003-04	100.00	66.15	33.85	12825
2004-05	100.00	68.06	31.94	11094
2005-06	100.00	67.72	32.28	13967
2006-07	100.00	91.83	8.17	27474

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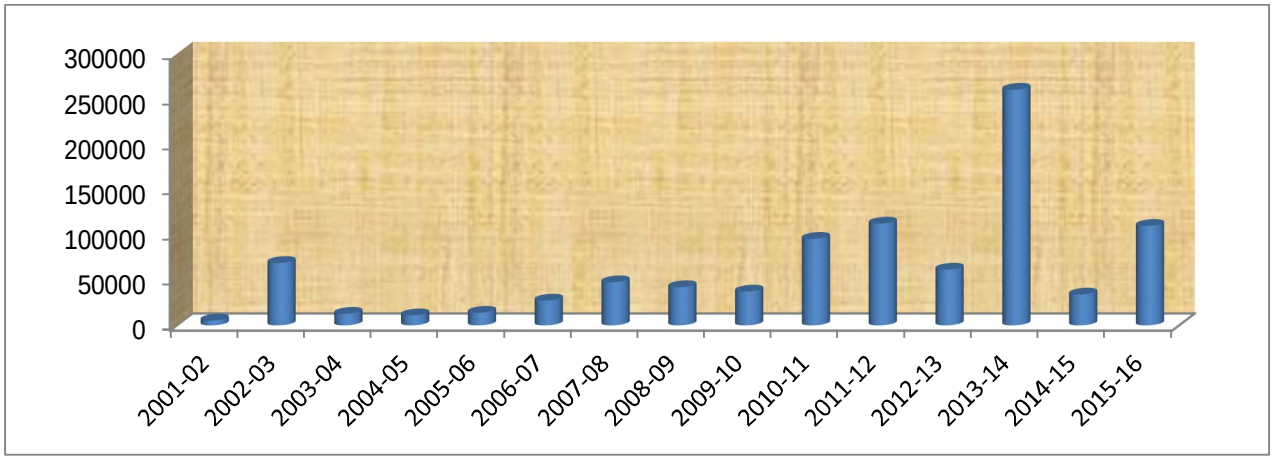
2007-08	120.00	118.4	1.6	47636
2008-09	150.00	146.35	3.65	42216
2009-10	150.00	154.24	-	37439
2010-11	152.00	158.17	-	95632
011-12	160.00	192.77	-	112489
2012-13	175.00	203.43	-	61625
2013-14	180.00	208.25	-	260356
2014-15	190.00	229.75	-	34098
2015-16	120.00	233.90	-	109907
Total	1937.00	2093.25	111.49	941156
CAGR	6.52	11.10		18.41

Source: Fifteen Annual Report 2015-16,(NSFTDC) Government of India

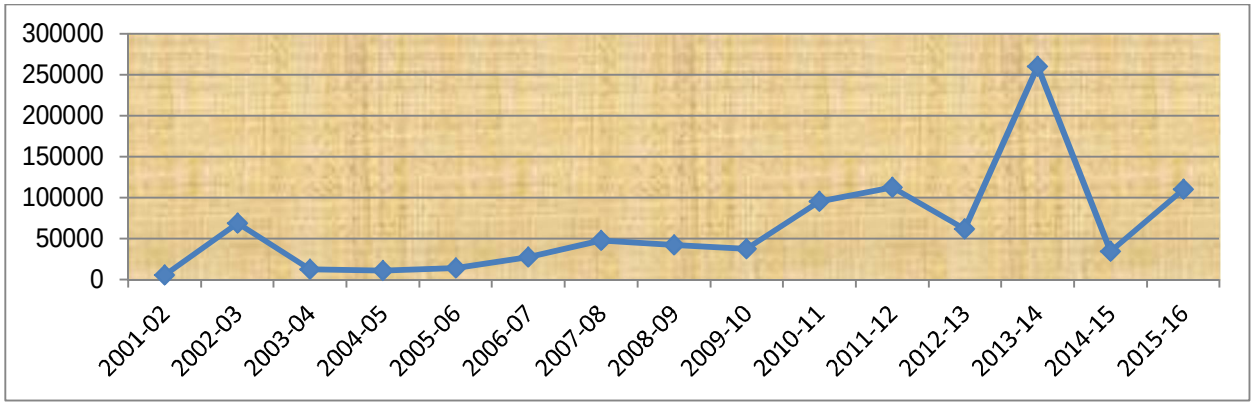
In this table-1, chart-1 and chart-2 indicates that distribution of budget allocation of achievement, target and sanctions under NSTFDC in India, during the period 2001-02 to 2015-16. It is clear that terms of budget allocation of income generating activities under NSTFDC and during the 2001-02 fund allocationwas 60.00 crore and it has to increase to 120.00 crore in 2015-16. During 2001-02 the numbers of beneficiaries were only 5383 but it has to increase 1, 09,907 during 2015-16. The CAGR for the budget allocation is 6.52 per cent and the number of beneficiaries is 11.10 per cent under NSFTDC in Central Government scheme in India. The table and chart shows that the income generating activities.

Chart-1 Budget Allocation of NSTFDC



The chart -1 the smooth curve clearly shows that the budget allocation during the period from 2001 to 2015 has allocated both increasing and decreasing trend. Thereafter, it shows an increasing trend.

Chart-2 Number of Beneficiaries under NSTFDC



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The chart-2 the smooth curve explains that number of beneficiaries under NSFTDC during the period between 2001 to 2015, it shows the number of beneficiaries is increasing and decreasing trend. Thereafter it has started to an increasing trend.

D. Marketing Support Assistance

The Corporation provides financial assistance to meet Working Capital requirement of agencies engaged in procurement and marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and other tribal products.

E. Financial Assistance Extended by NSTFDC

1) *Skill and Entrepreneurial Development Programme:* In order, to generate opportunities for Self-employment, employment financial assistance in the form of grant is provided for skill and entrepreneurial development of eligible Scheduled Tribes in the country.
2) *Computerization of SCAs:* The NSTFDC is also provides one-time financial assistance in the form of grant upto2 lakhs per SCA for computerization of their database.

III. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NSFTDC IN INDIAN SCENARIO

The NSFTDC is one of at helps the tribal community development in India. It is provides for financial status of income generating activities and marketing support assistance is the tribes community development. The NSFTDC also promotes minimum 80 per cent or more financial assistant for members that belong to scheduled tribes community and backward family income of the beneficiaries that should not exceed more a poverty line. In case of change in tribes membership, the co-operative society shall ensure that percentage of schedule tribes beneficiaries does not fall below 80 per cent during the currency under the NSFTDC loan. The income generating activities and market support assistance of given in the table-2.

Table-2
Budget Allocation of Income Generating and Marketing Support Assistance under NSTFDC in India

Year	Financial	No. of Beneficiaries
2001-02	63.25	295813
2002-03	98.98	179015
2003-04	79.15	688725
2004-05	73.06	294094
2005-06	80.02	170167
2006-07	105.33	227474
2007-08	131.4	242636
2008-09	162.35	280216
2009-10	154.24	37439
2010-11	158.17	95632
2011-12	192.77	112489
2012-13	203.43	61625
2013-14	208.25	260356
2014-15	229.75	34098
2015-16	233.8	109907
Total	2173.95	3089686
CAGR	10.02	-11.07

Source: Fifteenth Annual Report,(NSFTDC) 2015-16, Government of India

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Chart-3 Total Number of Beneficiaries under NSFTDC

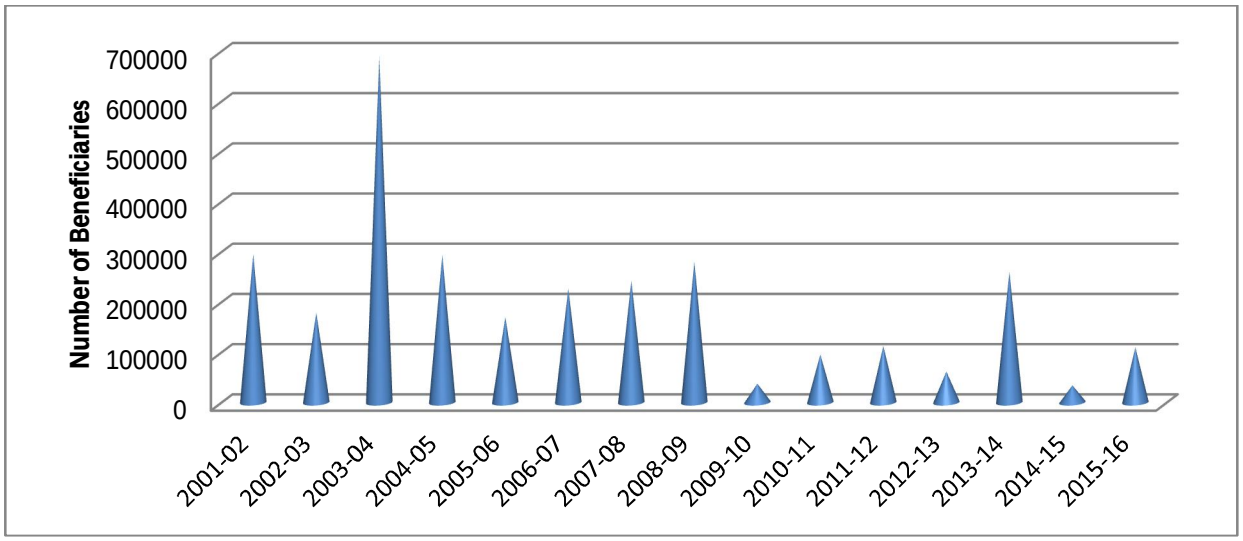

Table-2 and chart-3 reveals that the trends in budget allocation and number of beneficiaries under NSFTDC in India during the period 2001-02 to 2015-16. The budget allocation has shown an upward swing in both income generating activities and market support assistance. The number of beneficiaries' column shows that during the period from 2001 to 2015, both increasing and decreasing trend. Thereafter, number of beneficiaries increasing position has a steady period. The compound annual growth rate for budget allocation about 10.02 and -11.07 in the number of beneficiaries.

IV. CONCLUSION

It may be concluded that from the above discussion that the NSFTDC has taken various important programmes in order to increase the impact performance of the tribal community. It is provides financial helps to tribal community development in India. It is focuses also other areas like Traditional Forest Dwellers have been given the right to hold the forest land for habitation and for self-cultivation or for any other traditional activity for generating livelihood. The objective of the Tribal Forest Dwellers Empowerment Scheme is to generate awareness, provide training to beneficiaries, give NSTFDC's concessional financial assistance, assists in market linkage, awareness of business, helps to agriculture and allied activities etc., to the Scheduled Tribes Forest Dwellers for facilitating productive utilization of land and loan.

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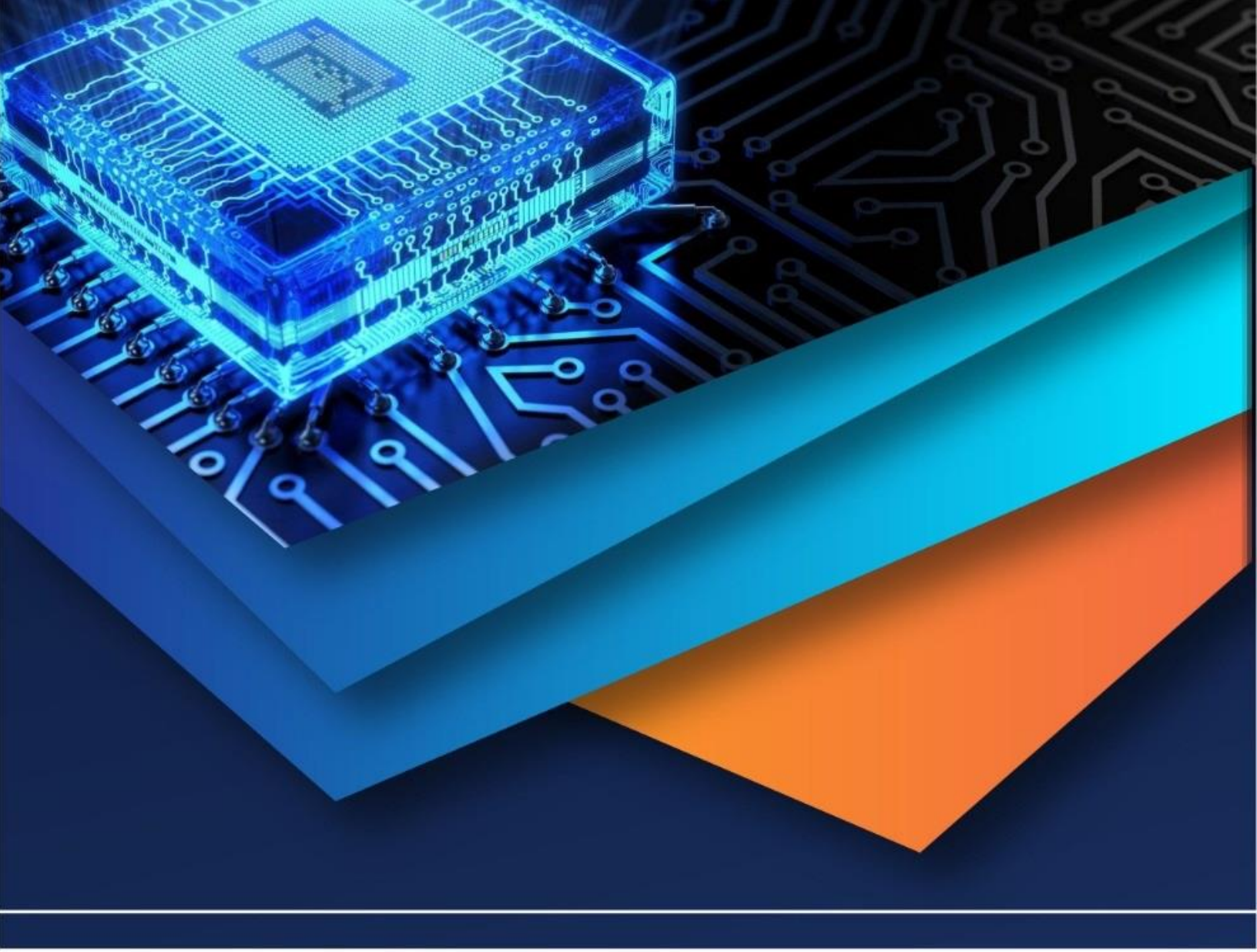

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