

**Scheme rules for**  
**Financial support for formation and strengthening of RPS/SHG/Rubber**  
**Tappers Bank& Support for Input distribution/Collection centre**

**I. Title**

These rules may be called the Rubber Board rules for 'Formation and strengthening of RPS/SHG/Rubber Tappers Bank & Support for input distribution/Collection centre' under the subcomponent 'Cluster development & capacitating market linkage through RPS/SHG' and component 'Rubber Plantation Development & Extension in Traditional and Non Traditional area other than North East'

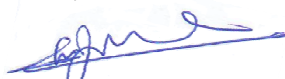
**II. Objectives**

To promote cluster formation and group activity for empowering small rubber growers for better management of plantations, better market linkage in obtaining a relatively high farm gate price for their produce.

**III. Definition**

In these rules unless the context otherwise means.

- (a) 'Board' means the Rubber Board constituted under the Rubber Act 1947.
- (b) 'Executive Director' means the Executive Director of the Rubber Board
- (c) 'Rubber Producers' Society" (referred to as "RPS" in these rules) means the Rubber Producers' Society registered under the Travancore Cochin literary scientific and charitable Societies Registration Act 22 of 1955 for Travancore region and societies Registration Act, 1860 for Malabar region or other relevant Act of the State and approved by the Board .
- (d) 'Executive Committee' means the executive committee of the Rubber Producers Society duly elected as per the bye-law of the Society.
- (e) 'President' means the President of Rubber Producers' Society elected as per the bye-laws of the Society.
- (f) 'SHG' means 'Self Help Group' affiliated to RPS approved by the Rubber Board
- (g) 'Company' means processing or trading Company jointly promoted by the Rubber Board and Rubber Producers Societies.



- (h) 'Director Board' means the Board of Directors of the RPS
- (i) 'Executive Committee of RTB/WRTB' means the executive committee of the RTB/WRTB duly elected under the byelaw
- (j) 'RTB/WRTB President' means the president of the RTB/WRTB elected /nominated as per the byelaw
- (k) 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the RTB/WRTB elected /nominated as per the byelaw
- (l) 'Monitoring Committee' means the Committee formed at RPS for monitoring the activities of RTB/WRTB
- (m) 'Farmer Producer Organization' is one type of PO where the members are rubber growers.
- (n) The other words and expression in the Scheme shall bear the same meaning in the Rubber Act, 1947 and the Rubber Rules, 1955.

#### **IV. Eligibility conditions and Rate of Assistance**

The eligibility and rate of assistance for various activities will be as follows. Assistance is prioritised for new RPS/SHG in NT regions and strengthening existing RPS in traditional regions

##### **A) Formation of New RPS/SHG/ Rubber Tappers Bank**

##### **1) Rubber Producers Society**


Formation of new RPS/SHG and vitalization of activities of the existing ones are essential for empowerment of resource poor marginal farmers. Hence efforts have to be continued to form more RPSs/SHGs offering need-based support from Rubber Board, to maximize the cluster based activities under each RPS and to further strengthen the linkage between RPS and RPS sector Companies.

Rubber Producers Society:-

- a) Must be a Society registered under the relevant Act pertaining to the State concerned and have obtained approval of the Board.
- b) Have minimum 50 small rubber growers as its members.
- c) Shall be a Society actively functioning for the welfare of rubber growers in its operational area.

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- d) Shall agree to operate in accordance with bye-law and the rules approved by the Board for the purpose of implementation of the Scheme.

2) Self Help Group

Self Help Group shall be a group of small rubber growers or their close relatives having 15-20 members formed for specific activity and affiliated to Rubber Producers Society approved by the Rubber Board.

3) Rubber Tappers Bank

Rubber tappers play a crucial role in the healthy sustenance of rubber plantation industry. Production and productivity of a Plantation is directly related to the skill and involvement of the tapper. Percentage of trained tappers remaining in the job is coming down steadily and significantly. Lack of recognition, attractive remuneration, job security and insufficient number of working days per year are the major reasons.

To make the tapping job attractive, formation of Rubber Tappers' Bank under the auspices of Rubber Producers Societies is a practical way out. Promoting organization of tappers/ Kudumbashree members willing to undertake tapping as livelihood and nominated by Community Development Society (CDS) as Self Help Groups (SHGs) and impart technical training in tapping, aimed at providing sufficient skilled tappers for ensuring the envisaged production, productivity and prolonged economic life span of plantation. The following are the main objectives of RTBs

- Service providing through cluster development
- Production and Productivity enhancement
- Bringing untapped area under tapping
- Addressing skilled labour shortage problems in Rubber sector
- Quality up gradation in Tapping and processing
- Popularization of Low Frequency Tapping especially S2D7 for cost reduction and prolongation of economic life span of the plantation
- Enrich rural labour market
- Participatory approach for local economic development
- Promoting ancillary income generation activities.

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## 1. Eligibility

- i. Tappers/Kudumbashree members should be within the age group of 18-59 years at the time of enrolment.
- ii. They should have acquired skill in tapping & processing as evidenced by a certificate issued by the Rubber Board (course certificate of TSS/TISP/NSDC) or ready to acquire immediately after the formation of RTB/WRTB. Until getting enrolled as 'member', the tapper will remain in the status as a 'probationer',
- iii. Members of RTB/WRTB should be willing to tap 300-500 trees per day and the post-harvest processing as per the guidelines of the Rubber Board, in the units allotted by the RPS.
- iv. RTB/WRTB members will be subjected to technical evaluation at 3- 6 months intervals by Rubber Board's technical officials.
- v. Members should maintain discipline in both grower-tapper relationship and adherence to the job parameters.

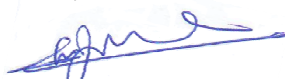
## 2. Other conditions

- i. Membership shall be 15
- ii. Affiliation of RTB/WRTB with RPS as per the stipulated guidelines for SHG.
- iii. Participation in skill development programmes.
- iv. Undertake the activities in the rubber plantations of RPS member growers as per the MoU between RPS and SHG/RTB

## 3. Rate of financial assistance for formation of RPS/SHG/RTB

Formation of RPS/SHG/RTB require strenuous efforts at the field level with conducting meetings, canvassing growers/members, printing of notices, application forms, registers, voucher/ receipt books, letter head, photographs for documentation purpose, photocopy charge, light refreshment etc.

- 1) Assistance for formation of RPS/SHG will be limited to **50%** of the total expenditure or **Rs.3000/-** whichever is less.
- 2) Assistance for formation of RTB will be limited to **50%** of the total expenditure or **Rs.5000/-** whichever is less.



- 1) RPS/SHG has to submit an application in the letter head with relevant bills/vouchers, to the Regional Office. Concerned Officer in charge should verify the details with the RPS/SHG records and submit inspection report with proper recommendation and bank details for DBT. Financial assistance will be paid only after the approval of the RPS by Rubber Board and its inauguration.
- 2) In the case of RTB assistance will be paid only at the performing stage of the RTB/WRTB, after evaluating the performance of the RTB/WRTB for a period of at least three months.
- 3) The application for financial assistance in the prescribed form along with RPS Director Board resolution and Details of RTB/WRTB Membership should be submitted by the RPS to the controlling Officer of the concerned Regional Office of the Board.
- 4) On receipt of inspection report and after evaluating performance of the RTB/WRTB, Board will grant eligible financial assistance /RTB/WRTB to the concerned RPS.

**B) Support for Input Distribution Centre/ Collection centres, office.**

For encouraging and supporting RPSs to set up plantation input distribution centres/collection centres in remote villages where small rubber growers are concentrated. Availability of materials required in rubber plantations at the doorsteps will facilitate better adoption of agro technologies by small growers. Many RPSs are prepared to start input distribution centres/ collection centres if the Board gives them some financial support. Rent of building/room taken by the RPS for this purpose is a recurring expenditure to be borne by them. So it has been decided to subsidise the rent of the building taken by the RPS for storing and distribution of plantation inputs.

**1. Eligibility:**

- i. The minimum plinth area of the rented room should be 150 sq.ft.
- ii. RPSs should submit claims in prescribed form for reimbursement of rent on half yearly basis in October & April itself along with the rent receipts with the signature, name & address of the owner of the building, copy of latest rent agreement executed between

building owner and the RPS. Late applications will not be entertained.

iii. Officer of the Board nominated to the respective RPS should certify that the building / room was used by the RPS as its Input Distribution Centre/ collection centre during the period and recommend the eligible amount for reimbursement.

iv. RPSs should be current in auditing of accounts and renewal of registration.

v. RPSs having input distribution centre/ collection centre in rented building are only eligible for assistance.

## 2. Financial assistance

Reimbursement of rent will be @ 50% of the actual rent paid subject to a maximum of Rs.600/- per month. RPS has to submit an application in the prescribed format with relevant bills/vouchers, to the Regional Office. Concerned Officer in charge should verify the details with the RPS records and submit inspection report with proper recommendation and bank details for DBT. Dy.RPC/DO in charge of Regional Office will sanction the eligible amount of assistance.

### C) Incentive for Farmer consortium under NABARD scheme.

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) are farmer's consortium promoting and strengthening member-based institutions of farmers. FPO's are registered as legal entities of a minimum of 50 primary producers, dealing with business for profit sharing amongst the producers. NABARD is providing financial and/or technical support to the Producer Organisation Promoting Institution (POPI) for promotion and hand-holding of the Producer Organisations.

As per the concept, farmers, who are the producers of agricultural products, can form groups and register themselves under the Indian Companies Act. It is aimed at engaging the farmer companies to procure agricultural products and sell them. Supply of inputs such as seed, fertilizer and machinery, market linkages, training & networking and financial and technical advice are also among the major activities of FPO.



The main purpose of Producer Organization is to ensure better income for the producers through an organization of their own. Small producers do not have the volume individually (both inputs and produce) to get the benefit of economies of scale. Besides, in agricultural marketing, there is a long chain of intermediaries who very often work non-transparently leading to the situation where the producer receives only a small part of the value that the ultimate consumer pays. Through aggregation, the primary producers can avail the benefit of economies of scale. They will also have better bargaining power vis-à-vis the bulk buyers of produce and bulk suppliers of inputs.

### 1. Eligibility

- i. FPOs are to be formed as per approved rules and guidelines of NABARD
- ii. Members of the FPO should be rubber growers.
- iii. POPI should be Rubber Producers Societies or Rubber Board promoted Companies.
- iv. Financial incentive is provided for 5 FPOs at the rate of Rs.20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) to each during the plan period.
- v. Rubber Board will invite application in the prescribed format for providing incentive.
- vi. After evaluating the performance of individual FPO for a period of one year on the basis of criteria fixed by the Rubber Board incentive will be given.

In case of any dispute, the decision of Executive Director, Rubber Board will be final and binding on the applicants and Rubber Board reserves the right to alter or withdraw any of the rules and add new rules during the implementation of the scheme.

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## Annexure-1

### Claim form for reimbursement of rent for setting up of Input Distribution

#### Centre/Collection centre during (April- September) (October - March)

- 1) Name of Regional Office :
- 2) Name of Field Station :
- 3) Name & address of the RPS:
- 4) Phone No. of the President/RPS:
- 5) Bank Details
  - a) Name of the bank & branch:
  - b) Account No. :
  - c) IFS Code :
- 6) Details of the building
  - a) Name & address of the building owner:
  - b) Plinth area of the input distribution centre/Collection centre:
  - c) Period of Rent agreement:  
(Copy of the rent agreement has to be submitted)
  - d) Particulars of rent receipt:

Sl.No	Bill No. & date of receipt	Amount
	Total	

- e) Rent amount paid:
- f) Amount claimed:
- g) Turn Over of inputs of the claim period:

Certified that the RPS has procured and distributed inputs for an amount of Rs..... to .....No. of member growers during the period from .....to ..... and an amount of ..... has been paid as rent for input centre/ Collection centre. An amount of Rs..... @ Rs.600/ per month may be sanctioned and credited in our bank account.

**Name and signature of President**

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Executive Committee members

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(Office Seal)

Place:

Date:

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**Inspection Report**

- 1) Name of the Field Station:
- 2) Name of the Field Officer :
- 3) Date of Inspection:

This is to certify that the details furnished above by.....RPS is verified with their book of accounts and found that the RPS has utilized the rented room for input distribution/collection centre for latex/scrap for an amount of Rs..... to .....No. of member growers during the period from ..... to ..... and an amount of ..... has been paid as rent.

Recommended for payment of Rs.....being the rent subsidy for the input distribution centre/ collection centre for the above period@ Rs. 600/ per month in the bank account.

Signature:

Name &Designation of Inspecting Officer:

Place:

Date:

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**Copy of the Resolution to be passed by Executive Committee of the RPS for  
availing of rent subsidy from Rubber Board**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the .....Rubber  
Producers Society held at..... (time) on .....  
(date).....

(Place) has resolved:

- (1) To apply to the Rubber Board for rent Subsidy of the input distribution  
Centre/ collection centre.
- (2) To abide by the terms and conditions specified by the Rubber Board for  
Implementation of the scheme.
- (3) To authorize President Sri.....and  
Executive Committee members Sri.....and  
Sri..... to submit the application to the Rubber Board  
for rent Subsidy.
- (4) To follow the instructions given by the Rubber Board from time to  
time.

Name and Signature of President:

Committee Members:

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**COPY OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED BY THE DIRECTOR  
BOARD OF THE RPS FOR FORMATION OF RUBBER TAPPERS  
BANK/WOMEN RUBBER TAPPERS BANK (KUDUMBASHREE)**

The meeting of the Director Board of the.....Rubber Producers' Society held at.....(time) on.....(date)at.....(place) has resolved.

- (1) To form Rubber Tappers Bank (RTB)/WRTB (Kudumbashree) as envisaged in the Rubber Board's scheme.
- (2) To apply to the Rubber Board for financial assistance for the proposed RTB/WRTB
- (3) To abide by the terms and conditions specified by the Rubber Board for implementation of the scheme.
- (4) To authorize the president Shri.....and executive committee/committee members
  - (a) Shri.....and
  - (b) Shri.....to submit the Application to the Rubber Board in the prescribed form, on behalf of the RPS for the financial assistance under the scheme
- (5) To follow the instructions given by the Rubber Board from time to time.

Name & Signature

1. President
2. Committee member
3. Committee member

(Seal)

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**Application for financial assistance for formation of Rubber Tappers Bank  
(RTB)/ Women Rubber Tappers Bank (WRTB-Kudumbashree)**

1. Name of RPS :
2. Registration Number :
3. Rubber Board's approval number :
4. Full address of the RPS with telephone number :
5. Name & Phone no. of RPS President :
6. The names and phone no. of office bearers : 1.  
Authorized to sign the documents to be executed:  
On behalf of the RPS/Society 2.
7. Total number of member rubber growers :
8. Total tappable area owned by the members :
9. Name of RTB/WRTB and affiliation No.
10. Total Membership of RTB/WRTB :  
(Details attached as annexure)

**Declaration**

We hereby undertake that we will monitor the activities of RTB/WRTB as envisaged in the scheme and therefore request to permit the society to form a Rubber Tappers Bank with the assistance of Rubber Board as per the scheme.

President of the RPS

Authorized Executive Committee Members/Committee members of  
the RPS

- 1.
- 2.

Witnesses

- 1.
- 2.

(Seal)

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## Annexure- 6

### MEMBERSHIP DETAILS OF RUBBER TAPPERS BANK (RTB)/WOMEN RUBBER TAPPERS BANK (WRTB)

Sl No	Name , address and phone number	Membership number
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Place

Signature of the RPS President

Date

(Seal)

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SCHEME FOR PROMOTING FORMATION OF RUBBER TAPPERS BANK  
(RTB)/WOMEN RUBBER TAPPERS BANK (WRTB-  
KUDUMBASHREE) UNDER RUBBER PRODUCERS SOCIETIES

Evaluation report for considering financial assistance

1. Name, Reg. No. & approval no. of the RPS :
2. Address & Phone No. :
3. Name ,address & Phone no. of President :
4. Name & address of the proposed :  
RTB/WRTB:
5. No. of members in the RTB/WRTB :
6. Name, address and contact number of  
The RTB/WRTB President :
7. Name, address and contact number of : 1  
Secretary and Executive committee members  
of the RTB/WRTB 2.  
(Please specify the official capacity of the  
Committee member also)  
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8. Name, address and contact number of the : 1.  
Committee formed for monitoring the  
Activities of RTB/WRTB : 2.

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9. Day fixed for monthly meeting of the :  
RTB/WRTB:

10. Day fixed for the monthly meeting of the  
Monitoring committee

11. Bank account details of RTB/WRTB :  
Account No., Name of Bank, Branch,  
IFSC No. etc

10. Remarks and recommendations for financial assistance

Place:

Date:

Signature

Name & Designation of the Reporting Officer

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