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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

An introduction

Directorate of Industries was set up in the year 1977 with the main focus of promoting and developing industries in the state of Sikkim. The Directorate helped in establishing industries and accomplished many goals after its inception like imparting training to the local youth in various handloom and handicrafts techniques and setting up training centers at various places of the state so that the artisans of the age old methods of making ethnic products like thanka paintings, wood carving, etc. could be self sufficient and self reliant. The Directorate also provided financial assistance to the budding entrepreneurs of the state with a view of creating greater job opportunities to the local youth who had been solely dependent on government sector and agriculture for employment till then.

In the year 2003, this Directorate was converted and renamed Department of Commerce & Industries vide Notification No. 53/home/2003 dated 13.08.2003.

The basic objective of converting the Directorate to Department of Commerce & Industries was to bring about rapid industrialization in the state so as lure national and international corporations to the small state of Sikkim by way of providing various incentives and subsidies so that they could invest and play an active role in the economic development of the state. This would in turn help to overcome the growing problem of unemployment and also to compete with the other states of the Indian Union towards economic prosperity. All types of industrial activities come under its preview.

The Department is headed by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, who is assisted by officers and staff belonging to Sikkim State Civil Service, Ministerial and Executive Service, Directorate & Miscellaneous Service and Sikkim Finance & Accounts Service. The Department has its Head Office at Gangtok(East Sikkim) with two District Industries Centers, one in Gangtok itself covering the north and the east districts and one at Jorethang (South District) covering the entire south and the west districts.

The present strength of the Officers and staff during the financial year 2009-10 is as follows:-

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| 1. Commissioner-cum-Secretary | : 01 (one) |
| 2. Director | : 02 (two) |
| 3. Additional Secretary | : 01 (one) |

4. Joint Secretary/ General Manager	: 03 (three)
5. Deputy Secretary	: 04 (four)
6. Deputy Director	: 08 (eight)
7. Sr. Accounts Officer	: 01 (one)
8. Sr. Functional Manager	: 02 (two)
9. Sr. Private Secretary	: 01 (one)
10. Manager	: 01 (one)
11. Under Secretary	: 01 (one)
12. Accounts Officer	: 02 (two)
13. Assistant Director	: 21 (twenty-one)
14. Officer Superintendent	: 02 (two)
15. Inspector	: 12 (twelve)
16. Senior Accountant	: 03 (three)
17. Stenographers Grade-I	: 03 (three)
18. Accountant	: 04 (four)
19. Jr. Accountant	: 02 (two)
20. Upper Division Clerk	: 04 (four)
21. Lower Division Clerk	: 17 (seventeen)
22. Driver	: 09 (nine) - regular
	: 04 (four) - Muster Roll
23. Peon	: 14 (fourteen)
TOTAL	91 (ninety one)

New Policy Initiatives

Prior to the Government of India enacting the “Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Act”, the focus of the Department was mostly to help the local entrepreneurs establish their own enterprise. In the above mention Act, the Government of India, defined the word ‘Enterprise’ instead of the word ‘Industry’ so as to incorporate the service sector as well in its preview and to give due recognition.

Enterprises were categorized according to the investment made in plant and machinery for manufacturing enterprises and in case or service enterprises, investment made in

equipment. But this categorization was applicable to only those enterprises which started its operation since the 2nd day of October, 2006.

The investment limit in Plant and Machinery for Manufacturing Enterprise is,

Micro	Rs. 0.25 crores
Small	Rs. 5.00 crores
Medium	Rs. 10.00 crores

The investment limit in Equipment for Service Enterprise is,

Micro	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
Small	Rs. 2.00 lakhs
Medium	Rs. 5.00 lakhs

North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIP), 2007.

The Government of India approved a package of fiscal incentives and other concessions for the North- Eastern region including Sikkim namely, ‘ The North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIP), 2007’, effective from 1st April, 2007, which envisages large number of incentives/ subsidies viz., Excise Duty exemption, Income Tax exemption, Capital Investment Subsidy, Interest Subsidy, etc.

Growth Centre

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India approved the establishment of Growth Centre at Samlik- Marchak and Namli in East Sikkim with both the State and the Central Government contributing towards the development of it. The basic infrastructural facilities are being developed by the various Departments of the State Government like the Energy and Power Department, Roads and Bridges Department and the Water Supply & Public Health Engineering Department for works such as construction of boundary pillars and road, electrification and supply of drinking water under the supervision of the Department of Commerce & Industries. The basic need for establishment of such Growth Centre is to lure investors to invest and develop Sikkim into an investors’ friendly state which would eventually lead to economic development and prosperity.

The growth centre area has been divided into plots and has been allotted to various agencies for establishment of industrial units through a lease deed drawn between the

Department and the agencies. These agencies pay lease rent annually at a fixed rate of Rs. 1.40 per square feet. The list of agencies and area allotted to them are as under are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of Lessee	Growth Centre	Area of land Allotted (in sq. ft.)
1	M/s Kamakhya Enterprises	Samlik- Marchak	14,400
2	M/s Suraj & Company Pvt. Ltd.	Samlik- Marchak	10,000
3	M/s Greenways Pvt. Ltd.	Samlik- Marchak	39,120
4.	M/s Breakthrough Pvt. Ltd./ M/s Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.	Samlik- Marchak	3,95,089 2,70,507
5	M/s Amber Enterprises Fabrication Unit	Samlik- Marchak	43,560
6	M/s G.R. Polyfilm Pvt. Ltd.	Samlik- Marchak	40,745
7	M/s Explore Sikkim Pvt. Ltd.	Samlik- Marchak	26,850
8	M/s Lipika Enterprises	Samlik- Marchak	33,248
9	M/s Sanjeevani Services Pvt. Ltd.	Namli	49,230

Border Trade at Nathula.

The border trade via the Old Silk Route at Nathula reopened on the 6th of July, 2006 amidst huge expectations of improving the relation between the two upcoming superpowers of the world, India and China. It was also expected to help in achieving economic prosperity in the areas surrounding the Nathula Pass in both the countries. The Border Trade remains officially open for about six months every year. For the year 2009-10, the trade period resumed from the 1st of May, 2009 and closed on the 20th of November, 2009. The volume of trade almost doubled in comparison to the previous year 2008-09 which had recorded export to the tune of Rs. 58.00 lakhs and imports to the tune of Rs. 1.35 lakhs.

During the year 2009-10, export from India to T.A.R. was recorded at Rs. 135.00 lakhs whereas import from T.A.R. to India was recorded at Rs. 2.96 lakhs.

The State Government also requested for change/ revision in the list of export/ import items for Nathula Border Trade as most of the items in the list are not tradable. But no changes were made during the year. This is one of the reasons for the Nathula Border Trade not doing well as expected of it.

However, the construction of Covered Parking Yard, Hotel/Cafeteria and a Trade Mart at Sherethang and an Integrated Check Post/ Consolidated Unit at Nathula has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India and is in the process of being completed. Also the Border Roads Organization and the Department of Roads, Transport and Highways, Government of India, have taken up road widening works for improvement of National Highway 31A from Sevoke to Nathula Border.

Tribal Area Sub Plan and Schedule Caste Sub Plan

The Department of Commerce & Industries was allocated fund to the tune of Rs. 85.00 lakhs and Rs. 40.00 lakhs for undertaking various programmes under the Tribal Area Sub Plan and Schedule Caste Sub Plan respectively for the year 2009-10. These various programmes are being conducted throughout the state after thoroughly identifying the area and the trainees.

The programmes being conducted under the **Tribal Area Sub-Plan** are as follows:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Duration	Implementing Agency
1	Diploma Course in Audio Engineering	4 months	M/s Deorali Varieties, Deorali
2	Professional Certificate Course in Independent Film Making and Production Methodology	4 months	M/s Daedal Pvt. Ltd., Deorali
3	Professional Training in Meat Products, Confectioneries & Bakeries	4 months	Sikkim Food Processing Industries, Deorali
4	Professional Certificate Course in Graphics and Animation	4 months	M/s Deorali Varieties, Deorali
5	Training on Food Science & Technology	4 months	Vision Sikkim Industries Pvt. Ltd., Gangtok.

6	Training on Fiber Products & earthen Pots	4 months	Sikkim Motor Training & Engineering Institute, Gangtok
7	Training on Commercial Art and Banner Making	3 months	Prayas marketing and Service Co-operative Society Ltd., Gangtok
8	Beautician Training	3 months	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
9	Training on Metal Fabrication and Grill	3 months	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
10	Training on Iron Furniture and Fabrication	3 months	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
11	Wireman Training	1 month	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
12	Training on Banner Writing and Screen Painting	3 months	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
13	Beautician Training	3 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.
14	Training on Computer Application & Window Programming	6 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.
15	Training on Photo Framing and Designing	2 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.
16	Training on Computer Hardware & Networking Technology	6 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.

The programmes being conducted under the **Schedule Caste Sub-Plan** are as follows:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Duration	Implementing Agency
1	Professional Certificate Course in Independent Film Making and Production Methodology	4 months	M/s Daedal Pvt. Ltd., Deorali
2	Professional Training in Meat Products, Confectioneries & Bakeries	4 months	Sikkim Food Processing Industries, Deorali

3	Training on Food Science & Technology	4 months	Vision Sikkim Industries Pvt. Ltd., Gangtok.
4	Training on Tally Accountancy & Software	4 months	Scheduled Caste enterprise Co-operative Society Ltd., Tadong.
5	Training on Tailoring	3 months	Sikkim Damai Samaj.
6	Training on Electrical Wiring	2 months	District Industries Centre (S/W), Jorethang.
7	Training on Welding	3 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.
8	Beautician Training	3 months	District Industries Centre (E/N), Gangtok.

Subsidies/ Incentives

During the year 2009-10, the Department of Commerce & Industries released approximately Rs. 7.00 lakhs as subsidies and incentives to various industrial and service enterprises under the State Incentive Scheme. Approximately, Rs. 5.50 lakhs was disbursed by the Head Office in Gangtok and Rs. 1.50 lakhs was disbursed by the District Industries Centre (S/W) in Jorethang. The Department through the State Level Committee recommended for Central Investment Subsidy to 55 hotel units to the tune of Rs. 400.00 lakhs approximately.

District Industries Centers

The District Industries Centre was set up with an aim of effective promotion and development of small village and cottage industries in all the four districts of the State. The Centre is a wing of the Department of Commerce & Industries and its single roof all around support and services are rendered for rural transformation and generation of industrial growth and self-employment ventures. The District Industries Centers alongwith KVIC and KVIB have also implemented the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the State to generate sustainable employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in urban as well as rural areas. The centre also organizes and conducts Entrepreneurship Development Programmes or EDPs for grooming new and prospective entrepreneurship to establish small industries to generate employment opportunities.

There are two District Industries Centers to cater to the four districts of the State. They are as under:-

(I) District Industries Centre- East & North

This centre in Gangtok was established in September, 1986 and since then has been rendering services, emphasizing on creation of sustainable employment avenues for people of the east and north districts of the State.

The center conducts training programmes for the rural artisans under the “Training to Rural Artisans Scheme” with the objective of providing training to village artisans’ various trades and giving opportunities to the rural artisans to improve their economic status by setting up small enterprises and use of improved tools. The center also provides financial and marketing assistance through banks and various other agencies as a follow up measure of the scheme. But due to lack of funds, the centre could not conduct this training programme during the year 2009-10.

During the financial year 2009-10, the Centre conducted four meetings where thirty cases were recommended by the DLTFCC and their cases were forwarded to various banks and financial institutions for providing financial assistance for setting up of their respective units. Out of the total number of cases recommended, thirteen cases were approved and sanctioned.

The Centre also sent three inspectors of the office to NISBUD, Noida, Delhi to attend six days long Planning & Organizing of Entrepreneurship Development Programme which commenced from 22/02/2010 and ended on 27/02/2010. The programme was successfully completed by all.

(II) District Industries Centre- South & West

The District Industries Centre- South & West is another wing of the Commerce & Industries Department, established in September, 1978. It provides all around support services for industrial growth and self employment ventures to the south and west districts of the State under a single roof.

During the year 2009-10, the Centre granted E.M. Part I registration to 76 units and E.M. Part II registration to 4 units.

The Centre organized two Task Force Committee Meetings, one in the Chamber of the District Collector (South) and another at the Chamber of the District Collector (West) under the newly launched credit linked subsidy scheme called the Prime Minister’s

Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), for vetting and screening of loan proposals for further sponsoring of loan cases to different banks and financial institutions for sanction and disbursement. Out of the total sixteen cases recommended only nine were sanctioned by the bank.

During the year 2009-10, a total of twelve Entrepreneurship Development Programmes were conducted (six in each south and west districts). The basic objective of the programme was to guide the educated unemployed youth to take up self employment ventures through sustainable enterprise or presenting career option choice by instilling a sense of confidence through entrepreneurship education. The programme was for duration of ten days which included theory lecture classes with exposure study and field trips to various industrial enterprises. Faculties were drawn from Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations with a view of dissemination of useful information to all in every field. The EDP has always been a good platform for gaining firsthand information to educated unemployed youth. The programme was conducted at various places of South and West Sikkim with an average of 33 candidates per training.

The Centre also participated in the Maghey Sankranti cum Traditional, Cultural and Tourism Festival held at Jorethang, South Sikkim, every year. The basic objective for participation is to encourage Rural Artisans for promotion and marketing of their products. Furthermore, a gross amount of Rs. 4.80 lacs worth of rural artisans products were sold during the event and fifteen of the participating artisans were given cash award as well.

During the year, 2009-10, the Head Office had allocated Rs. 1,50,000/- as Subsidy fund which was granted to the following units as per the entitled claim.

1. M/s Iron Angle Corner, Jorethang, South Sikkim
2. M/s Jaydayal Hardware & Engineering Works, Namchi, South Sikkim.
3. M/s Lungta Stone Crushing Unit, Piplay-Baiguney, West Sikkim.

The Centre also realized revenue receipt in the form of shed rent from twelve industrial sheds located at Mini Industrial Estate during the year 2009-10. The total amount of revenue realized was Rs. 1,40,610/-.

Directorate of Handloom & Handicrafts (D.H.H.)

The then Cottage Industries, now Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, which was established in 1957 with 58 trainees has now expanded to 742 trainees with 29 branch centers including Headquarters at Gangtok. The Directorate is taking tremendous effort in

providing training to local youth so as to make them self reliant and in the process generating employment opportunities. Training in different crafts as indicated below is imparted by expert technical Instructors:-

1. Carpet weaving
2. Blanket Weaving
3. Thanka Painting
4. Handloom
5. Mask Making
6. Wood Carving
7. Cane & Bamboo
8. Multicrafts
9. Angora Shawl Weaving
10. Soft Toys Making

The trainees are paid a stipend @ Rs. 700/- per month for the first year and @ Rs. 900 per month from the second year onwards. A total of 293 trainees were declared passed out. There are 742 total trainees at present.

During the year 2009-10, the revenue generated was Rs. 8 lacs.

Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (S.H.H.D.C.)

With the setting up of S.H.H.D.C. in the year 2003, the production and marketing units of the D.H.H. were transferred to the Corporation as a result of which production units were opened at Mangan, Melli, Dentam, Lingdong, Soreng, Kewzing, Namchi and Chakung. The Corporation also markets products of NGOs, Self Help Groups, Entrepreneurs, etc. by way of participation in exhibitions and fairs within the country and outside. It also gives the artisans a platform to interact and share knowledge with different craftsmen while selling their products.

Outlets for selling the products have been opened at Gangtok, Rangpo, Soreng, Bagdogra Airport, Shilpgram Guwahati and New Sikkim House in New Delhi. Another outlet at Baba Kharag Singh Marg in New Delhi has also been allotted to the corporation.

The total production of the corporation for the year 2009-10 is as follows:-

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| 1. Carpets | : | 652 nos. |
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2. Wood Carving : 570 nos.
3. Handloom : 512 nos. (than)
4. Multicrafts : 12798 nos.
5. Soft Toys : 4238 nos.

The Corporation also conducted various training programmes like sixty days training on handloom weaving under group approach of Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) at Hee-Gyathang, Lingthem, Rhenock, Parakha, Sahku, Mamjey, Ranka, Kewzing, Temi-Tarku, Dodak, Chakung and Okharay, fifteen days training programme on Dyeing Section at Namchi and Gangtok that was completed in the month of December, 2009 and was sponsored by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. A three days programme on managerial training was completed at Sakhu, Mamjey and Ralong which was attended by fifty trainees. Under the Border Area Development Project, twenty beneficiaries attended a six month long training on Angora Shawl Weaving. Trainings were also conducted on Computer Aided Design which was sponsored by C-DAC Pune Design and developed by C-DAC, Kolkata under MCIT, Government of India along with training on Apparel Training and Design which was sponsored by Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

The list of fairs and exhibitions attended by the corporation during the year 2009-10 are as follows:-

1. North East Trade Expo, Hyderabad.
2. North East Trade Expo, Okhla, New Delhi.
3. Tendong Lho Rum Faat, Tadong, Gangtok.
4. Namsoong Festival, Namprihdang, Dzongu.
5. Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, Gangtok.
6. International Buddhist Conclave, Nalanda, Bihar.
7. Namchi Mahotsav, Namchi, South Sikkim.
8. Tourist Festival, Hilley, West Sikkim.

The Corporation was given additional share capital of Rs. 10.00 lakhs and generated revenue of Rs. 1,10,42,231/- during the year 2009-10.

Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (S.I.D.I.C.O.)

S.I.D.I.C.O. was established on 13th March, 1977 with the main objective to provide long term loans for setting up tiny, small and medium scale industries and for expansion, diversification and modernization, setting up and development of industrial estate and achieving industrial and economic development of the state and participation in share capital of joint sector projects.

The authorized share capital of the company is Rs. 2000 lakhs. The subscribed and paid-up share capital as on 31/03/2010 is Rs. 1714 lakhs with the Government of Sikkim holding 62.85 % and IDBI holding 37.15% of the total paid up share capital.

During the year 2009-10, the Corporation has not drawn refinance loan from SIDBI and has repaid and aggregate amount of Rs. 12.12 lakhs. The Corporation also sanctioned term loans of Rs. 690.60 lakhs to 588 beneficiaries.

SIDICO has also granted loans to students wanting to peruse higher education in technical/ professional/ post graduate courses within and outside India to the tune of Rs. 590 lakhs to 139 students under the **Comprehensive Education Loan**. The loan is interest free during the course period and thereafter charged @ 6 % p.a.

During the year 2009-10, SIDICO provided loans to educated unemployed youth for setting up of self employment ventures through service and business routes. The total amount of loan sanctioned under the **Chief Minister's Self Employment Scheme** was Rs. 18.95 crores to 1263 beneficiaries.

The Corporation has borrowed term loan of Rs. 285.00 crores from consortium of four banks of Infrastructural Development including acquisition of land around the upcoming airport at Pakyong. The State Government has stood as guarantor for the said loan which is used as per the directives of the State

Government for development projects. The State Government would make quarterly payment of Rs. 25.00 crores to SIDICO towards payment to the Banks.

The Corporation is also making effort to recover the loan overdue by regular persuasion and Lok Adalat. The old and sticky loans which are classified as NPA are also being recovered through One Time Settlement by foregoing some interest in order to plough back funds. The overdue loan recovered was Rs. 787.12 lakhs.

Sikkim Time Corporation Limited (S.I.T.C.O.)

Sikkim Time Corporation is a Government of Sikkim undertaking established in the year 1976 for manufacturing and marketing watches and electronic products. The company is one of the few undertakings in Sikkim having a marketing network in many parts of the country. It also has technical collaboration with industrial houses like the H.M.T., B.E.L., and B.P.L. which has help SITCO in assimilating technical competency in the field of horology and electronics.

The authorized share capital of the company is Rs. 2213 lakhs. It received an additional share capital of Rs.110.00 lakhs and the paid up share capital as on 31/03/2010 is Rs. 2212.97 lakhs.

Sikkim Jewels Limited (S.J.L.)

Sikkim Jewels Limited was established in the year 1972 for manufacturing of watch jewels and industrial jewels to cater to the requirement in the Indian market. Presently, the company caters to the requirements of watch jewels in the Swiss market and to Titan Industry, the leading watch manufacturers of India. The company also supplies industrial jewels to most of the leading water and energy meter manufacturers within the country.

The authorized share capital of the company is Rs. 1500 lakhs. During the year 2009-10, the company received an additional share capital of Rs. 80 lakhs thereby raising its paid up share capital to Rs. 1355.80 lakhs.

State Trading Corporation of Sikkim. (S.T.C.S.)

S.T.C.S. was established on the 30th of March, 1972 under a proclamation of procuring trading goods on behalf of the various departments of the Government of Sikkim. From 1975, it has been acting as an agent for the Indian Oil Corporation of India for distribution of L.P.G. cylinders in Sikkim. The Corporation has its head office in Gangtok and branch offices in Jorethang, Siliguri and Kolkata.

The authorized share capital of the Corporation is Rs. 400 lakhs and the paid up share capital as on 31/03/2010 is Rs. 161.38 lakhs. The Corporation did not receive additional share capital from the Government during the year 2009-10.

Sikkim Precision Industries Limited (S.P.I.L.)

Sikkim Precision Industries Limited was established in collaboration with Bharat Electronics Limited, a Government of India undertaking at Namchi, South Sikkim for manufacturing of power transistors and small signal transistors. Due to recession that affected the entire global economy, the unit incurred loss to the tune of Rs. 56.68 lakhs.

The authorized share capital of the company is Rs. 100 lakhs. The company received additional share capital of Rs. 45.00 lakhs from the Government of Sikkim and the paid up share capital of the company as on 31/03/2010 is Rs. 40.90 lakhs.

Government Fruit Preservation Factory (G.F.P.F.)

G.F.P.F. is a Departmental unit set up for manufacturing fruit juices, jams, pickles, etc. and markets its products within the State of Sikkim as well as North

Bengal, Bhutan and New Delhi via distributors and retailers. The main objective of the unit is to provide market for the organically produced horticultural produce of Sikkim farmers and help in their economic growth. The products the unit produces are Orange and Passion Fruit Squashes, Jams, Marmalades, Pickles, Tomato sauce, Tomato ketchup, Khanchenberry Juice, Akasey Chilli pickle, Dalle paste, etc.

The unit receives regular grant in aid from the Government of Sikkim and during the year 2009-10, it received Rs. 56 lacs. The net loss of the company recorded as on 31/03/2009 was Rs. 94.63 lacs. The turnover for the year 2009-10 was Rs. 162.31 lacs.

The unit has 99 employees (1- M.D., 32- staff and 66- workers) and has salary and wage liability of Rs. 69.20 lacs per annum.

Sikkim Khadi & Village Industries Board (S.K.V.I.B.)

The Sikkim Khadi & Village Industry Board was set up in the year 1978 with the purpose of promoting traditional trade and rural resource potential as an industry and promotion of marginal traditional rural industrial activity in line of industrial development initiatives to become an instrument of economic development in the state.

It is an autonomous agency administered and managed by the Board of Directors through its Chief executive Officers, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are appointed by the State Government with its headquarter at 31A National Highway, Deorali, Gangtok.

Its objective has been to enlarge the items of its activities, increase the number of artisans, raise the level of technology, improve earnings, adoption of institutional finance, improvement in quality, reduction in cost and above all to provide gainful employment in the rural areas of the state. The board has opened a number of training –cum-production centers in all four districts of Sikkim. The artisans training is organized locally in the production centers where emphasis is laid on hand spun products, as well as utilization of waste products, usage of

improved implements and equipments, establishment of service centers for carding, combing process and finishing.

During the year 2009-10, the Board generated employment opportunity for 21 full time and 06 part time artisans at different production-cum-training centers for cotton and woolen Khadi production. The target achievement was estimated at Rs. 12.00 lacs for cotton and woolen khadi production each but the actual target at the end of 2009-10 was Rs. 3.21 lacs and Rs. 0.28 lacs respectively. The target for sale of cotton and woolen khadi was estimated at Rs. 12.00 lacs but the actual sale was Rs. 5.28 lacs only.

The Board also recommended various proposals to banks and financial institution under the Prime Minister's Employment Guarantee Programme during the year 2009-10 out of which eighteen were accepted and granted financial assistance.

Under Multidisciplinary Training Center the Board also conducted bee keeping training for 200 tribal youth at Daramdin Constituency, West Sikkim. The training was conducted with the direct funding of TRIFED. 25 local unemployed youth at Aho-Yangtam were also given training on Hosiery. This training was conducted with the funding received from Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati.

The Board has 73 regular employees as on 31/03/2010.

Temi Tea Estate

Temi Tea Estate was established in the year 1974 in an estimated area of 437 acres. The garden employs about 400 regular and seasonal workers. The tea produced is exported as well as sold in the local and national markets.

During the harvesting season 2009-10, the garden was severely hit by hailstorm in the months of April and May, 2009 which resulted in 28% shortfall in production compared to the previous year 2008-09. However, inspite of the entire First and Second Flush crop being damaged the estate produced 59,665 kilograms

of saleable tea out of which 37,000 kilograms was sold through Calcutta Auction Centre. The remaining tea was packed for retail sales in the local market.

For the year 2009-10, Temi Tea Estate was allocated Rs. 3.04 crores for operation and maintenance of the garden. Throughout the year, the garden employed 400 muster roll workers and 36 staff members for the cultivation of plantation, manufacturing and administration of the garden.

The sale proceeds of the garden amounted to Rs. 1.80 crores for the year 2009-10 which was credited to the Government Revenue Head.