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### **Homestead round sticks making unit under Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Agarbatti Mission- handing-over of machines to the entrepreneurs**

Tripura had the glory to lead handmade bamboo stick production for Agarbatti sector in the country till 2011 with 70% of the total requirement. Thereafter mechanised round bamboo stick captured the Indian Agarbatti sector mostly coming from the China/ Vietnam. The entire operation of Agarbatti industry has been shifted as mechanised activity wherein Tripura has lost its position gradually.

The State Govt. through Tripura Bamboo Mission has taken initiative to regain the glory of bamboo stick making activity using machines for Agarbatti sector and started with 11 numbers entrepreneurs who were facilitated to get sanction of credit under PM Mudra Yojna (Kishore) and TGB sanctioned credit of Rs. 1.10 Lakhs (90% of the cost of machines). The tailor made single phase homestead round stick making machines supplied by M/s RAADO and Company, Bodhjungle Industrial Estate, Agartala and the supplier made arrangement to provide semi finished raw material (Bamboo Sliver) to these owners of machine with a buy-back arrangement of the production. There would be a net earning of Rs. 20,000/- per month after meeting all operational and financial cost to each individual entrepreneur. The machines have arrived at factory site at Bodhjungle of the said company and training imparted to all 11 entrepreneurs with active support of Cycle Brand Agarbatti, Bangalore.



Today these homesteads round stick manufacturing machines have been handed over ceremonially at 11.30 AM in the factory premises of M/s. Raado & Company, Bodjungnagar Industrial Growth Centre wherein Hon'ble Speaker, Tripura Legislative Assembly Sri Ratan Chakraborty as Chief Guest of this ceremonial distribution of the machines to the entrepreneurs remain present along with Dr. P.K. Goyal, IAS, Secretary (I&C), Sri T.K. Chakma, IAS, Director (I&C) and Sri M.M Goswami, Chairman, TGB.

It is the maiden initiative taken-up in the country regarding usage of single phase homestead round stick machine with these 11 nos. entrepreneurs of Old Agartala RD Block and Agartala Municipal Corporation area. This initiative will add additional 165 MT bamboo round stick production for Agarbatti industries of the country. Similar initiative would be replicated in future throughout the state.