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Co-operative sugar factories have emerged as an important force in the economic life of the rural community and have helped to boost the growth of rural economy. Co-operative sugar factories have been implementing various socio-economic oriented schemes for the stimulating the overall socio-economic development of the sugarcane growers and the region. So co-operative sugar factories considered as growth centres for rural development. Sugar factory contributes in several ways such as

1. It provides modern technology to members.
2. It supplies good quality of sugarcane for better production of quality sugar.
3. It implements development policy for agricultural growth.
4. It also implements socio-economic development schemes for members and workers.

Thus, sugar factory is not only manufacturing and profit seeking industry but also nucleus of all round development of the area of operation through its co-operative organization and to help rural population in all round progress. Almost all co-operative unit managements are engaged in implementing various schemes.

#### 4.1 Socio-economic Development Schemes:-

In this chapter, an attempt has been made to examine various programmers being implemented by Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory. The co-operative sugar factory has been implementing various socio-economic schemes. These schemes are 1) sugarcane

development scheme 2) Labour welfare scheme 3) Education welfare scheme 4) Medical scheme etc. These various programmes undertaken under area development schemes aim to make the living conditions of the farmers better. In addition, schemes are also implemented and targeted to benefit the weaker section of the rural society.

#### 4.1.1) Supply of Pure and Development cane seeds-

The factory gets good quality of sugarcane for crushing from the operational area. For this purpose, sugar factory made their own seed plants, thereby plant seeds are provided to the sugarcane growers. Factory collects pure and development cane from sugarcane research center Padegaon and Vasantadada Sugar Institute, Pune for increasing the sugar production. Factor supplies co-671, co-86032, co-94012, co-740, co-8014 etc. varieties of sugarcane seeds to members in the area.

Table N. 4.1

#### Expenditure on Cane seeds

Year	Expenditure on Cane seeds (Rs. In Lakhs)	Absolute Increase
1993-94	0.14	--
1996-97	3.90	3.76
1999-2000	2.75	-1.15
2002-03	0.10	-2.65
2006-07	1.08	0.98

Source:- Annual Report of Sugar Factory

Above table No. 4.1 show the expenditure on cane seeds and absolute increase in expenditure on Cane seeds. In the case of expenditure on cane seeds, expenditure on cane seeds in the year 1993-94 was 0.14 lakh and it was increased by 3.90 lakh in year 1996-97 and absolute increased was 3.76 lakh in year 1996-97.

Subsequently expenditure has decreased it was just Rs.1.08 lakh in 2006-07.

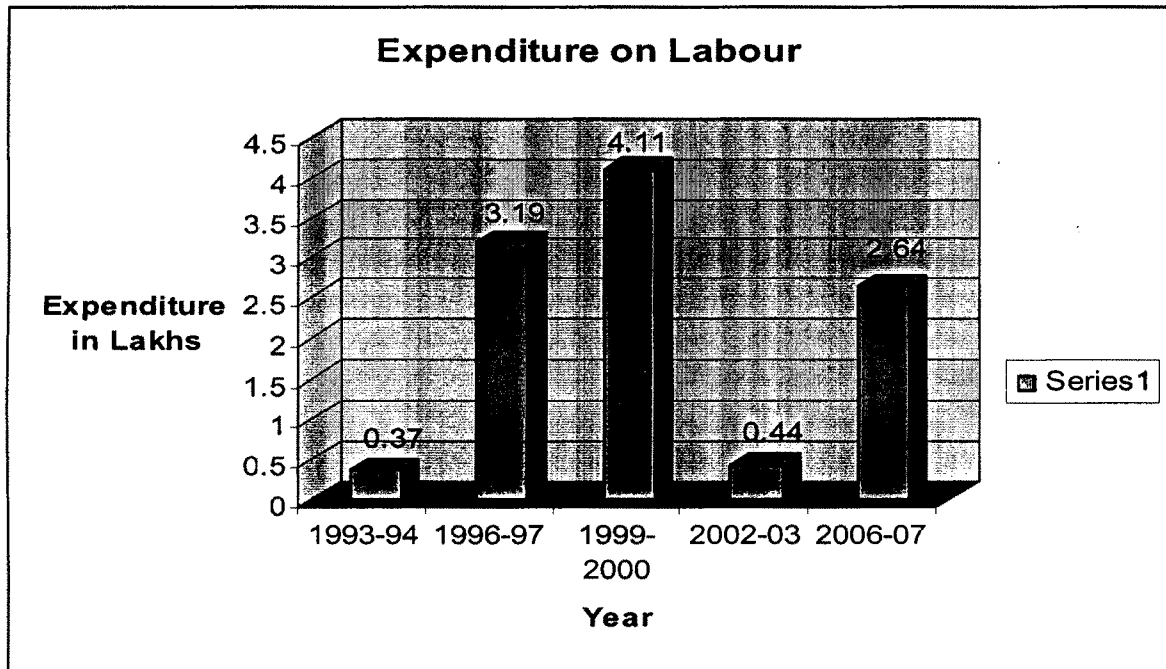
#### 4.1.2) Labour Welfare Schemes:-

Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory has been implementing labour welfare schemes for its employees. The factory provides educational facilities for labours children as well as medical facilities at concessional rates for workers and their families of factory in the commanding area. Factory implements gratuity scheme, labour accident scheme etc. Sugar factory also gives bonus to the workers, also provides quarters for workers. The table No.4.2 gives the details of the amount spent by the sugar factory on Labour welfare programme.

Table No.4.2  
Expenditure on Labour Welfare

Year	Expenditure on Labour (Rs. In Lakhs)	Absolute Increase
1993-94	0.37	--
1996-97	3.19	2.82
1999-2000	4.11	0.92
2002-03	0.44	-3.67
2006-07	2.64	2.2

Source:- Annual Reports of Sugar Factory



Above table No. 4.2 show the Expenditure on labour welfare and Absolute increase in expenditure on labour welfare. In the case of expenditure on labour welfare, the expenditure on labour in the year 1993-94 was 0.37 lakh and it was increased by 2.64 lakh in the year 2006-07. Thus the absolute increase expenditure on labour was Rs. 2.2 lakh in the year 2006-07.

#### 4.1.3) Primary School:-

The Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory has opened primary school in the factory campus. To provide educational facility to the children's of the workers officers living in colony area of factory campus and members of factory the primary school is established.

#### 4.1.4) Press Mud Distribution:-

Factory distributes press mud for every sugarcane producer member at reasonable Rs. 50/- per tone, considering the current high rates of fertilizers. Farmers use press mud to increase the production of sugarcane.

#### 4.1.5) Diesel Pump:-

Sugar factory provides service of Diesel pump to the operational area's farmers for trucks and tractors. Diesel Pump provides service to the operational area and also get income for the sugar factory. Following table shows the income from Diesel pump for the factory.

Table No. 4.3  
Income from Diesel Pump

Year	Income of Diesel Pump (Rs. In Lakhs)	Absolute Increase
1993-94	NA <sup>15</sup>	--
1996-97	2.08	--
1999-2000	9.18	7.1
2002-03	NA	--
2006-07	10.18	1.00

Source:- Annual Reports of Sugar Factory

Above table 4.3 shows that the income from Diesel Pump year by year. In 1996-97 total income of Diesel Pump was 2.08 lakhs and it was increased up to 9.18 lakhs Absolute increase was 7.1 lakh in year 1999-2000 and 2006-07 the income from Diesel pump was increased up to 10.18 lakhs. In short Diesel pump contributes income to the sugar factory.

#### 4.1.6) Plantation:-

The Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory has given proper attention on plantation work site of factory to help the policy of Government on plantation for balancing environment. The factory has planted Coconut, Mango, Ashok, Nilgiri trees and various flowers at the worksite. Therefore sugar factory's area looks a beautiful and attractive.

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<sup>15</sup> Not Available

7) Factory gives sugar to members at concessional price every during dipawali festival. Factory gives sugar to the members 15kg at Rs. 10/- per kg.

8) The Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory has done various civil works at the factory site and also in the operational area of the factory. These are as follows. Residential quarters, Colony roads, Tree gards. School building etc. for accelerating the transport of harvested cane to factory from the fields. sugar co-operative factory has also built roads in its operation area.

#### **4.2 Conclusion:-**

The Shri Sant Damaji Co-operative Sugar factory has been implementing various socio-economic oriented schemes for their members and non members. These schemes such as Supply of cane seeds, Labour welfare scheme, Primary school, Press mud distribution, Diesel pump, Plantation etc. These schemes have helped in bring about dynamic change in rural areas and also increased sugarcane yield. So these schemes helped to improve the economic condition of the sugarcane growers and also helped to improve operational efficiency of the sugar factory. Social oriented programs particularly education scheme helped to improve the social condition of the people in the rural area.