

CHAPTER-V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Present Position.
- Suggestions.

The Bhogawati Factory was established with a purpose of getting better treatment to the sugarcane growers in its area of jurisdiction. In many ways, the Bhogawati Factory has been trying its level best to achieve the basic objective of giving better treatment to the canegrowers.

The Factory has formulated and implemented various schemes for the benefit of its members in general. In case of some of these schemes, it has received assistance from the Government in the form of loans at concessional rates, subsidy, guarantee etc. Some of such schemes have been implemented at the initiation of the State Government only. Remaining of the schemes have been formulated and implemented by the Factory itself. This Study has tried to measure the impact of the various schemes implemented by the Bhogawati Factory with respect to Small and Marginal Farmers who form a major chunk of the member-population. It seems from the Annual Reports of the Factory that it is very much concerned with the Welfare of the Small and Marginal Farmers who are its members.

To what extent this is true ? What exactly has the Bhogawati Factory done for the Small and Marginal Farmers who are its members ? How far has such members' economic and social position been improved on account of the efforts made by the Sugar Factory ? This study has tried to find out answers to such type of questions.

Present Position :

1. The Bhogawati Factory does not maintain separate record of the members who are small and marginal farmers.

2. The various schemes implemented by the Bhogawati Factory have been described in detail in Chapter No.III. The following Table gives the Summary of these schemes and the number and name of the schemes specifically formulated for the benefit of Small and Marginal Farmers.

Table No.5.1

Statement showing the Various Schemes, Number of Sub-Schemes and the Number & Name of the Sub-Schemes meant specifically for the Benefit of Small and Marginal Farmers.

Sr. No.	Scheme	No.of sub-Schemes	Number & Name of Sub-Schemes for Benefit of Small & Marginal Farmers
1.	Agricultural Development Schemes	6	None
2.	Sugarcane Development Schemes	8	None
3.	Economic Development Schemes	4	One, i.e. Employment Generation Scheme to a large extent.
4.	Area Development Schemes	4	None

Sr. No.	Scheme	No. of sub-Schemes	Number & Name of Sub-Schemes for Benefit of Small & Marginal Farmers
5.	Subsidiary Occupation Schemes	3	One, i.e. financial assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Purchase of Bullocks and Bullock carts.
6.	Social Welfare Schemes	3	None.
7.	Other Schemes	2	One, i.e. Assistance to Backward Class Members, to a large extent.
7	Total :	30	3

Source : Compiled from Data Presented in Chapter-III.

The above Table reveals that three out of 30 sub-schemes are specially designed to benefit the Small and Marginal Farmers who are members of the Bhogawati Factory.

3. Data presentation and analysis made in Chapter No.IV reveal that the small and marginal farmers have received substantial benefits from the general development of the area and marginal to substantial benefits from the Schemes of Agricultural Development and Sugarcane Development



implemented by the Bhogawati Factory. Benefits from all other remaining schemes to the Small and Marginal farmers, in majority of the cases, are marginal.

Suggestions :

1. The Bhogawati factory may keep a detailed record of Small and Marginal Farmers as well as landless labourers in the villages coming under its area of jurisdiction.
2. Separate record of the members who are Small and Marginal Farmers may also be kept.
3. Record showing such members' individual landholding, irrigated parcel of such landholding, crops raised, income earned etc. may also be kept.
4. Subsidiary and gainful activities carried out by such members as well as by their family members, income from such activities etc. may also be recorded.
5. Schemes for economic development of such members may be specifically formulated and implemented. Here, the researcher does not want to suggest any specific scheme. However, he would like to mention that such schemes must ultimately, even in the long-run, lead to these members becoming economically viable units.

6. Special efforts, in the form of incentives, for example, may be made by the Factory to see that such members do take advantage of social welfare schemes. By Social Welfare Schemes, researcher means both family Welfare Schemes and Educational Schemes.

In all these attempts, the Sugar Factory may take help of any Governemental assistance or any other assistance and try to fit in its schemes in the overall effort for economic and social welfare of the small and marginal farmers. These farmers should ultimately be living as if in a "better-living society." That should be the aim the sugar factory has to keep before it, if it wants to better the position of the Small and Marginal Farmers.