

## CHAPTER - II

### PROFILE OF BHANDI KARKHANA OF SHETAKARI SAHAKARI SANGH LIMITED, KOLHAPUR

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#### 2.1 THE ORIGIN OF SHETAKARI SAHAKARI SANGH LIMITED

During the decade 1930-40, there was World Depression. Many agriculturists from this area were practically dependent on local moneylenders and dalals (commission-agents). The underprivileged and illiterate farmers were fully exploited and were kept in the clutches of moneylenders. The co-operative organization was the best medium to free such debt-ridden agriculturists from such rapacious local moneylenders and dalals.

In 1939, Madhavrao Bagal and Ratnappa Kumbhar started "Kolhapur State Prajaparishad Movement" for the welfare of the common agriculturists. Thanks to this movement, Kolhapur State Darbar had to concede some concessions in Shetsara (land revenue).

But the agriculturists were not fully satisfied with the concessions in land revenue. As a countervailing force to Prajaparishad, the people loyal to the late Chhatrapati Maharaj started another movement, "Rayat Sabha". The first meeting of Rayat Sabha was held at Kadamwadi and there was a proposal to start a farmers' co-operative marketing society. In the meantime, Varna Valley Marketing Sangh was opened in Shahupuri

Peth, but this Sangh failed to achieve its objectives, because the agriculturists did not know the method of working of a co-operative organization. S.S.Sawant of Gotkhindi and P.D.Jadhav of Kameri met P.A.Rane and M.S.Todkar. S.S.Sawant had studied the psychology of the agriculturists. According to his considered opinion, only delivering lectures to the agriculturists would not serve the purpose of the welfare of the agriculturists. An effective instrument for this purpose, according to them, was to organize one Shetakari Sahakari Marketing Sangh at each Taluka to promote the economic interests of the agriculturists by securing better returns for their produce and making available to them agricultural inputs and to replace the moneylenders and the dalals. Rao Bahadur S.S.Shirke, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Phaterferkar also concurred with this opinion and thanks to the efforts of P.A.Rane, M.S.Todkar and D.R.Bhosale, V.T.Patil, Mamasahab Minchekar, Bapusaheb Rajadnye, A.G.Jamsandekar, D.S.Mane, G.G.Jadhav and others, the "Shetakari Sahakari Marketing Sangh Limited, Kolhapur" was established in the Princely State of Kolhapur on 23rd October 1939. Bhaskarrao Jadhav and Dr.P.C. Patil had given moral support and guidance to the establishment of this Sangh.

B.D.Kagle, S.V.Patil, Rangrao Bhosale, Dada Haladkar, the employees of the Co-operative Department, and Bapusaheb Jagtap, V.G.Pol, S.B.Bhosale, V.A.Kadam, Sarjerao Patil, H.B.Hawal, V.N.Ghorpade, S.R.Jadhav and some other prominent persons from different fields of social life took

great pains to continue the activities of the Sangh. Bapusaheb Rajadnya was the Honorary Organizer. He was an expert in co-operative principles and co-operative law. Under his guidance, the Sangh's organization was set up. The late Chhatrapati Sahahaji Maharaj, Col.Khanvilkar, Keshavrao Nikam, Bapusaheb Pawar, Bapusaheb Jagtap, Capt.A.B.Bhende, Murlidhar Navare, P.D.Jadhav, Govindrao Korgaonkar, Mamasahab Mahagaonkar, N.G.Nigudkar, Tatyasaheb Mohite, V.D.Desai, D.N.Savant, Rao Saheb S.B.Jadhav, B.D.Kagale, D.D.Patil, Kshatra Jagadguru Maharaj, N.G.Desai, made concerted efforts to maintain and develop this Sangh.

The Sangh was actually registered as "Shetakari Sahakari Marketing Sangh Limited, Shahupuri, Kolhapur", but it became popular as "Shetakari Sangh". Therefore, the name was changed as "Shetakari Sahakari Sangh Limited, Kolhapur" in 1939.

P.A.Rane, a retired Government servant, was the President of the Sangh and was looking after the Sangh's management since 31.10.1939. He resigned his post due to ill-health and Dr.G.R.Pawar was elected President. At the same time, Todkar also resigned from the post of Managing Director and Tatyasaheb Mohite was appointed in his place.

During the initial period, the Sangh undertook the sale of agricultural produce, fuel-oil, ammonium sulphate, fish-manure, oil-cake, etc., on a moderate scale with its limited financial resources. Because of the insufficiency of capital,

coupled with large incidence of overdues, the Sangh could not make much headway during the first few years. The overall progress was slow. For its survival, the Sangh had to fight against many odds and numerous difficulties concerning finance, competition, organizational deficiencies, vested interests, etc.

It was during this crucial juncture that T.G.Mohite took upon himself the responsibility of revitalizing the affairs of the Sangh by shouldering the responsibility as its Managing Director. He was a man of imagination and rare resourcefulness with high aspirations and tremendous drive. Under his directorship, the Sangh started a crusade against the defaulters and recoveries were effected in an efficient manner. The Sangh was his life's mission. He devoted all his time, energy and talents to serve the Sangh and took up the responsibility of managing its affairs with the co-operation of the Board of Directors. He, with his vision, imagination, initiative and drive, enthused energy in the working of the Sangh and laid it on a sound footing during his tenure of seventeen years.

The following persons shouldered the responsibility of the Sangh's Presidentship during the last four decades:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	Shri.P.A.Rane	1939-43
2.	Dr. G.R.Pawar	1943-44
3.	Shri.V.D.Desai	1944-45
4.	Shri.S.L.Benadikar	1945-60

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
5.	Shri.D.G.Mane	1961-68
6.	Shri.N.G.Sardesai	1968-69
7.	Shri.B.H.Patil	1969-70
8.	Shri.L.Y.Patil	1970-73
9.	Shri.B.H.Patil	1973-76
10.	Shri.S.D.Mahadik (Administrator)	1976-78
11.	Shri.B.H.Patil	1978-81
12.	Shri.B.G.Desai	1981-84
13.	Shri.V.S.Shinde	1984-85
14.	Shri.V.H.Patil	1983 onwards

The Managing Directors of the Sangh from its inception to the present day are listed below:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
1.	Shri.M.S.Todkar	1941-42
2.	Shri.T.G.Mohite	1942-59
3.	Shri.N.G.Sardesai	1959-64
4.	Shri.V.S.Shinde	1964-84
5.	Shri.V.T.Mohite	1984 onwards

Right from its inception to the present day, the Sangh has had the benefit of the services of enlightened and enterprising co-operators of the district to guide and direct its operations.

The Board of Directors has always worked as a team. They have devoted their time and talents to the cause of the Sangh, with single-minded devotion and purposefulness.

Perfect understanding between the Board of Directors and the Managing Directors has been the single most important factor which has greatly helped the smooth working of the Sangh.

The number of membership of the Sangh is 41,354 'A' Class individual members, 1,002 'A' Class society members and 10,405 'B' Class members, in the year 1986.

Shetakari Sahakari Sangh Limited, Kolhapur, is in the trade of utensils too from the year 1963. It started with one shop in Kolhapur City and at present, it has one more shop in Kolhapur and one at Ichalkaranji and about 12 shops at different places in the district. The total turnover of these shops is well over Rs.1.33 lakhs at the close of 30th June, 1985.

As desired under 20-Point Economic Programme, prominence was given to streamlining the public distribution of essential commodities of mass consumption at reasonable rates. To substantiate this ideology, setting up of the consumer goods industries under centrally-sponsored schemes was undertaken by the management of the Sangh. It started with a fertilizer unit and then turned upto the manufacture of aluminium utensils to take up a good opportunity to full its long standing desire to extend one more service to its consumers.

The date of inception of the Bhandi Karkhana of Shetakari Sahakari Sangh Limited, Kolhapur, is 17th February 1980. The production capacity of the Bhandi Karkhana is 1.0 metric tonne per day and 300 m.tonnes per annum.

**Investment:**

This Project was financed by the Government of India to the tune of Rs.9,63,500/- @5½% interest, for 15 years.

Investment  
(Rs.in Lakhs)

Machinery	11.00
Building	10.00
Land	<u>0.41</u>
	21.41
Tools and Furniture	<u>1.20</u>
	22.61
Working Capital	<u>13.00</u>
<u>Total Investment</u>	35.61

Rs.9,63,500 were taken from the Government as a loan and Rs.25,68,000 are of Sangh's own capital. Out of Rs. 9,63,500, paid up loan is Rs.5,29,925.50, the balance is Rs.4,33,575.

<u>Total area of factory</u>	11,901 sq.mts.
Factory building	10,608 sq.ft.
3 old godowns	5,393 sq.ft.
New godown and office	1,950 sq.ft.
Garden and given to Indian Oil Company	<u>21,084</u> sq.ft.
<u>Total:</u>	39,035 sq.ft.

Number of Machines:

There are in all 16 machines:

- 2 Rolling machines
- 1 Cutting machine
- 1 Circle cutting machine
- 1 Stamping machine
- 2 Press machines
- 9 Lathe Spinning machines

Number of Workers employed:

There are in all 71 employees (61 workers, 3 watchmen and 7 office-staff).

<u>Skilled-A</u>	3	Minimum wages : Rs.20.29/day Melter, turner, pattern-maker.
<u>B</u>	10	Minimum wages : Rs.19.26/day 7 spinners, 1 asstt.melter, 1 polisher-cum-spinner, 1 electrician
<u>C</u>	4	Minimum wages : Rs.17.23/day 2 pressmen, 1 front rolling operator, 1 vessel cutter.
<u>Semiskilled</u>	10	Minimum wages : Rs.16.20/day 1 operator, 2 rolling helpers, 2 spinning helpers, 1 melting helper, 1 fitting helper, 2 circle cutters, 1 rolling cutter, 1 hot furnace operator.
<u>Unskilled</u>	17	Minimum wages : Rs.15.17/day Helpers
<u>Seasonal</u>	17	Minimum wages : Rs.15.00/day
<u>Watchmen</u>	<u>3</u>	
	<b>64</b>	<b>Total.</b>



Office-Staff            Manager,    Asstt.Manager,    Accountant,    Time-  
keeper, Godown-keeper, Clerk, peon.

Minimum wages are given according to their grades and dearness-allowance and according to the rates of Utensils' Manufacturers' allowance, which is published terminally. The rate of Dearness-Allowance is same to all workers.

Wages are calculated as under:

Minimum wages + Dearness allowance, i.e. Rs.19.05 +  
Other allowances (washing and tea Rs.2.11) + House  
rent Rs.30 (monthly).

Only the spinners are treated as Daily Piece Rate workers. For easy calculation, the norms are fixed according to the size of spinning vessels for 1 kg. Wages of piece rate workers are calculated as:

Fixed rate + Minimum wages + D.A. + Other allowances.

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