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II GEOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND:

The Krishna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rethare Budruk, is situated in the northeast of Karad Taluka. The location is connected to Karad and other cities by tar roads and the Shenoli railway station is not far away from this location. The village Rethare Budruk is surrounded mainly by many other agricultural villages. Krishna river flows through the very centre of the whole taluka and there is fertile land on its banks known for its best quality and high yields.

Hence, sugar cane is the main crop of this area, which has been yielded with great competitive spirit. Hence this geographical background is very helpful to the steady rise of The Krishna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Rethare Budruk.

III HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The circumstances were very favourable in the era of the village Rethare Budruk which paved the way for the rise of a sugar factory in this area. The geographical, economical and social situations were so readily waiting for some leadership to take initiative actions for the establishment of a kind of enterprise. And, the entrepreneur who made it possible was late

Shri Madhavrao Mohite. It was in 1936 that the efforts in this direction began to turn fruitful.

After the initiative to start such an enterprising co-operative sugar factory in the area, greatly inspired by the adventurous deeds of his father, his two sons Mr. Yashwantrao Mohite (the founder), Mr. Jayawantrao Bhosale (Ex-Chairman), the grandson Mr. Madanrao Mohite (the present Chairman), made efforts to establish the sugar factory which turned fruitful long after in 1955, and the factory was established as The Krishna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rethare Budruk.

V THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE FACTORY:

A - CAPITAL:

The authorised share capital of the factory as on 30th September 1986 was Rs.4 crores out of which 39,100 shares of Rs. 1000 each is for co-operative society. The factory has subscribed 30,000 shares for the capital of Rs.3 crores out of which 29,100 shares for producers members and 900 shares for co-operative societies. The called up capital is Rs.2.49 crores. The paid up capital from the producer members, co-operative societies members and individual 'B' grade members is Rs.2.37 crores.

B - CRUSHING OF SUGAR CANE:

During the year 1993-94 the total sugar cane crushing was 840757 metric tonnes and total sugar production was 1048940 quintals.

C - SUGAR CANE DEVELOPMENT:

The factory has an independent agricultural development department which provides the improved seeds, fertilizers and guidance about sugarcane cultivation.

During 1993-94 the sugarcane research centre provided 14,30,000 seeds of Co-740 sugar cane. The seed plots are cultivated by the centre for providing pure seeds to the members. In the year 1985-86, 1,75,57,111 Kandies of pure seeds of sugar cane were provided to the producer members. The factory provided 13,226 metric tonnes of composed manure to the member farmers. The loans for agricultural development granted by the factory were Rs. 7,72,150 during the year 1993-94.

The following schemes are introduced by the factory for sugar cane development.

1. IRRIGATION SCHEMES:

The supply of water for cultivation of the sugar cane is very important factor. There are 16 lift irrigation schemes having 18,335 members. These schemes supply water to 29,664 acres of land under their command area. The total cost of this scheme is Rs. 12 crores 44 lakhs.

2. PILOT SCHEME:

Under this scheme factory supplies improved seeds, fertilizers and insecticides to the producer members. The special guidance about sugar cane cultivation method is provided by the

supervisors appointed by the factory. During 1985-86 under this scheme 353 producer members took advantage in 371 hectares of their own land.

3. GRANT TO BACKWARD PRODUCER MEMBERS:

The government of Maharashtra has started the scheme for backward, small land holder, in order to provide them financial assistance for sugar cane cultivation.

The factory provided the financial assistance of Rs.1,43,610 to the 322 members in order to cultivate sugar cane in the 68 hectares of their own land, in the year 1985-86.

D EMPLOYMENT AND WORKER'S WELFARE:

Most of the factory workers are from the area of operation. The workers have been provided a number of facilities according to the Factory Act. All types of schemes concerning with medical, sports canteen, bonus, uniforms, training and housing the employees are implemented by the factory. At present there are 2,193 employees out of which 1549 are permanent, 483 seasonal and 154 are temporary in the factory. The permanent workers alone constitute to 984.

E DISTILLERY:

The factory has introduced this unit since 26th June 1972. It produces spirit, alcohol, country liquor etc. Production capacity of the distillery is 45,000 litres per day. Further expansion of this unit is undertaken by the factory which will

increase its capacity by 30,000 litres per day. Since 1973 the unit started manufacturing of country liquor. It also manufactures foreign liquor and sales in the market.

F ACETONE PROJECT:

Since March 1984 the factory has introduced this new chemical project to manufacture acetone from alcohol. The capacity of this plant is 15 tonnes of acetone per day. The supply of alcohol is made available by the factory's distillery. The total cost of this project is Rs.4,47,36,954.

G FEED MILL:

Under this unit of the factory, qualitative cattle and poultry feed is produced. The method of production is more scientific which improves quantity and quality of production. The feed is sold under the trade mark 'Krishna ahar' in the market. Most of the milk producers and eggs producers are benefited through this unit.

H SISTER CONCERNS:

There are also certain other co-operative societies which are known as sister concerns of the Krishna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Rethare Budruk. The following are the main sister concerns:

i) CO-OPERATIVE AGRO INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY:

The society is known as 'Krishna Sahakari Krishi Udyog Sangh Ltd.' The society manufactures tyre bullock carts and tractor trailers. It repairs tractors agricultural implements and electric motors. The society has a dealership of PVC pipes, cement and tractors.

ii) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:

The factory has established educational institution named as 'The Shetkari Shikshan Prasarak Mandal' in 1962. There are 4063 students learning in pre-primary, primary, secondary and Higher secondary schools and 930 students learning the college run by this institution.

iii) KRISHNA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

The Bank was established with an object of assisting the green revolution in the area of the factory, and facilitating the weaker sections of the society. The Bank assists in purchasing cows and poultry; birds, small scale industry, agricultural implements, etc. It's other object is to develop standard of living of the farmers by solving their financial problems.

IV SELF RELIANT ELECTRIC PROJECT:

It has been observed by the present President Shri Madanrao Mohite and his management that they can produce electricity from the waste water. Every sugar factory in Maharashtra faces problem of waster water and the pollution caused by it in the surrounding

localities. The management invented of course, a very effective measure for this problem. And after making study and taking opinions of the experts, they have decided to use waste water for self reliant generation of electricity. The management then after purchasing the required machinery and equipment established, the project and it has been assumed that they can run their sugar factory by utilising the self produced electricity of this project, as also they can supply some large quantity of electricity to the surrounding locality. This adventure of the factory is quite enterprising and unique in the state and should be followed by other respective organisations.

Thus, as far as Krishna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Rethare Budruk is concerned, the role is very clear in bringing about economic development of the area.

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DEPARTMENT WISE DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES

Sr. No.	Department	Permanent	Seasonal	Temporary	Total
1.	Administration	49	-	08	57
2.	Accounts	138	03	12	153
3.	Internal Audit Section	06	-	-	06
4.	Record Department	03	-	01	04
5.	Distillery Accounts	05	-	-	05
6.	Personnel	22	-	01	23
7.	Transport	120	-	04	124
8.	Material	39	-	03	42
9.	Security	82	-	02	84
10.	Medical & Sanitation	46	-	08	54
11.	Mechanical	603	02	53	658
12.	Chemical	59	285	25	369
13.	Acetone	39	-	-	39
14.	Country Liquor	57	-	05	62
15.	Foreign Liquor	08	-	01	09
16.	Civil	37	-	02	39
17.	Agriculture	104	148	19	271
18.	Cane Yard	43	51	03	97
19.	Diesel Petrol pump	11	-	-	11
20.	Distillery Dept	78	-	07	85
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