

## II - I. GENDER BUDGETING CELL

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In pursuance to the recommendations of the Inter – Departmental Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) to consider issues regarding Gender Budgeting; the Department has established a “Gender Budgeting Cell”.

The major terms of reference were :

- To identify areas within the existing scheme to provide support to the gender cause
- To come up with specific programmes targeted towards women

The Gender Budgeting Cell has initiated action to enhance the share of women in respect of beneficiary oriented schemes and launched a Technology Development and Utilization Programme for Women (TDUPW). The programme is aimed to meet specific needs of women and to enhance their contribution towards technology capability building. The objectives of the programme are: i) promoting the adoption of new technologies by women ii) awareness creation and training of women in various technologies iii) technological upgradation of tiny, small and medium enterprises run by women entrepreneurs iv) showcasing of appropriate technologies and organizing demonstration programmes for the benefit of women.

### 2 ACTIVITIES

Some of the activities taken up during the year are listed below:

#### *Training Programmes on Content Development and Management*

To build capacities, especially among women, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai has been awarded this project to develop and offer training programmes in content management. Course curricula for 8 credits to provide conceptual and practical inputs in the area of content development and management have been developed. The first course commenced on September 21, 2005 with 16 participants.

#### *Instruments for Spectral Analysis of Communication Channels at High Frequency*

Yellow Fourier Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, an enterprise run by a qualified women engineer, Ms. Natasha Sodhi was provided financial assistance for developing of a low cost spectrum analyzer of communication channels at high frequency, the working model / prototype model of the instrument with consultancy from IIT Guwahati. If successful, the instrument will be of superior indigenous technology with very low cost.

#### *Production of Grape Flakes*

Under the project of Ayu Agro Products, Pune, the women entrepreneur has proposed to develop grape flakes having better nutritious value.

### 3. OTHERS

The Department has received about 12 project proposals under the scheme, and suitable project would be taken up for implementation by March 2006.