

SCHEME FOR IMPROVING TAPPING

- a. Tapping Demonstration
- b. Tapper's Training Schools
- c. Intensive Short Duration Training in Tapping

a. Tapping Demonstration

The Rubber Tapping Demonstrator attached to each Regional Office visits plantations and demonstrates to growers and tappers the scientific method of tapping, rainguarding, yield stimulation and sheet processing. Their services are free of charge.

b. Tapper's Training Schools

List of Tappers' Training Schools			
Sl.No.	Name of TT School	Location	Controlling Office(Regional Office)
1	Kadayalummoodu	Kanyakumari Dt., Tamilnadu	Marthandom
2	Konchira	Trivandrum Dist., Kerala	Nedumangad
3	Pidavoor	Kollam Dist., Kerala	Punalur
4	Vallikunnam	Kollam Dist., Kerala	Adoor
5	Madamon	Pathanamthitta Dist., Kerala	Pathanamthitta
6	Elappani	Kottayam Dist., Kerala	Kottayam
7	Konnathady	Idukki Dist., Kerala	Thodupuzha
8	Ezhakkaranad	Ernakulam Dist., Kerala	Muvattupuzha
9	Wandoor	Malappuram Dist., Kerala	Nilambur
10	Ullieri	Kozhikode Dist., Kerala	Kozhikode

11	Vaniyappara	Kannur Dist., Kerala	Thalassery
12	Ettukudukka	Kannur Dist., Kerala	Thaliparamba
13	Vattamthatta	Kasaragod Dist., Kerala	Kanhangad
14	Kokkada	D. K. Dist., Karnataka	Mangalore
15	Amtali	West Tripura Dist., Tripura	Agartala
16	Jurie	North Tripura Dist., Tripura	Dharmanagar
17	Sarutari	Kamrup Dist., Assam	Guwahati

c. Intensive Short Duration Training in Tapping

Apart from the conventional Tappers' Training Schools, Board is also implementing short term intensive training course in scientific methods of tapping, ranguarding stimulation and processing with emphasis on practical aspects. The duration of the course is 8 working days. Small growers and their dependants and workers sponsored by them are eligible for admission. Each trainee is paid a stipend of Rs. 25/- per day. Successful candidates are issued with a certificate.

Training in Technology Transfer Centres run by Model Rubber Producers' Societies

Free training on all aspects of rubber cultivation, processing, marketing, leadership skill development, group activities, etc are imparted at the Technology Transfer Centres established under Model RPS to Board of Directors of RPS, rubber growers and plantation workers.

Training Programmes on Income Generating Activities, Health and Hygiene

These are arranged in selected RPS for women involved in rubber cultivation and allied areas. These programmes are aimed at increasing income and providing economic access to women growers/women members of small growers and women workers. Programmes to improve the quality of life are also initiated and in most cases these are implemented with the involvement of NGOs/local bodies.

Training on Bee Keeping

Practical training on bee keeping in rubber plantations is given to the small holders at suitable centres.

Training in Leadership Skills

As part of the efforts of the Board to strengthen group activities in the small holding sector as to help distribution of extension functions through a farmer lead extensions, selected farmer leaders are given training in areas like participatory extension, leadership skills etc in institutes of national reputation.