



TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- In the wake of liberalisation, technological obsolescence has emerged as a major threat to the health and survival of industrial units, particularly in the small and tiny sector. In this context, a sector specific and cluster- based strategy for facilitating technological upgradation in collaboration with local as- sociations, specialised organisations and fi- nancial institutions and banks will be pursued. The principal role of the State Gov- ernment in this exercise would be that of motivation and facilitation.
- Consultative Committees for SSIs will be constituted in respect of specific sectors to review their existing technology status and advise on measures for technological advancement and quality upgradation. In respect of Thrust Sectors, such Consultative Committees will be set up as sub-groups of their Development Councils. These Committees will comprise experts from Engineering Colleges, Technical Education Department, Rajasthan Financial Corporation (RFC) and 2/3 members of Manufacturers's Association.
- RIICO has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India for co- operation in the areas of preparation of project reports, identification of technologies and joint venture partners, identification of environmental friendly processes for handling wastes, etc. Entrepreneurs are likely to be benefited by way of identifying suitable' technologies by virtue of this tie- up.
- Tiny units have been able to enhance their productivity significantly through interventions like improved tools. Efforts of voluntary organisations/NGOs to

provide technical assistance to tiny/ household units will be supported.

- In collaboration with BIS, the Commissionerate of Industries will organise motivational programmes in identified clusters for quality upgradation.
- The State Government will institute Quality **Awards** to accord recognition to entrepreneurs achieving excellence in the field of quality.
- Preference will be given to ISI/ISO marked products in procurement by the State Government and its Public Sector Enterprises.