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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have much pleasure in stating that during my tenure as Director General, CAPART, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Rural Development, from December 1998 to March 2002, I had an opportunity to study closely the socio-economic development works carried out by BARADRONE SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTION (BSWI) in South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal at grassroots level among the rural poor, women and the disadvantaged sections of the society. I had observed that under the dynamic leadership of Shri Sanjib Bhattacharya, the Director of BSWI, the dedicated and professional field workers were able to organize over 300 self help groups (SHGs) comprising about 4000 women who not only saved some money but also took up a number of innovative income generation schemes using improved technology and management. This was possible entirely due to the efforts of BSWI in imparting training to the women stakeholders and establishing linkages with the banks. Because of the excellent works done, the organization has been able to attract regular support from various central government bodies like CSWB, CAPART, NCJD and external funding agencies such as Action Aid, Oxfam UK, BFW Germany, ICCO Netherlands etc. Its performance in CAPART aided projects has been highly successful and enabled the organization to continue its work of upliftment of the poor in a sustainable manner.

I have also noted that BSWI has the potential to emerge as a 'Science & Technology capable NGO' as conceptualized by the Government of India because it has the necessary technical staff and outreach capacity. The most remarkable work is organizing the SHGs makes me confident that BSWI would be able to expand its income generation and skill development activities if the organization is provided with additional financial support. BSWI's efforts therefore merit special support by national and international funding agencies.

I wish BSWI all success in its noble endeavour to eradicate poverty and to uplift the downtrodden.


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