Exposure Visit Report

Place: Gujarat (Dharampur)

Duration: 5 Days (16th Nov to 20th Nov)

No. of Participants: 15 Weavers + 1 Field Coordinator

Introduction

Jaipur Rugs Foundation and District Industries arranged an exposure visit under the Thanagazi Galeecha Cluster Project for the weavers of Thanagazi Block. The purpose of this exposure visit was to show a working model and provide the information of the overall process of weaving high quality carpet such as wool sorting & washing, carding, spinning, carpet knotting, trimming, washing and drying finishing etc.

The program schedule and content of the visit is as follows:

Day 1: - 16/11/09

- Gather all the artisans at project office Thanagazi: - 9:00 AM
- Departure from Thanagazi by Car (2): - 9:30 AM
- Visit to Finishing center (Babu singh) at Ramgarh Moad: - 11:00 AM
- Breakfast at finishing centre: - 11:30 AM
- Departure from finishing centre: - 12:00 AM
- Visit to Dying centre: - 12:20 PM
- Departure from Dying centre: - 12:40 PM
- Arrival at Jaipur Office: - 1:00 in after noon
- Briefing by Mr N.K. Chaudhary (Chairman) about his vision: - 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
- Lunch break: - 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM
- Briefing by Mr. Devendra Shukla (Director) about the purpose of exposure visit: - 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
- Visit to store: - 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- Company Visit: - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Tea Break: - 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM
- Instructions to be followed during visit: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Arrangement for departure: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Dinner: - 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- Departure from HO to Railway Station: - 7:00 PM
- Departure from Jaipur: 8:40 PM

On the first day of the visit the weavers depart from Thanagazi office and visit the finishing centre and dying center in the way of Thanagazi to Jaipur. Arrived at Jaipur Rugs Foundation office in afternoon and participate in the session by Mr N.K. Chaudhary ,Chairman of Jaipur Rugs Foundation, he inspire the weavers and encourage them about the carpet technicalities and future progress in the carpet export market and how to face the upcoming up downs.

The long journey and the hectic schedule make them hungry so to make them again energetic launch is arranged. Mr. Devendra Shukla who is the Director of Jaipur Rugs Foundation conducts a meeting with the participants and checking it out the enthusiasm in them for the Exposure visit. Obtain the information through one to one discussion about the purpose of the visit. During this meeting some queries of the participants is to be sought out.

Getting all the instructions and details of the visit they all visit the Company's showroom where they saw different type of carpets with different qualities and textures.

Day 2: - 17/11/09

- Arrival at Valsad: 11:00 AM
- Arrival at Dharampur by Car at 12:00 in the noon
- Tea & refreshment Break : - 12:00 to 12:30 Pm
- Rest and relaxing till 2:00 PM
- Lunch 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Departure for visiting nearby centers: -3:00 PM
- Arrival back to store at: - 7:00 PM
- Dinner at 7:30 PM

On the second day they reached at the Valsad station at 11 am. A representative of JRF was there to accompany them to facilitate their short exposure visit. With him they arrived at Dharampur in the noon after taking rest and launch they are eager and exited to visit the centers.

They were been taken to the Luharmaal and Shalesh Falia center in Sajnibaada where the weavers were working as per their daily schedule, the participants reached the centre which created an altogether different atmosphere. The participants asked different types of question related to the knotting and quality aspects.

Day 3: - 18/11/09

- Tea & breakfast at 8:00 AM
- Departure for visit to centers at 8:30 AM by car
- Lunch break at 1:30 PM at the place of visit
- Tea break at 4:30 PM
- Back to store at 6:00 PM
- Rest and Relaxing
- Dinner: - 7:30 PM

On the third day the participants were been taken to the Khatamba and Motabada centers and there also the participants had a great learning about the weaving techniques.

Day 4: - 19/11/09

- Tea & breakfast at 8:00 AM
- Departure for site seeing at nearby places 8:30 AM by car
- Back to store at 2:00 PM
- Lunch break at 2:00 to 2:30 PM
- Packing and preparation for departure till 4:00 PM
- Tea Break at 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Departure from Dharampur for Valsad by Car at 5:00 PM
- Departure from Valsad to Surat by Train at 6:10 PM
- Dinner at Surat Station: 7:30 PM to 8:15 PM
- Departure from Surat to Jaipur by Train at 8:35 PM

Fourth day was an entertaining day, as the participants were been taken for site seeing in Gujarat at nearby places which was full of natural beauty. They visited Wilson Hill which is a lovely hill station situated 750m altitude above sea level. This location is a 'Marble Chhatri' which is dedicated to the British Governor Wilson. The participants were also taken to the sea coasts where they really enjoyed the nature around.

Day 5: - 20/11/09

- Arrival at Jaipur at 10:40 AM
- Arrival at HO at 11:20 AM
- Breakfast from 11:30 to 12:00 AM
- Feed back of Visit at 12:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Lunch break at 2:00 to 2:30 PM
- Departure from Jaipur at 3:00 PM

- Arrival at Thanagazi & their respective village at 6:00 PM

Trainees Comments:

All the trainees liked the environment of Gujarat and the huts and the places which they visited over there like various temples, sea etc. In context of weaving over there they liked the following points:

- Weavers' working in group by this there is saving of time and carpet gets finished early.
- The weavers make two carpets by one map.
- They liked the work of 14\14 quality carpet.
- On one production center only there were 5-6 looms.
- In Taani there were two threads put at one time which leads to saving of time.

The participants were very much fascinated by the visit and stated that such visits should be there from time to time.