

BAMBOO MAT WEAVING

1. INTRODUCTION

Bamboo mats are used by rural households in Kerala for drying cash crops like pepper, cardamom, copra etc. Bamboo mats have a steady market, though plastics are also available in the markets as the mats are comparatively cheap.

2. RAW MATERIALS

Bamboo

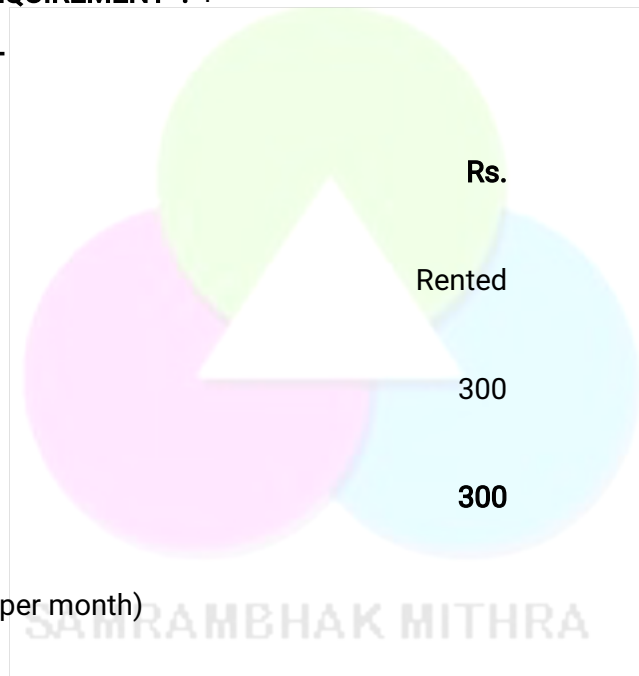
3. MANPOWER REQUIREMENT : 4

4. PROJECT COST

A. Fixed Capital

Land & Building

Plant & Machinery



B. Working Capital (per month)

Raw Material & Packing 1,200

Salary & wages 2,000

Other expenses 1,400

4,600

Working capital (for 2 months) 9,200

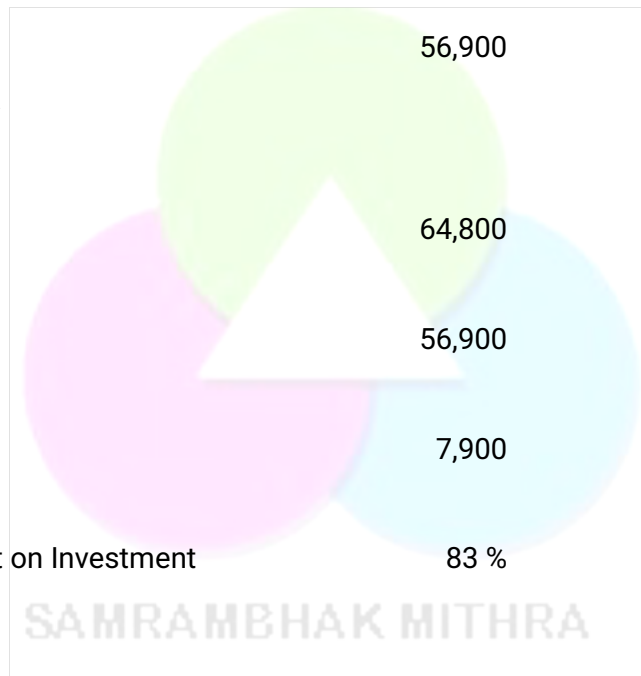
Total (A+B) 9,500

5. COST OF PRODUCTION

	(Rs.)
Production cost (per annum)	55,200
Depreciation on machinery	---
Interest on investment	1,700

6. PROFITABILITY

Sales turnover	64,800
Production cost	56,900
Annual profit	7,900
Percentage of profit on Investment	83 %



Market potential :

Bamboo products are in use in the Central and Northern places in the State and also find good usage in the North of the country. Although they are fast being replaced by mats of synthetic origin, the popularity of these items is bound to grow considering the resistance against plastic products that is growing over the recent past. There is also a good export market waiting to be tapped, especially from the ecologically friendly West. The margins are bound to be low as the matting process is labour intensive, but with increased acceptance, there will be good scope for profits. Demand needs to be assessed before stepping into this venture.

Annual Production capacity :

It is envisaged to produce goods worth Rs. 1.00 lakh

List of Plant, Machinery & equipment :

- 1 Madaval
- 2 Knives
- 3 Blades

Suppliers of Plant & Machinery :

- 1 Locally available

