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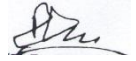
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**Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Coordination Committee to monitor, planning and progress of the schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the Coordination Committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Secretary (TA) on 28.05.2015 in the Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.



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- 2) Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Joint Secretary (RC), Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- 3) Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- 4) Joint Secretary (IAY), Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- 5) Joint Secretary (NRLM), Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- 6) Shri Madan Mohan, Advisor (SJ&E), NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- 7) Smt. Poonam Srivastava, Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog, New Delhi

**Copy to:**

- 1) PS to Secretary (TA)/ JS (A)/ JS (MKP)/ DDG
- 2) All Divisional Heads

**Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting to monitor, planning and progress of schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

A meeting of the Coordination Committee was held on on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 10:30 AM in Conference Hall, M/o Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan to monitor, planning and progress of the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development. It was chaired by Secretary (TA).

2. List of participants is annexed (**Annex-I**).

3. At the outset, Secretary (TA) welcomed the members and representatives and; said that this meeting provides the right platform for coordination between the two Ministries. Coordination will facilitate convergence of schemes, prioritization of activities and monitoring of implementation of Van BandhuKalyan Yojana (VKY).

3.1 **The Joint Secretary, DoRD** provided an overview of the activities under TSP of DoRD. Presently, there are four schemes namely, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Indira AawasYojna (IAY) implemented with a focus on weaker sections of the society.

3.2 Under MGNREGA, funds has been spent on creating community assets, individual irrigation system, developing land and farm pond of which ST households are also prioritized and enhancelycovered. Concerned States/UTs are also advised that special attention and priority to be given to SC/ST households. Since 2012, SC/ST communities formed a major portion of SHGs beneficiaries under NRLM.

3.3 Joint Secretary (A) suggested creation of assets crucial for sustainable livelihood activities for ST population under MNREGA and proper linkage between livelihood activities of tribal population with the NRLM activities. To start with, districts having higher concentration of tribal population as per Census 2011 may be taken up.

4. **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**

4.1 The objective of PMGSY is to provide single all-whether road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations, existing in the Core Network, in rural areas of country. It is a onetime special intervention of Government of India, as a fully funded Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The scheme permits upgradation (to prescribed standards) of existing rural roads in districts where all the eligible habitations of the designated population size have been provided all weather road connectivity.

4.2 The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations with a population as per **Census 2001; 500 persons and above in plain areas, 250 persons & above** in Special Category States, tribal (Schedule V) areas, the Desert Areas (As

identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/ erstwhile Planning Commission) and on 88 Integrated Area Plan (IAP) districts mostly inhabited by the indigenous tribal groups spread over 10 States (Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal).Further, **habitations with 100 to 249 populations** in identified 267 blocks critically affected by Left Wing Extremism in 88 IAP districts, are eligible for new connectivity roads.

**4.3** As on date, 82 % of the eligible tribal habitations are covered. Secretary (TA) has highlighted that one of the research points under VKY may be on whether the guidelines for inclusion of tribal habitations suffices or still many deserving habitations are left out?The left out habitations then be appraised for policy response under PMGSY.He also cited the problem of non availability of baseline data on connectivity to tribal habitationsand need to analyze the gap in connectivity to tribalhabitation.

4.4 Secretary (TA) has highlighted that priority to be given to ST population and the Committee under the District level plan in the project proposals may consider the road connectivity of Schools in ST habitations

## **5. Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)**

**5.1** IAY is a housing scheme for the BPL houseless families or families living in dilapidated or kutcha houses in rural areas. An assistance of Rs. 70,000 is provided for construction of a new house in plan areas and Rs. 75,000 in hilly/difficult/IAP areas.During 2015-16, the budget outlay is Rs 10,025.00 Cr. The target for STs for current financial year has been fixed at 6.018 lakh houses.

5.2 Under the Special Projects category, 5% of annual IAY allocation is retained as reserve fund by the Centre for the purpose of rehabilitation of families affected by natural calamities, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) manual scavengers, Forest Right Acts (FRA) beneficiaries, families affected by violence in the LWE affected areas etc.

5.3 Secretary (TA) highlighted the unmet demands for ST houses across the country, type of house constructed and the kind of intervention that may be required. Currently out of 6-7 lakhs PVTGs households,about 5 lakhshouses are not defined as *good houses*.

5.4 JS(RD) expressed caution that remaining PVTGs households could not be covered within the current five year plan period since financial allocation under IAY has been decreasing for the last five years. However, this could be taken on board for perspective plan under IAY. Similarly, priority to ST households in LWE affected areas to be taken up in the concerned meeting of Ministry of Home Affairs. The online portal for rural housing provides option for the type and design both traditional and puccafor beneficiaries.

6. Secretary (TA) enquired how the priority of Central Ministry are conveyed to the implementing agency/State Govts. and how could this discussion be translated into tangible outcome? To this, JS (RD) informed that the Empowered Committee of MoRD may examine the proposal from this viewpoint, suggest and issue advisory to States/Agencies as well.

6.1 Dir.(Edn,MoTA) suggested that representation of MoTA in Empowered Committee of DoRD may be considered for development issues of tribal population; as in Ministry of Human Resource Development where an official of MoTA is a member in its meetings for representing the welfare of ST student. He also suggested that the DoRD may consider construction of playground and infrastructure for cultural activities for Ashram Schools, EMRS, residential schools under MGNREGA.

## **7. Actionable/Desirable Points:**

7.1 MoTA will provide list of districts having 25% or more ST population in district of the States/UTs to DoRD. **(Eco.Div, MoTA)**

7.2 To link up the activities of MGNREGA and NRLM with the livelihood activities of ST population in tribal areas. **(SG, MoTA/MGNREGA & NRLM, DoRD)**

7.3 Priority for construction of remaining demand for houses (5 lakh houses) of PVTGs households with design and traditional architecture intact. **(NGO, MoTA/IAY, DoRD)**

7.4 Preparation and sharing of available baseline data on tribal habitations (if any) and others including health, education, etc of ST population. **(DDG, MoTA/NITI Aayog)**

7.5 Priority to eligible ST Habitation road connectivity in 267 blocks of IAP Districts. **(DDG, MoTA/PMGSY, DoRD)**

7.5 MoTA will reconstitute Project Appraisal Committee with representative from Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development. Likewise, MoRD may consider inclusion of representative of MoTA in its Empowered Committee. **(SG Div. MoTA/ DoRD)**

7.6 MoTA to issue advisory to MoRD for integrating the above issues discussed for inclusion into their Tribal Sub Plan (Central & State) and also to Ministry of Home Affairs, LWE Division. **(SG Div., MoTA)**

Department of Rural Development and Concerned divisions of MoTA may initiate necessary action on the points above and inform accordingly at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Meeting of the Coordination committee to monitor, planning and progress of the schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

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3	Ms. Vishu Maini, DDG	3	Dr. PunamSirvastava, Dy. Advisor (NITI Aayog)
4	Shri. S. Das, Director		
5	Shri. B. Sasmal, Director		
6	Shri. SM Sahai, Director		
7	Ms. CH Honey, Director		
8	Ms. Shyla Titus, DS		
9	Ms. Nivedita, DS		
10	Shri. PL Verma, DS		
11	Shri Roopak Chaudhuri, DS		
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