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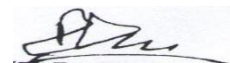
Room No. G61, August Kranti Bhawan,
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Dated: 8th April, 2015

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 19.03.2015 in the Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.



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- 3) Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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- 1) PS to Secretary (TA)/ JS (A)/ JS (MKP)/ DDG
- 2) All Divisional Heads

Draft Minutes of the Coordination Committee Meeting to monitor, planning and progress of schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes held on 19th March, 2015.

A meeting of the Coordination Committee constituted for monitoring, planning and progress of the schemes/programmes being implemented for overall development of Scheduled Tribes was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 19th March, 2015 at 10:30 AM in Conference Hall, M/o Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan.

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

3. Agenda 1: *Mapping of sports talent of ST students:*

3.1 Secretary (TA) has started the discussion with the inherent capability and potential of tribal youths in athletics and other kinds of games and sports and the convergent ways to identify them.

3.2 **Shri Vivek Narayan, Director, Department of Sports (DoS)**, has informed that presently there are about 15,064(?) trainees including STs across various training centres functioning under DoS. Schemes under DoS cover all States in the country. The scheme in Odisha covers about 14-15 districts mostly in tribal areas. The current strategy of identifying talents is to organize Competition both at National, District and Block level, identified by the concerned State government.

3.3 The Sports Authority of India (SAI) under DoS has a separate discipline for traditional sports. Apart from traditional sports, martial arts and other indigenous sports like Shivlang in Tamil Nadu and Gatka in Punjab are promoted. Under the Scheme of Special Area Games, DoS has centres in Ranchi (Jharkhand), Kishan Ganj (Bihar), Bolepur (West Bengal), etc. overall, the DoS have 19 special area game centre and 51 SAI training centres throughout the country.

3.4 Currently, there are 944 boys and 723 girls scouted from tribal areas undergoing training in various disciplines across SAI training centres. Trainees are given training on the basis of their potential, performance and certain genetic potential observed while recruiting them.

3.5 Secretary (TA) has informed the initiative under taken by State like Mizoram, wherein the State govt. promotes football, both to nurture natural talent and check the youngsters from drug abuse. Infact, a handful of professional footballers from this State are playing in various Clubs across the country. He suggested that DoS may accord priority to tribal areas under its various schemes.

3.6 JS (A) has suggested the utilization of Integrated Action Plan (IAP) funds for development of sport infrastructure in naxal affected areas which are predominantly tribal areas. DoS may utilize their TSP component for promotion of sports in tribal areas too. How much can it be done through TSP component of DoS and cost of mapping of talents is to be determined.

3.7 Dr. B N Sarkar, Superintendent, Anthropological Survey of India (ANSI) shared their documentation with regard to the games and sports activities, talent programme of tribes in India. He suggested mapping of a kind of link between the traditional occupation and the type of activity that could be performed by a particular tribe. E.g.: The hunter Community may excel in long distance running.

4. Agenda 2: Documentation of Tribal Medicines and Medicinal practices

4.1 *Dr. B N Sarkar, Superintendent, ANSI* made a brief presentation on the above agenda. ANSI generated data on Tribal Medicines and Medicinal Practices among the various tribal communities in the country under the project Indigenous Health Practice in North East India; Health and Health Care Issues: Bio-cultural Perspective; Tribes in Contemporary India, and Biocultural diversity, Environment, and sustainable Development. Some of the well documented studies are; Sinpho of Arunachal Pradesh, Idu Mishmi of Arunachal Pradesh, Nocte of Arunachal Pradesh, Kaman Mishmi of Lohit Dist, Bhumij of Purulia (West Bengal), Hill Korwas in Chhattisgarh etc. Studies and findings on incidence of SCA amongst PVTGs was also highlighted.

4.2 *Shri. Franklin, Director, Ministry of Ayush* stated that documentation on folk medicine but not on tribal medicine is available with MoAyush. The Ministry have 5 research councils for different sectors of Ayush. Research officers under each council are working in the field and collecting information. As far as Ayurveda is concerned, there are 97,203 prescribed formulations as of today; folk medicines and other health medicines are also looked into. The Ministry has recently initiated NE Institute of Folk Medicine in Arunachal Pradesh.

4.3 Secretary (TA) enquired about the record of herbs that are actually in practice and herbs that are in textbooks. To this, Director (MoAyush) replied that they have records of those that are in textbooks only. Secretary (TA) highlighted the good work done by some NGOs in Bangalore that mapped and document tribal medicines and started publicizing its usage and suggested that MoAyush may take initiation at the national level too.

4.4 JS (A) stated that even though ethnobotany covers most of the plant not give medicinal documentation of traditional tribal medicinal practices is poor and, highlighted

the need for collaboration amongst MoAyush, ICMR and MoTA. This can be integrated to improve health service delivery in tribal areas on primary health care sector. Secretary (TA) stated that any documentation available with ICMR needs to be integrated with the mainstream that is for both public utility and literature.

4.5 Dr. Neena Valicha, Director, NIMR, ICMR discusses about the validation of herbal medicines and its usages, collaboration with regard to documentation of tribal medicines, effectiveness of anti malarial drugs and steps taken by ICMR to check sickle cell diseases among tribal population.

5. Actionable/Desirable Points:

5.1 For mapping of sports talents of tribal communities, DoS would identify group of coaches from their Centres across the country who in turn will identify talent and skills amongst tribal youths, that could be nurtured upon. DoS would send a team of 6 coaches at a time who can visit tribal areas where Competitions are taking place.

(DoS/CP&R, MoTA)

5.2 Based on the list of SAI training centres MoTA, through each of the States would facilitate an action plan for States.

(DoS/CP&R, MoTA)

5.3 MoTA would write to Ministry of Home Affairs for utilization of IAP fund for development of sports infrastructure for LWE affected districts. **(CP&R, MoTA)**

5.4 ANSI to share their documentations/findings on sports talents of various tribes with SAI and MoTA. **(ANSI/DoS/CP&R, MoTA)**

5.5 DoS would spend TSP component for mapping of sports talent and development of sports infrastructure. MoTA also would encourage States to use its state TSP and Ministry's funds for adding to the efforts of DoS. **(DoS/SG, MoTA)**

5.6 6 Councils of MoAyush will collaborate with ICMR and Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) for documentation of tribal medicines and medicinal practices.

(ICMR/MoAyush/CP&R, MoTA)

5.7 ANSI to provide findings/data on PVTGs regarding incidence of sickle cell trait and disease to MoTA. **(ANSI/Cons(BS), MoTA)**

5.8 MoAyush (Joint Secretary dealing with the subject) and Botanical Survey of India (Head of Ethno botany) will be invited for the next meeting on tribal medicine.

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

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 19th March, 2015

Ministry of Tribal Affairs		Other Ministries	
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2	Shri Ashok Pai, Joint Secretary	2	Shri Franklin L. Khobung, Director, Ministry of AYUSH
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4	Ms. Vishu Maini, DDG	4	Dr. B N Sarkar, SUPTDG. ANTHROPOLOGIST, Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture
5	Shri. S. Das Director	5	Dr. C. R. Sathya Narayanan, Anthropologist, Survey of India, Ministry of Culture
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7	Shri. SM Sahai, Director	7	Dr. Sheo Kumar, Scientist-D, Botanical Garden of Indian Republic, Botanical Survey of India Ministry of Environment and Forests
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