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Minutes of the meeting held on 10.07.2015 to review the progress of the scheme “Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP”.

A meeting was held on 10.07.2015 in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to review and monitor implementation of the scheme “Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP”. This was chaired by the Secretary (TA). The list of participants is at annex. Secretaries (Tribal Development) of respective States participated through Video Conferencing.

2. At the outset, JS (MKP) welcomed the participants of the States and explained the purpose of the meeting. Secretary, Tribal Affairs maintained that co-ordination between the Tribal/ Welfare Ministries of the concerned states and the implementing agency was very essential for better implementation of the scheme. The scheme had not been formulated to improve management of MFP trade but it intended to provide social security net to the MFP gatherers with whom, lies the right to collect and dispose the MFP according to the FRA. After brief introduction, discussion started through video conferencing.

3. Videoconferencing with States nodal department;

The states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Telangana and Odisha participated through video conference and discussed the status of implementation and other relevant issues about the scheme. All the states intimated that process of notifying the Tribal/ welfare department of the state as nodal department was complete. Chhattisgarh, MP, Gujarat and Odisha informed that their state had constituted the District and state level Monitoring committees and meeting would be held on regular basis. Maharashtra told that proposal in this regard was already with the Minister in the state and final decision is expected in two months. Telangana informed that denationalization of MFP was recommended during Tribes Advisory Council's meeting and decision is expected shortly. Secretary, Cooperative Department (Govt. of Jharkhand) told that the process was on in the state and notification would be made soon. He however, submitted that the MSP fixed by the Ministry i.r.o. lac was too high and market price was almost half of the same. Given the limited resources, the state was not in a position to buy the complete stock. He also told that in many places, tribal do not come to market for the

