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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Summary of Principal Activities for Financial Year 2021- 2022.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Summary of Principal Activities undertaken by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Financial Year 2021-22 for kind information.

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This is regarding important activities undertaken by Ministry of Tribal Affairs during Financial Year 2021- 2022 as well as foreseeable challenges in respect of some main programmes being implemented by it.

1. **Financial progress**: Ministry has achieved expenditure of 99.94% of the RE allocation. The total expenditure of Rs.6177 crore is Rs 683 crore (12.40%) greater than the expenditure made during the previous year 2020-21. In respect of Schemes, the financial achievement is 100%. Some significant increases achieved are as follows.

<u>Schemes</u>	<u>Increase over 2020-21</u>
Pre-Matric Scholarship	58%
Post-Matric Scholarship	23%
Grants to State Under Article 275(1)	15%
Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group	14%

2. **Increased Capital Expenditure**: Overall expenditure on Creation of Capital Assets has gone up to Rs 2003 crore which is 100% of the RE allocation, and also an increase of 9.40% over the expenditure in the preceding year 2020-21. For construction of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) an amount of Rs.840 crore has been spent during the year 2021-22, which is 68% more than the expenditure in the previous year 2020-21.

About 40 new EMRSs are likely to be made functional with new buildings during the current year, while work is in progress at additional 157 locations. During the year 2021-22, a total of 93 new Schools were sanctioned, increasing the total number of sanctioned EMRS to 681, of which 367 have become functional so far.

3. **EFC Appraisal and Cabinet approval** : In respect of 14 schemes of this Ministry, EFC appraisal was got done and approval of Cabinet was obtained for implementation in the years 2021-26. Including the Grant-in-aid to States for tribal development, a total of Rs. 61,935 crore has been recommended by the EFC for these five years.

4. **Formulation of New Schemes:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs has formulated the following new schemes during the year 2021-22 for the coming 5 years.

i) Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) for integrated development of 36,428 tribal villages in States and UTs, aiming at convergence of various Central and State STC/TSP schemes and programmes. Based on the gap analysis done with respect to the Antyodaya Mission database of 1,17,000 villages, this newly formulated scheme will be in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's emphasis on saturation of villages with community infrastructure along with individual benefits schemes. It will be a challenge to formulate village Development Plans, converging Central and State Schemes for these villages.

ii) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) seeks to create remunerative and sustainable livelihood opportunities for tribal families by providing better facilities of processing, packaging and marketing of tribal products.

On the pattern of FPOs, about 200 Van Dhan Producer Enterprises will be established to support Van Dhan SHGs. A special scheme has also been started this year for Marketing and Logistics of Tribal Products in North East Region. Creating a value-chain and maintaining quality of the products will be a big challenge.

iii) Venture Capital Fund for STs has been started with an initial corpus of Rs 50 crore. To be implemented in partnership with IFCI Ltd, this scheme will focus on creating entrepreneurs from among enterprising STs. Implementing this scheme will need innovative strategies, larger outreach and a conducive eco-system of project-formulation and financing.

5. **Emphasis on Monitoring:** Success under most of the schemes of this Ministry depends significantly on the cooperation given by the States / UTs for efficient implementation. While previously, every Central Sector or Centrally Sponsored Scheme was having a small provision for administration and monitoring, we have now combined all such separate units of monitoring into an integrated PMU, which will supervise the functioning of not only the grant-based schemes, but also such important issues like Forest Rights Act, STC grants utilisation, etc. for which no separate grant (and hence no dedicated monitoring unit) was available. Correspondingly, such integrated PMUs to monitor and supervise all development and welfare schemes for the STs will be established in the States / UTs.

6. **Effective Monitoring of STC grants :** While the budget of Ministry of Tribal Affairs is about Rs 8,400 crore for the year 2022-23, the combined STC grants available with about 40 Ministries / Departments of the Central Government is ten times at over Rs 84,000 crore. Realising the importance of convergence with these STC schemes, coordinated reviews were done with most of the Ministries / Departments during the year 2021-22, so as to improve the effectiveness of ST development schemes.

Some significant outcomes achieved during the year are as follows: -

i) Department of Science and Technology has agreed to allocate Rs 51 crore for research on gene therapy in respect of Sickle Cell Disease.

ii) Department of Health and Family Welfare has agreed to work with our Ministry on Tribal TB elimination.

iii) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has taken up projects to set up digital classes in 175 EMRS schools.

7. **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** : During the iconic week celebration, starting with Birsa Munda Jayanti on November 15, 2021, more than 125 events were organised in different parts of the country. Inauguration of Birsa Munda Memorial Park and Museum at Ranchi and laying of foundation stone of 50 Eklavya Schools at Bhopal by Hon'ble Prime Minister, laying of foundation stone for Rani Gaidinliu freedom fighter museum in Manipur by Hon. Home Minister and organising events from Jammu and Kashmir to Andaman & Nicobar and from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh on themes of culture, art, education, health and livelihood were the highlights. Combining these efforts with regular schemes for education and development for tribals will be our priority.

8. **Formulation of Sickle Cell Disease Strategy** : On account of the significant burden of the Sickle Cell Disease among tribal populations, Ministry of Tribal Affairs engaged with the domain Ministries and Departments of Health, Health Research, Science and Technology to formulate a comprehensive strategy to tackle Sickle Cell Disease. A training module for diagnosis and care was got prepared by the experts from AIIMS, ICMR and other premier institutions, and has been got validated by the DGHS. The challenge now is to incorporate this in the National Health Mission interventions.

A path-breaking initiative has been pushed by the Ministry during the year 2021-22 to enable the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) to formulate a project for gene-technology research for cure of Sickle Cell Disease using CRISPR technology. Ministry has sanctioned grants to start the research, which will be supported by Department of Science and Technology with STC funds. A comprehensive road-map for diagnosis, treatment and care of sickle cell patients has also been prepared. The task ahead is to coordinate with States with significant sickle cell disease burden for a unified campaign.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs. shall continue to improve upon the effectiveness of schemes and programmes being implemented by it.