

Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Scholarship Division

MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING WITH STATES/UTs THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE HELD ON 03.02.2021 FROM 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS, ON ACTIVITIES/ ISSUES UNDER THE VARIOUS SCHEMES OF MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS.

Review meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary (TA) was held in the Conference Room No.734-735 Shastri Bhawan on 03.02.2021 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM through Video Conference, to discuss activities/ issues of eight States on the above subject. List of participants is at Annexure-I.

Joint Secretary (R Jaya) initiated the discussions by welcoming all participants from the States /UTs and introducing the Secretary (TA) to all participants. Further, Joint Secretary (R Jaya) briefed the agenda of the meeting

2. Further, the Secretary (TA) addressed all State officials. Important points were as mentioned below:

- i. There has to be a systematic reform where the focus should be to reach left out people of the benefits of the schemes and also the focus should be on the poorest.
- ii. State of the art IT monitoring system need to be developed for end-to-end monitoring of the schemes. Best practices for schemes may be learnt from each other for continuous improvement.
- iii. Transfer of assistance should be on Aadhar based DBT.
- iv. Social audit of the stakeholders and monitoring of the scholarship disbursement process.

3. The agenda points related to scholarship division were taken up first with focus on the scholarship release status for the academic year 2020-21.

A. Scholarship Schemes

4. Joint Secretary (R Jaya) presented the State-wise, agenda-wise PPT for the scholarship schemes.


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5. The State-wise status of opening of portals for scholarship application under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship was discussed.

6. Also, the Status of EAT-05 of the States under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scheme was discussed where it was pointed out that most of the States are not updating DBT expenditure on PFMS EAT module.

7. Further, the State-wise issues were taken up from the participants

(a) Andhra Pradesh

It was pointed out that for the Pre-Matric Scholarship the portal was yet not opened. Secretary(TA) asked the State officials regarding the reason for the same.

State officials replied that the delay was due to some issue with the NIC. The problem is resolved now and the portal will be opened in a week's time.

(b) Chhattisgarh

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship scheme was open from 20th Oct 2020 and is still open.

(c) Gujarat

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric scheme was open from 20th June 2020 and for Post-Matric scholarship portal was open from 20th Oct 2020. Both portals will remain open till 10th Feb 2021.

(d) Jharkhand

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship scheme will be opened from 4th Feb 2021.

Issue of pending Utilization Certificate under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme was discussed. The State officials stated that this is under process and the UC will be submitted within a week. Further, State officials requested for release of funds under these schemes.

Secretary (TA) stated that the UC need to be submitted first. If the UC is received within a week the grant will be processed accordingly.


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(e) Madhya Pradesh

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric scheme was open from 5th Jan 2021 and for Post-Matric scholarship portal was open from 1st Dec 2020. Both portals will remain open till 10th Feb 2021.

(f) Maharashtra

State officials stated that they are not requesting funds under the Pre-Matric scholarship scheme. For the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme the portal is already open since 3rd Dec 2020. Also, the grant is received from the Ministry for the current year.

(g) Odisha

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric scheme was open from Nov, 2020 and for Post-Matric scholarship portal was open from Nov, 2020. The Post-Matric portals will remain open till 15th Feb 2021. The verification process is currently going on.


It was noticed that the State is doing payment through Treasury Mode and expenditure is not updated on the PFMS as per EAT-05 report. In this regard the State officials said that they are following the IFMS system for payment and facing issues for PFMS-IFMS integration. In this regard, Secretary (TA) directed the State officials to resolve this issue soon. The integration issue should not take much time.

Further, the State officials discussed their proposal to release the entire scholarship amount to the students in one go. On this proposal, Secretary (TA) advised that this is not a very good idea as there is possibility of student dropouts and fraudulent cases. Further, the Secretary (TA) advised the State officials to think of better ways for scholarship disbursement.

(h) Rajasthan

State officials stated that the portal for Pre-Matric scheme was open from 25th August 2020 and for Post-Matric scholarship portal was open from 1st Oct 2020.

7. Secretary (TA) said to all States officials to ensure that the verification process does not take much time and the overall time taken from application till the disbursement of scholarship amount should be reduced. Further, Joint Secretary (NJK) added that there is an issue with States/UTs that they keep opening the scholarship portals for previous years which further extends the overall scholarship release process.


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8. Secretary (TA) further mentioned that States need to check for any shortfall in the total number of applications received for any particular year and need to find out why this year applications are less than the previous year.

9. Further, the issues related to EMRS and Grants division were taken up

B. Eklavya Model Residential Schools


10. Identification of land and progress of construction of EMRSs.

10.1 Despite repeated letters and reminders, many States are yet to identify suitable land for construction of EMRSs. He informed that based on the preliminary land report, the Ministry sanctions the EMRS in the identified block. Followed by this, NESTS scrutinize the land records in details (including complete Land Suitability Report, sketch map, land alienation documents/application etc.) and then accords a formal approval after which the construction agencies start their work.

10.2 However, it is seen that out of 300 schools sanctioned between 2018-19 and 2020-21, suitable land has been identified in only 176 locations. The status of identification and submission of land records is given below:

State	New Schools sanctioned by MoTA	Suitable Land identified	Balance to be Identified / Land records yet to be submitted
Andhra Pradesh	12	4	8
Chhattisgarh	46	23	23
Gujarat	7	0	7
Jharkhand	56	44	12
Madhya Pradesh	31	26	5
Maharashtra	12	0	12
Odisha	43	21	22
Rajasthan	12	12	0

10.3. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha are requested to submit all the land records in the prescribed format within 15 days.


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11. Operationalization of Sanctioned EMRSs.

11.1 States have been repeatedly suggested to make EMRS operational/functional as early as possible so that the tribal students can benefit from it. States have also been advised to identify alternate buildings and make the schools functional from these buildings till the time construction of the own building is complete.

11.2 However, it is seen that there are still around 18 schools sanctioned prior to 2018-19 as per the old scheme and are yet to be made functional. State Govt may kindly take necessary steps to make the schools functional at the earliest.

Sl. No.	State	District	Block/Taluka	Name of the School	Year of sanction
1	Jharkhand	Simdega	Simdega	EMRS Garja	2013-14
2	Jharkhand	Palamu	Manatu	EMRS Bansikhurd	2014-15
3	Jharkhand	Jamtara	Fatehpur	EMRS Choukunda	2016-17
4	Jharkhand	Khunti	Karra	EMRS Siankel	2016-17
5	Jharkhand	Latehar	Latehar	EMRS Negain	2016-17
6	Jharkhand	SaraikelaKharsawan	Nimdih	EMRS Jhimiri	2016-17
7	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	Kumardungi	EMRS Gandkida	2017-18
8	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Burmu	EMRS Kander	2017-18
9	Jharkhand	Dhanbad	Tundi	EMRS Nawatand	2018-19 (Old)
10	Jharkhand	Garhwa	Bhandaria	EMRS Bhandaria	2018-19 (Old)
11	Odisha	Kalahandi	Kokasara	EMRS Madhupur	2011-12
12	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	Rairangpur	EMRS Rairangpur	2011-12
13	Odisha	Kandhamal	Phiringia	EMRS Phiringia	2015-16
14	Odisha	Balasore	Nilagiri	EMRS Nilgiri	2016-17
15	Odisha	Deogarh	Debagarh	EMRS Tileibani	2016-17
16	Odisha	Jharsuguda	Kirimira	EMRS Kirimira	2016-17
17	Odisha	Kendujhar	Champua	EMRS Champua	2016-17
18	Odisha	Koraput	Jeypore	EMRS Jeypore	2016-17

11.3 Joint Secretary (EMRS) highlighted that States should put in place the requisites before making the schools functional including recruitment of regular teachers based on the notified Recruitment Rules.

C. Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution

12. The detailed UC and PPR status of the States was shared and discussed as given below:

State	Amount Approved by PAC 2020-21	UC Due	Amount Released in 2020-21 (as on 09.02.2021)	PPR Status for the year 2019-20
Andhra Pradesh	2327.55	0.00	2055.55	Partially Received
Chhattisgarh	9192.425	300.000	8484.425	Not Received
Gujarat	6348.04	0.00	5940.04	Partially Received
Jharkhand	10550.00	1284.88	7029.71	Partially Received
Madhya Pradesh	18353.40	17854.48	3689.47	Partially Received
Maharashtra	10427.71	13065.5	4573.16	Not Received
Odisha	12027.00	7341.76	4685.24	Partially Received
Rajasthan	9011.00	0.00	9011.00	Not Received
Total	78237.12	39846.62	45468.59	

13. State Governments were requested to furnish the pending UCs at the earliest so that the balance funds as per the amount approved by PAC can be released.

14. Further, the issues related to NGO division were taken up

D. NGO Division

15. NGO Division of MoTA is not able to process the proposals of 6 NGOs (list enclosed as Annexure) located in Madhya Pradesh as the clarifications wrt these NGOs are awaited from the State Govt. This was deliberated/ discussed with Dr Pallavi Jain, Principal Secretary (SWD), M.P. in the VC held on 03.02.2021. It was assured that replies of these will be sent to MoTA soon. (Issues Enclosed as Annexure-II)


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16. A report from State Government of Jharkhand in the matter of alleged misappropriation of funds released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to Swami Vivekananda Seva Trust, during the year 2002-03 is awaited. The Additional Secretary (TWD) Sh. Ajay Nath Jha told in the VC that in this regard Secretary (TWD), Jharkhand has asked a report from the Distt. and report is awaited. However, it was assured by the state Govt. that report to MoTA will be submitted in a week's time.

16(a) Clarification from State Government awaited regarding project applications for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 of the organization Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Block- Bishunpur, District- Gumla-835231. State Govt. has assured to submit clarification asap.(Issues Enclosed as Annexure-II)

17. Issues of 3 NGOs located in Maharashtra are pending with the State Govt. This was deliberated/ discussed with the representative of (TWD), Maharashtra. It was assured that replies of these issues will be sent to MoTA soon. (Enclosed as Annexure-II).

18. All states were asked to expedite the submission of pending NGO cases at State Level/Distt. Level (ongoing as well as new cases) for the FY 2020-21 as early as possible.

19. After discussion on agenda related issues, JS(R Jaya) asked the State officials about the Vigilance Report which was awaited from Jharkhand State in relation with Swami Vivekanad Society. State official assured that the requisite reply will be sent soon.

20. JS(RJ) also referred to the two complaints with reference to the PVTG and the SCA to TSS Schemes, stating that despite considerable lapse of time, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has yet to send its final report in the matter. She requested that the reports on the complaints may be sent expeditiously.

19. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

1. R. Subramaniam, Secretary
2. Dr. Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary
3. R. Jaya, Joint Secretary
4. Asith Gopal, Commissioner, NESTS
5. K.C. Meena, Addl. Commissioner, NESTS
6. Sh.Rajender Kumar, Director, NGO
7. Vaibhav Goyal, Deputy Secretary, EMRS
8. Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary, Scholarship
9. Sh. H.P Jaiswal, Deputy Director, Scholarship
10. Manoj Kumar Jha, Under Secretary, EMRS
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13. Sh. Rohtas Singh Meena, Section Officer, Scholarship
14. Ram Narayan, Section Officer, NGO
15. Sh. Kundan Kumar, ASO, Scholarship
16. Ms. Rama Mani Patnaik, Sr. Consultant, Scholarship

Annexure-I(a)**LIST OF STATES PARTICIPATED THROUGH VC
FROM RESPECTIVE STATES**

<u>Sr. NO.</u>	<u>Name of the States</u>	<u>Name of the Officer</u>	<u>Number of officers participated</u>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Principle Secretary + 8 officers	09
2.	Chhattisgarh	Principle Secretary + 3 officers	04
3.	Gujarat	Principle Secretary + 5 officers	06
4.	Jharkhand	Principle Secretary + 3 officers	04
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Principle Secretary + 2 officers	03
6.	Maharashtra	Principle Secretary + 5 officers	06
7.	Odisha	Principle Secretary + 3 officers	04
8.	Rajasthan	Principle Secretary + 3 officers	04