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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 06.10.2021 to review the Scheduled Tribe Component Funds and discuss the convergence of Integrated Village Development Programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with STC Schemes – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting on the above subject held on 06/10/2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs for information and necessary action. As mentioned in the minutes, the list of 36,428 tribal dominated villages identified by Ministry of Tribal Affairs for gap filling is also enclosed for necessary action.

2. This issue with the approval of Secretary, Tribal Affairs.

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Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Secretary, Department of Land Resources
PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meeting held on 06.10.2021 to review the Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) funds and discuss the convergence of Integrated Village Development Programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with STC Schemes.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on 06.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and Department of Land Resources (DoLR) to review the allocation, utilization and physical progress of schemes under STC and also to discuss on the convergence of the proposed Integrated Village Development Programme of the MoTA (ITVD) being launched under the revamped Special Central Assistant (SCA) to State Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to ITVD). A list of Officers who attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. Main points of the discussion are given below:

3. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA):

MoHUA is mandated to allocate 4.3 per cent of their total scheme allocation under STC component. Secretary, TA observed that the STC allocation has been uniformly less than what is mandated during last four years and also in the current year. The Ministry has not allocated STC funds as per norms during these years and allocation ranges between 0.34 and 0.73 per cent only. However, the allocated STC funds are found to have been utilized except in 2020-21. During current FY, they have spent about Rs. 121.24 crore out of Rs.174.50 crore STC allocation as on 29th September, 2021. MoHUA allocates the STC funds under 2 schemes namely PMAY-Urban (Schemes financed from Central Road and Infrastructure Fund) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM).

3.2 Director, MoHUA informed that DAY-NULM aims to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, resulting in an appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis, through building strong grassroots level institutions of the poor. They work for building capacity of the urban poor, training for and support to the establishment of micro-enterprises by the urban poor, provide support to SHGs etc.

3.3 Secretary, Tribal Affairs (TA) desired to know the details of ST beneficiaries under the scheme. Director, MoHUA informed that they provide funds to States and they do not maintain any data about beneficiary numbers. Secretary, TA asked how MoHUA then assesses the physical progress of the scheme. Director, MoHUA informed that they do not have mechanism to capture physical progress.

3.4 Secretary, TA observed that this scheme has immense scope for providing benefits to tribal migrants by providing sustainable livelihood, etc. He requested that MoHUA should make some efforts to collect data of the STs benefitted under the scheme to see the effectiveness of STC.

3.5 As regards PMAY-Urban, US, MoHUA informed that PMAY addresses urban housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG categories including the slum dwellers by ensuring pucca houses to all eligible urban households. He informed that total 96,56,000 houses have been sanctioned during last six years and of those, 6,71,000 are sanctioned for STs. He informed that they maintain State/UT-wise numbers of sanctioned houses too.

3.6 Secretary, TA observed from the figures presented, that out of 6.71 lac houses, 1.5 lacs had got allocated to one State, Andhra Pradesh, whereas States having significant ST population in the country, such as Rajasthan, do not seem to have been allocated houses in proportion to their population. It was also observed that 5,000 houses appear to have been allocated under STC in Punjab, where there are no notified STs. US, MoHUA informed that the scheme is demand-driven and whosoever approaches for the house, MoHUA provides funds for houses. US, MoHUA further informed that States conducted a survey and demands from States are based on the survey.

3.7 Secretary, TA suggested that allocation may be done rationally on objective criteria, and more houses may be considered for States with more ST population.

4. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH):

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is mandated to allocate 4.3 per cent of total scheme allocation as STC. However, MoRTH has not allocated STC funds as per norms during 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. Secretary, TA stated that the Ministry may adhere to the norm prescribed by NITI Aayog. MoRTH is allocating STC fund under one programme - Road Works (Works under Roads Wing)

4.2 Chief Engineer, MoRTH informed that the programme under Road Works has three sub-components – Road development in LWE areas, Bharatmala Pariyojana and National Highways. Under road development in LWE areas, roads are constructed in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Chief Engineer stated that they are not sure how they will cover STC under Bharatmala Pariyojana. Bharatmala Pariyojana focuses on optimizing efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country by bridging critical infrastructure gaps through effective interventions like development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes, National Corridor Efficiency Improvement, Border and International connectivity roads, Coastal and Port connectivity roads and Green-field expressways. He further informed that they have built around 250 km of roads in tribal districts in the current year and they will share the project details.

4.3 Chief Engineer also stated that they are facing problem in allocating STC funds as per the norms and they have intimated the same to NITI Aayog and MoTA. Secretary, Tribal Affairs said that if MoRTH is facing issues in allocating the STC funds they may get the prescribed percentage for MoRTH reduced by NITI Aayog. Once the percentage is mandated by NITI Aayog, MoRTH has to adhere to the norms.

5. Department of Land Resources (DoLR):

As per NITI Aayog recommendation D/o Land Resources is mandated to allocate 10% of total scheme allocation as STC component. DoLR is allocating STC funds as per norms. DoLR makes STC allocation under 2 Schemes viz. Integrated Watershed Development Program and Land Records Modernization Programme.

5.2 EA, DoLR informed that under Land Records Modernization Programme around 92 per cent of the records have been digitized till now and they are covering all the 6.5 lac villages. The records are linked to Aadhaar and it is consent based. It was further stated that data on social categories such as STs/SCs are not being collected.

5.3 Secretary, Tribal Affairs (TA) stated that Ministry of Tribal Affairs based on Mission Antyodaya data of Department of Rural Development and Census 2011, has done a gap analysis of 1,17,064 villages (as on 31.08. 2019) having 25% or more tribal population, in respect of 18 parameters. There are 36,428 villages which have tribal population of 50 % or more, with at least 500 tribal population. For filling gaps in these villages and for focused development of these villages, Ministry has prepared action plan under the scheme SCA to ITVD of the Ministry for comprehensive development of 36,428 village in next 5 years by taking one-fifth villages every year from 2021-22 to 2025–26. The scheme is envisaged to undertake the developmental activities in these villages mainly through convergence of funds available with different Ministries/Departments under STC, whereas the funds of Ministry of Tribal Affairs available under the scheme of SCA to ITVD would be used for gap filling. Secretary, asked to share the data of villages with DoLR. The list of villages was shared with DoLR on 6.10.2021 evening.

5.4 Secretary, TA urged that the land records of these villages may be digitized on priority basis if not already digitized.

5.5 As regards the Integrated Watershed Development Programme(IWDP), Director, DoLR informed that the objective of IWDP is to restore ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources such as soil, vegetative cover and water. He informed that proposals are received from States. Around 4500 hectare of land is taken for implementation of a project. The project provides for employment generation, skill development, livelihood etc. DoLR has created a portal for monitoring of the projects and they also seek detailed report for each project. He further informed that they try to undertake projects in most underdeveloped areas so that benefit can reach the underprivileged people.

5.6 Secretary, Tribal Affairs stated that there is a greater scope of benefits for the STs under the scheme of IWDP and the scheme should be implemented with special focus in those States which have most of the ST population and are also facing water crisis.

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

List of Participants

Srl.No.	Name & Designation
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, MoTA -in- Chair
2.	Shri Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretray, MoTA
3.	Shri Biswajit Das, Dy. Director General, MoTA
4.	Shri Shiv Singh Meena, Ecomic Adviser, MoTA
5.	Shri Satyendra Kumar, Joint Director, MoTA
6.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
7.	Shri Yogendra S Awana, Director (UPA-II), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
8.	Shri Ravi Kumar Choudhry, Under Secretary (Budget), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
9.	Shri Vinod Gupta, Under Secretary (HFA-III), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
10.	Shri Sudip Chaudhury, Chief Engineer (Planning Zone), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
11.	Shri L. Behera, Superintending Engineer (SE), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
12.	Smt. Sudha Keshari, Economic Advisor, D/o Land Resources
13.	Shri Sushil Kumar Daila, Director (LR), D/o Land Resources
14.	Shri Arvind Kumar, Director, D/o Land Resources