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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 07.10.2021 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– reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting on the above subject held on 07/10/2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs for information and necessary action.

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



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PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meeting held on 07.10.2021 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 07.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. in the Committee Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and Ministry of Textiles (MoT) to review the allocation, utilization and physical progress of their schemes under STC funds and also to discuss on the convergence of the proposed Integrated Village Development Programme of the MoTA being launched under the revamped Special Central Assistant (SCA) to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to ITVD). A list of officers who attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. Main points of the discussion held, Ministry-wise, are given below:

3. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of the total scheme allocation as STC funds. MSDE is making allocation in the range of 7.66 to 8.14 percent during the last four years and current year. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) implemented by National Skill Development Corporation. STC allocation has been made by MSDE under 7 components of PMKVY viz, Development of Skill, Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancements, Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion, Promotion of Apprenticeship, Strengthening of Infrastructure for Institutional Training, Development of Entrepreneurship and Strengthening of Skill Institutions.

3.2 Secretary, TA urged that MSDE may adhere to the allocation norm prescribed by NITI Aayog. He observed that under the flagship scheme of the MSDE, there is a very good scope to promote entrepreneurship among tribal youth, tribal start-ups, training/apprenticeship and support to strengthening infrastructure of institutions located in tribal dominated areas.

3.3 While clarifying DS, MSDE informed that they are providing funds to agencies and agencies are conducting various training programmes under PMKVY- Development of Skill. Under PMKVY- Promotion of Apprenticeship, MSDE has done tie up with industries and share the burden of stipend per apprentice with the employers. DS, MSDE shared the State/UT-wise no. of STs trained under PMKVY.

3.4 Secretary, TA desired to know whether MSDE maintains any records about the status of employment of the people after training. DS, MSDE informed that they do not have such information.

3.5 JS(NJK) asked whether MSDE can provide skill training to tribal youths at some specific places or establish training institutes. DS, MSDE informed that a scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) is being implemented through its institutional framework in the country with the objective to improve the occupational skills and technical knowledge of the non/neo literate. DS, further informed that they are having district level training centres and tribal youth can be trained at these centres. They are having customized training programmes

like honey bee collection, making bamboo products etc. They can organise customized training /skill development programmes also for the tribal, as per requirement.

3.6 Secretary, TA stated that MoTA will communicate the list of places where JSSs can be established and special and customized training programmes can be organised for tribal youth.

3.7 Secretary, Tribal Affairs (TA) also 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 for 18 parameters. Out of this, there are 36,428 villages which have tribal population of 50 % or more and have at least 500 tribal population. For filling gaps and for focused development of these villages, Ministry has prepared action plan under its scheme SCA to ITVD of the Ministry for comprehensive development of 36,428 village in next 5 years covering one fifth villages every year from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme is envisaged to undertake developmental activities in these villages mainly through convergence of funds available with different Ministries/Departments under STC funds and the funds available under scheme of SCA to ITVD would be used for gap filling. Secretary, asked to share the data of villages with the MSDE so that they can focus for training /skill development of the tribal in these villages. The data was shared with MSDE on 7th October, 2021.

4. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC. MSME has made STC allocation of only 2.24 percent of total scheme allocation in FY 2021-22. The Ministry has made STC allocation under 16 schemes in FY 2021-22. Around 60 percent of total STC allocation has been made under -Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). Six schemes have STC allocation thirty Lakh or less.

4.2 Secretary, Tribal Affairs requested MSME to adhere to the norms of allocating STC funds as mandated by NITI Aayog.

4.3 JD, MSME informed that Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans (primarily small farmers) and rural/urban unemployed youth and they are providing margin money subsidy under PMEGP which is 35 percent for SC/ST/women and 25 percent for general population. He informed that they will provide the data of ST beneficiaries under PMEGP.

4.4 JD, MSME also informed that Ministry is implementing Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). The focus of the scheme is to organize traditional industries and artisans/small farmers into clusters and provide them with sustainable employment by making their products competitive through value addition. Under the scheme, farmers through farmer producer organization or otherwise are collectively supported through construction of Common Facility Centres (CFCs), new plants and machineries, training, etc. in sectors such as Agro Based Industries, Honey, Khadi, Coir, Handicrafts, Textiles, Bamboo etc.

4.5 Secretary, TA requested that MSME under their schemes may target and provide rural enterprises in tribal dominated villages, promote entrepreneurship and start-ups among tribal

youth in convergence with MoTA schemes and implementing agencies such as NSTFDC and TRIFED.

4.6 Secretary, TA urged that schemes having small STC allocation may be removed from STC and their allocations may be transferred to the schemes which provide specific benefits to STs. He further stated that schemes of MSME may be converged in the identified tribal dominated villages (mentioned in point no 3.7). The list of villages was shared on 7/10/2021.

5. Ministry of Food Processing and Industries (MoFPI):

Ministry of Ministry of Food Processing and Industries is mandated to allocate 4.3 % of total scheme allocation as STC. MoFPI has allocated Rs 47.30 crore which is 3.94 percent of total scheme allocation as STC in FY 2021-22. JS, MoFPI informed that they have allocated Rs 51.6 crore as STC funds which is 4.6 percent of total Scheme allocation of MoFPI. Secretary, TA asked to reconcile the figures as MoTA is using the figures provided in Statement 10B of budget document. In FY 2020-21, MoFPI has utilized only 50 percent of their RE allocation. MoFPI is making allocation under two schemes - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) and Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME).

5.2 JS, MoFPI informed that MoFPI is implementing PMKSY with the objective to supplement agriculture, create processing and preservation capacities, modernise and expand existing food processing units to add value leading to the reduction of wastage. PMKSY is a project-oriented scheme and minimum cost of the project should not be less than Rs 1 crore. JS, MoFPI informed that only those projects are funded under STC if the promoter is ST and he is having 100 percent stake.

5.3 PMFME aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain. The Scheme adopts One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products. The States would identify food product for a district keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material. The ODOP product could be a perishable produce based product or cereal based products or a food product widely produced in a district and their allied sectors.

5.4 JS, MoFPI informed that they provide credit-linked capital subsidy @35% of the eligible project cost. There is no minimum limit of the project cost under the scheme. He said that they have hired District Resource Persons to help people to prepare and submit the proposals. They have established 86 mini food parks under the scheme. He further informed that they are having State level training institutes. These institutes provide capsule courses on training.

5.5 Secretary, TA appreciated that PMFME is a good scheme. As there is no minimum limit of the project cost, STs can avail benefit of the scheme and sustained employment can be generated. The scheme needs wide publicity and awareness generation. He suggested that infrastructure of State- Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) may be used for conducting training programmes and awareness generation.

6. Ministry of Textiles (MoT)

Ministry of Textiles is mandated to allocate 8.6% of total scheme allocation as STC. MoT is not adhering to the norms and not utilizing even the allocated amount. MoT is making STC allocation under 11 schemes.

6.2 Secretary, TA asked the reasons for not adhering to the allocation norm fixed by NITI Aayog. Deputy Director (DD), MoT said that he is not having any information about this. DD, MoT further said that he will collect the information from other Divisions of MoT regarding ST beneficiaries and share the same with MoTA.

6.3 Secretary, TA stated that the list of tribal dominated villages (mentioned in point no 3.7) may be shared with MoT and MoT may converge its scheme in these identified villages. The list of villages was shared on 7/10/2021 with MoT. Secretary, TA asked to have another meeting with MoT and said that MoT may be requested to send the officers dealing with the schemes/matter for a fruitful review/discussion.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all participants.

Annexure

List of Participants

Sl.No.	Name & Designation
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, MoTA -in- Chair
2.	Shri Naval Jit Kapoor, JS, MoTA
3.	Shri Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
4.	Shri Shiv Singh Meena, EA, MoTA
5.	Shri Satyendra Kumar, JD, MoTA
6.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
7.	Shri Atul Saxena, Joint Secretary, MoFPI
8.	Shri Sunil Kumar Verma, Joint Director, MoMSME
9.	Shri D.P. Singh, Deputy Secretary, MoSDE
10.	Dr. Janardahan, Deputy Director, MoT