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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 17.09.2021 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 17/09/2021 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 issues with the approval of Secretary, Tribal Affairs.



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Secretary, Ministry of Power
Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meetings held on 17.9.2021 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

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on 17.9.2021 at 2:30 P.M. with the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to review the allocation, utilization, physical progress of STC funds by these Ministries under their schemes and also to discuss on the convergence of the proposed Integrated Village Development Programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs being launched under the revamped SCA to TSS Scheme (SCA to ITVD). A list of officers who attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. Brief details of the discussion held with these Ministries are given below:

Ministry of Power (MoP)

3.1 Ministry of Power is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC. MoP has not allocated STC funds as per norms during 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. They have not utilized even the allocated amounts in last 3 years. In the current financial year, they have spent only 11 % of the STC allocated funds so far.

3.2 As regards the scheme wise allocation and expenditure, it is observed that MoP is allocating STC funds under two schemes namely: Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS-Grant, IPDS-Loans) and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojna (DDUGJY).

3.3 While clarifying about the schemes, Director, MoP stated that DDUGJY is village-oriented scheme and it provides for village electrification and strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution (ST&D) infrastructure in rural areas, including metering at distribution transformers, feeders and consumers end. IPDS is an urban-oriented scheme and it provides for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network in the urban areas. Director informed that allocation is made on notional basis in the ratio of population of the States under these schemes. If some work is being done in North Eastern region or tribal dominated areas, they show the expenditure under STC.

3.4 Secretary, Tribal Affairs (TA) asked how many tribal villages have been electrified. Director, MoP informed that they do not maintain separate data for ST villages. He further informed that all

the inhabited un-electrified Census Villages stand electrified as on 28th April, 2018 across the country under DDUGJY.

3.5 DDG stated that Ministry of Tribal Affairs has done a gap analysis of 117064 villages having 25 percent or more tribal population, based on Mission Antyodaya data (as on 31.08. 2019) of Department of Rural Development and Census 2011. Out of these, 36,428 tribal villages having ST population 50 % or more and at least 500 ST persons, are being taken for gap filling mainly through convergence of STC of different Ministries/Departments. 1243 of these 36428 villages do not reportedly have availability of electricity for domestic use.

3.6 Secretary, TA wanted to know whether MoP has checked the Mission Antyodaya data. Director, MoP informed that they are not aware of the data and requested to share the gap analysis with them. Secretary asked whether there is any mechanism to cross check/verify that all the villages have been electrified or not. Director, MoP informed that is it done through PSUs (like REC) and hence no data is maintained in the Ministry. However, they will check it.

3.7 Secretary, TA stated that many Hon'ble Members of Parliament have raised the issue of non-electrification of tribal villages in their areas and asked Director, MoP to check the data and identify within a month as to which villages are yet to be electrified. He asked DDG to share the data with MoP. The gap analysis was shared with the Director, MoP on 17th September 2021, after the meeting.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

4.1 MNRE is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of the total scheme allocation as STC funds. Though they are doing allocation as per norms in last two years and current year but they could spend only 87 % in 2019-20 and 71 % in 2020-21 of RE allocation. In the current year expenditure is only 8 % till now. STC allocation has been made under 8 schemes. EA, MNRE informed that the STC funds are being allocated on notional basis.

4.2 Secretary, TA asked why the allocation is being made on notional basis under Solar Power scheme, as ST beneficiaries can be identified under the scheme. EA, MNRE informed that if demand comes, we provide them funds but there is no mechanism to capture social category wise data under the scheme.

4.3 EA, MNRE informed that Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM) is a specific scheme for farmers. It provides for installation of solar pumps, setting up of Decentralized Ground/ Stilt Mounted Grid Connected Solar or other Renewable Energy based Power Plants and Solarisation of Grid Connected Agriculture Pumps. EA informed that no demand was received under KUSUM this year. Secretary, TA said that there should not be notional allocation under this scheme as ST farmers can be identified under this scheme.

4.4 Secretary, TA asked how the funds allocated under Wind Power is being utilized. EA, MNRE informed that the power plant is being installed in tribal areas. Secretary, TA stated if the benefits are not reaching to STs, there is no point in allocating STC funds under this scheme. Setting up of power generation facility in tribal areas may not be enough, if the tribal villages do not get electricity.

4.5 As regards the Bio Gas scheme. EA, MNRE informed that it is a demand driven scheme. EA was not aware of the scheme in detail. He informed that Surya Mitras are being trained under Human Resources Development and Training scheme.

4.6 Secretary, TA stated that there is a greater scope of benefits for the STs under the schemes of Solar power, Bio Gas, and KUSUM. MNRE may increase STC allocations under these schemes by transferring funds from Wind Power, Small Hydro Power and Green Energy Corridor as it is more meaningful if STC funds are used for direct benefit of ST people and habitations. Accordingly, STC allocation may be made in RE 2021-22 and next year's budget. Secretary, TA asked DDG to share the gap analysis data with MoP and MNRE. MNRE should try for gap filling in tribal dominated villages for electricity through solar power and clean fuel use by making provision of Bio gas. Secretary also urged that Panchayat Bhawans, Schools, Anganwadi Centres, public health centers, tribal hostels, community centers, other public institutions, and govt funded facilities may be made solar powered in tribal areas. Solar Lamps may also be installed in tribal villages. This may be a good model of achievement. Secretary, TA stated that MoTA can also provide funds from its schemes, to achieve this.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)

5.1 MoPNG is mandated to allocate 4.3 percent of the total scheme allocation as STC funds. In FY 2020-21 though MoPNG has allocated STC funds as per norms, the expenditure was only 75.6

% of RE. In the current FY STC allocation is 3.5 % and the expenditure is less than 1 % till date. In 2020-21, MoPNG allocated funds under 5 schemes but in 2021-22 STC allocation made under two schemes namely 'Direct Benefit Transfer – LPG' and 'Other subsidy payable including for North Eastern Region'. More than 96 percent allocation is under Direct Benefit Transfer – LPG.

5.2 DS, MoPNG informed that Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY) is a flagship scheme with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes, etc. She informed that they do not have separate data for STs. She further informed that total 8 crore connections were given under PMUY 1.0 and out of those, 3.04 crore were given to SCs/STs. Secretary, TA said that data for STs may be obtained as MoPNG is having the information both for SCs and STs.

5.3 DS, MoPNG informed that in PMUY 2.0 they are collecting separate data for STs. Total 21.99 laks connections have been given under PMUY 2.0 till now and out of those, 87000 were given to STs. Secretary, TA asked the DS to check whether there is any action plan to cover schools, Anganwadi Centers.

5.4 Secretary, TA asked about other schemes of MoPNG having STC allocation. DS said that she is not aware of the other schemes. She will share the information by taking information from other Divisions of MoPNG.

5.5 Secretary, TA stated that as per gap analysis mentioned above, there are 1.03 crore ST households in 36,428 tribal dominated villages having tribal population 50 % or more and at least 500 tribal population, out of which only 42.24 lakh (41%) households are using clear fuel (LPG/Bio Gas). It is required to provide gas connection to the remaining households. Secretary, TA asked DDG to share the gap analysis data and details of villages with MoPNG, which was shared to them on 17.9.21 evening.

5.6 Secretary, TA said that MoPNG may expand the coverage of the scheme for providing LPG connections as it will benefit tribal households immensely.

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, 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 Pradeep Kumar Meel, Director, Ministry of Power
8.	Shri J. Rajesh Kumar, EA, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
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