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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 24.09.2021 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 24/09/2021 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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Shri A. R. Rao, ADG, Department of Agricultural Research and Education
Shri Rakesh Kumar, Asst. Commissioner, Department of Fisheries
Shri Ch David, Director, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
Dr. Muniraju S.B., Dy. Adviser (SJE-VAC), NITI Aayog

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Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meeting held on 24.09.2021 to review utilisation of 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 24.9.2021 at 3.00 P.M. with Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DoAHD), Department of Fisheries (DoF) and Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) to review the allocation, utilization, physical progress of STC under their schemes and also to discuss on the convergence of Integrated Village Development Programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs being launched under the revamped SCA to TSS Scheme . A list of participants in the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. The details of discussion are given below:

Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)

3. Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) is mandated to allocate 4.3 per cent of their total scheme allocation. DARE allocated funds under STC as per norms during 2018-19 to 2020-21 and utilized/released the funds to the Institutes/organization under them. In the current year DARE has allocated Rs 115.50 Crore and made an expenditure of Rs. 51.82 crore till date. DARE is making STC allocation under 7 schemes. Major STC allocation is under the scheme of Agricultural Extension.

4. Secretary, Tribal Affairs observed that utilization is exactly the same with RE during 2017-18 to 2019-20. He stated that it seems DARE is just transferring funds to some agencies and showing that the STC expenditure has been made. He asked representatives of DARE to check this.

5. While clarifying allocation and expenditure under different schemes under STC, Pr. Scientist, DARE informed that DARE gives funds under the Agricultural Extension scheme to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for capacity building, technology assessment, frontline demonstration of technologies etc. Secretary, Tribal Affairs asked how many STs were benefited in last financial year under the scheme. Pr. Scientist informed that they are maintaining data of the beneficiaries. As the data was not readily available with them, they promised to share the same with MoTA.

6. Secretary, TA wanted to know whether DARE is doing regular monitoring on adoption of new technologies by the farmers, increase of the income of marginal farmers, etc. Pr. Scientist informed that they don't have such information. However, KVKs are regularly in touch with the beneficiaries.

7. Representative of DARE informed that they are providing funds to different research centers like Rice Research Institution, Wheat Research Institution etc under Crop Science. However, salaries are not being given from STC funds, as clarified by them.

8. Pr. Scientist further informed that they provide funds for capacity building, demonstration of technologies, extension services etc. under all the schemes of DARE. Funds are being provided to different set of Institutions under different schemes for such activities.

9. Dr. Muniraju, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog stated that DARE has published an advertisement recently for recruiting consultants under TSP which is not permissible as per the guidelines of NITI Aayog. Salary component can't be given from STC funds. Representatives of DARE was asked to look into the matter.

10. 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 117064 villages (as on 31.08. 2019) having 25% or more tribal population for around 20 parameters; out of these, 36,428 villages are having 50 % or more and at least 500 tribal population. For filling gaps and comprehensive development of these villages in next 5 years, Ministry has prepared an action plan under its scheme SCA to ITVD by taking 7000-7500 villages per year. The scheme is envisaged to undertake the 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, TA urged that the schemes of DARE may be converged in these villages. Secretary, asked to share the data of villages with DARE. The list of villages was shared with DARE on 24.09.2021 evening.

11. Secretary, TA advised that tangible achievements will not only be better for monitoring but will also be replicated in other places. He requested that DARE may fix a target of making 500 tribal majority villages completely organic, which will be a good development model.

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DoAHD)

12. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC. DoAHD is adhering to the norms and they are utilizing the

allocated STC amounts. STC allocation was made under 9 schemes in FY 2020-21. STC allocation has been made under 3 schemes in FY 2021-22. Some of the Schemes/programmes have been merged to form an umbrella scheme. Allocation under STC is notional.

13. JS, DoAHD informed that they provide vaccines such as FMD (Foot and Mouth disease) vaccines, PPR vaccines etc. and Artificial Insemination (AI) to the animals under Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme. They cover entire population for the vaccination and AI. JS also informed that there are around 53 crore milch animals and they are reaching each and every animal. He further informed that Govt has fixed target of controlling FMD by 2025 and eradicating FMD by 2030 as India faces lots of issues in exporting milk products, meats etc. due to FMD diseases.

14. Secretary, TA asked as to how many STs were helped last year. JS, DoAHD said that they do not maintain such data as they cover 100 percent population. JS, DoAHD further informed that they have recently developed a portal ENAF which is like Aadhaar of animals and it collects social profile of owners too. We can get the data of ST beneficiaries from this portal once the portal is fully functional.

15. JS, DoAHD informed that their main focus is on entrepreneurship development under other schemes with STC allocation. They are providing assistance to FPOs, Private companies etc.

16. JS, DoAHD informed that they are running some special programmes/schemes such as Piggeries programmes for NE States, Fodder and Feed Development etc. They have purchased 250 pigs from UK and distributed in NE region on pilot basis. They have distributed Australian sheep in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir also.

17. Secretary, TA requested that the schemes of DoHAD may be converged in the 36428 villages (mentioned in para 10) and emphasized to ensure 100 percent vaccination coverage of animals in these ST majority villages on priority. Secretary asked to share the data of villages with DoHAD, which was shared with them.

Department of Fisheries (DoF)

18. Department of Fisheries is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC. DoF is adhering to the norms and allocating more than 9 percent of total scheme allocation under STC. DoF has made STC allocation under 3 schemes in FY 2021-22. Major allocation (more than 98 percent) is under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

19. Asst. Commissioner, DoF informed that they aimed at enhancement of production and productivity, Infrastructure and Post-harvest management under PMMSY. The scheme is segregated into beneficiary-oriented and non-beneficiary oriented components. He informed that National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) scrutinizes the proposals received from States and 8.6 percent of the total proposals received are recommended for STs. This way they maintain the norms prescribed by NITI Aayog. Asst. Commissioner, DoF further informed that they provide funds for pond creation on individual lands at the rate of Rs 7 lac per hectare of land. They also provide fishes to beneficiaries. Asst. Commissioner, DoF said that they focus on cluster development as clusters are sustainable for livelihood and income generation. He informed that last year 48,560 STs were benefitted and they are maintaining data of State-wise ST beneficiaries.

20. Secretary, TA stated that PMMSY seems to be a very meaningful scheme and in order to improve effectiveness of STC utilisation, the STC funds of other two schemes may be considered to be transferred to this scheme.

21. Secretary, TA asked that special focus may be given to the identified 36,428 villages (details as mentioned in para 10) while seeking the proposals from States under PMMSY. Secretary asked DDG to share the data of villages with DoF. The list of villages was shared with DoF on 24.09.2021 evening.

22. Asst. Commissioner, DoF informed that they will circulate the list of villages to the States with a request to focus on these villages while seeking/forwarding the proposals.

23. Secretary, TA requested that on the lines of milk cooperatives, Fisheries cooperatives of tribal may be created with proper infrastructure and marketing linkages, which will be a source of sustainable income for ST families.

Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR)

24. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC. DoWR,RD&GR is not adhering to the norms and making allocation of less than half of mandated allocation. They have allocated only 2.42 percent of funds under STC in FY 2021-22.

25. Secretary, TA asked the reasons for less allocation by the Department, but the representative of DoWR,RD&GR could not clarify.

26. It was observed that major allocation is under the scheme 'Har Khet Ko Pani'. Secretary observed that it is a very good scheme; benefits under the scheme can be provided to ST farmers. Secretary opined that there are large numbers of streams in the vicinity of tribal habitations; the agricultural lands of tribals may be connected with the streams for irrigation under the scheme.

27. Dr. Muniraju, Dy. Adviser, NITI Aayog said the alternative lands provided to the families displaced from building of dams may be connected with water under Har Khet Ko Pani Scheme. Most of the affected families for construction of dams are tribal. Secretary, TA asked to make an assessment on the number of tribal families affected in this regard and urged to connect their lands with water.

28. Secretary, TA also asked to provide details of ST beneficiaries under the scheme. Director, DoWR,RD&GR said that they are repeatedly requesting States to provides information on the number of beneficiaries but the States are not providing any information in this regard. He informed that they mostly book the expenditure for NE States under STC. Secretary, TA stated that focus should be given on Central Indian States, as majority of tribal reside there.

29. Secretary, TA requested that special focus may be given to the 36,428 villages (details as mentioned in para 10) for implementation of Har Khet ko Pani scheme. Secretary asked to share the data of villages with DoWR,RD&GR, which was shared to them.

30. Secretary stated that he will again have a meeting after one or two months with the representatives of DoWR,RD&GR on the progress made in these villages and advised that in the next meeting DoWR,RD&GR may send a representative of the Department dealing the schemes.

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

List of Participants

Srl.No.	Name & Designation
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, MoTA -in- Chair
2.	Shri Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
3.	Shri Satyendra Kumar, JD, MoTA
4.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
5.	Dr. Muniraju S.B., Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
6.	Shri Sh. G. N. Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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8.	Shri A.R Rao, ADG, Department of Agricultural Research and Education
9.	Shri P.K. Katiha, Pr. Scientist, Department of Agricultural Research and Education
10.	Shri Rakesh Kumar, Asst. Commissioner, Department of Fisheries
11.	Shri Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra, FRI (Fisheries Research Investigator), Department of Fisheries
12.	Shri Ch David, Director, Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR