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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 06.09.2021 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 subject held on 06/09/2021 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, Department of Food & Public Distribution  
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PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 6.9.2021 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 6.9.2021 at 5.00 P.M. with Department of Food and Public Distribution and Ministry of Labour and Employment to review the allocation, expenditure and physical progress of STC funds 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 (SCA to ITVD). List of Officers who attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. The details of discussion held in the meeting with Department of Food and Public Distribution and Ministry of Labour and Employment are given below:

### **Department of Food and Public Distribution (DoF&PD)**

3. Department of Food and Public Distribution is mandated to allocate 4.3 per cent of their total scheme allocation. Till 2019-20, DoF&PD did not make any allocation under STC. In the last financial year, i.e., 2020-21 though they made STC allocation of Rs 5421.31 crore, they didn't spend any funds under STC. In the current financial year DoF&PD has allocated Rs 10814.48 crore under STC which is 15 percent of total Central obligated STC budget excluding allocation under MoTA.

4. It is observed that though DoF&PD allocated STC funds under 8 schemes, ninety eight percent allocation is under two schemes namely 'Food subsidy to Food Corporation India under National Food Security Act (NFSA)' (Rs 8906.0 crore) and Food subsidy for decentralized procurement of food grains under NFSA (Rs 1720.0 crore). EA, DoF&PD informed that the Department is giving 95 per cent of total

allocation as subsidy to FCI and State Governments. They are not giving any benefit directly to the beneficiaries.

5. EA(DoF&PD) informed that all the funds under the schemes 'Food Subsidy to Food Corporation of India under National Food Security Act' and 'Food Subsidy for Decentralized Procurement of Food grains under NFSA' are given for food subsidy. The release under the schemes 'Assistance to State Agencies for intra-state movement of food grains and FPS dealers' margin under NFSA are taken under STC if the allocations are made to States with ST population. Allocations under other schemes are notional.

6. As regards providing benefits to the STs, EA, DoF&PD stated that there is no mandate to identify SCs/STs under National Food Security Act (NFSA). However, the benefit is going to 67 percent of the total population of the country. So, it can be assumed that they are covering vulnerable sections of the society such as SCs and STs. Secretary asked whether it was feasible to capture this information from ration cards. EA, DoF&PD informed that there is no provision for capturing information of SCs/STs in the ration card, and that there is no concept of APL and BPL under NFSA. Only AAY beneficiaries and Priority households are covered under NFSA. There are around 2.5 crore AAY households under NFSA.

7. DoF&PD representative also informed that they have issued guidelines to State Governments to provide ST beneficiaries under NFSA. She further informed that 27 States have provided ST beneficiaries data till now. The data received from these States reveals that 10 per cent of total beneficiaries under NFSA are STs. It was requested to share figures of state-wise ST beneficiaries. Secretary requested the representative of NITI Aayog to consider enhancing the earmarking norm of allocation for DoF&PD as the ST beneficiaries are more.

8. Secretary, Tribal Affairs wanted to know how the States are collecting and compiling data of STs. EA, DoF&PD informed that the states are using data of beneficiaries from Social/Tribal Welfare Departments and superimposing on beneficiaries under NFSA and arriving at the numbers of ST beneficiaries.

9. JS, MoTA urged that with implementation of One Nation One Ration Card DoF&PD may explore possibility of collecting data on STs from the ration card, so that we can get the status of ST migration. Once we track them, providing basic facilities to them at the place of migration can be worked out.

10. DDG, MoTA wanted to know about the scheme Fortification of Rice and its Distribution under Public Distribution System. Director, DoF&PD informed that the purpose is to increase the nutritional value of rice by adding Folic acid, Iron and Vitamin B12 at the milling stage. There is no change of look or taste of rice due to fortification. The focus is on the Aspirational Districts.

11. Secretary, Tribal Affairs stated that based on Mission Antyodaya data of Rural Development and Census 2011 MoTA has identified 36,428 villages with significant tribal population (having 50 percent or more tribal and at least 500 tribal) having infrastructural gaps for integrated development. Out of these, 12,613 villages do not have PDS shops in the village and it is very difficult for the people to avail the facility. Secretary wanted to know the criteria for opening PDS shops. EA informed that it is the responsibility of the States. she also informed that at present there are no guidelines issued by them and DoF&PD is not monitoring the establishment of PDS shops. Secretary urged that DoF&PD may review this matter and issue guideline to States for saturating these villages; by possibly prescribing that a certain proportion of new licenses should be in tribal areas. Secretary said if such shops are run by the tribals or SHGs of tribals, it will also provide gainful employment to STs.

EA stated that DoF&PD will issue guideline for establishing PDS shops and they will ask States to prioritize opening of PDS shops as per gaps informed by MoTA. JS, MoTA said that SHGs and Van Dhan Kendra can be given licenses. EA said that she will convey the same to Secretary, DoF&PD and requested to hold a separate meeting on the same. MoTA will provide the list of 36,428 ST villages to D/o F & PD.

### **Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E)**

12. Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) is mandated to allocate and spend 8.6 per cent of their total scheme allocation under TSP/STC. In the current financial year MoL&E has made STC allocation of Rs 1084.12 core (8.57 per cent) under 10 schemes. Major allocations are under Employees' Pension Schemes, 1995 (Rs 631.06 crore) and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojagar Yojana (Rs 270.90 crore).

13. Director, MoL&E informed that they are giving funds to EPFO under Employees' Pension Scheme as subsidy. They have requested EPFO to provide the data on ST beneficiaries but EPFO has taken a plea that people working in the private sectors do not have a system to provide category-wise data. He informed that joining under PM Shram Yogi Maandhan and PM Karam Yogi Maandhan is voluntary and workers are required to make some contribution for getting benefits under these schemes.

14. During discussion it was intimated that MoL&E does not have any ST beneficiary details under any of the schemes and MoL&E representatives expressed their limitation in collecting physical progress and beneficiary data. As the STC allocation is purely notional and there is no mechanism to capture ST data and monitor the schemes of MoLE under STC, Secretary opined that NITI Aayog may consider dropping MoL&E from obligated Ministries/Departments list. However,

Dy. Adviser, NITI Aayog was of the view that since many of these schemes are being implemented for providing social security benefits, MoL&E should collect beneficiary details, physical progress and share to MoTA.

15. Secretary wanted to know about the newly launched e-shram portal of MoL&E for capturing information on the workers of unorganized sector. Director, MoL&E informed that registration has been started on the portal and more than 20 lakh people have registered till now. A card is issued to all registered worker with a unique ID. Secretary asked whether the data on STs are being collected in the portal. Director, MoL&E said that he will check and inform. Secretary said that if data on STs are not being collected, a provision to capture data on STs may be created. It will be helpful in knowing the migration pattern of the STs. MOL&E subsequently informed that data on STs are being captured on the portal.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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**List of Participants**

<b>Srl.No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>
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, Joint Director, MoTA
6.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
7.	Ms. Manisha Sensarma, EA, DoF&PD
8.	Shri Prabhas Kumar, Director, DoF&PD
9.	Dr. Muniraju S.B., Dy. Adviser (SJE-VAC), NITI Aayog
10.	Shri V. Srikanth, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment
11.	Ms. Anu Jain, Deputy Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment
12.	Shri Mahesh Kumar, Economic Officer, Ministry of Labour and Employment
13.	Shri Avadhesh Kumar, Investigator, Ministry of Labour and Employment