D.O. No. 19020/01/2018-PC

Dated: 10th May 2018

Dear Sir,

This is regarding important activities of Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the month of April 2018.

2. The Union Cabinet has given approval to the declaration of Scheduled Areas in respect of Rajasthan under Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India by rescinding the earlier Constitution Order dated 12th February 1981. The Scheduled Tribes residing in Banswara, Dungarpur, Pratapgarh, and partial areas of Udaipur, Rajsamand, Chittoragarh, Pali and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan will get benefit of protective measures available under the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

3. Hon’ble PM launched the Van Dhan Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED on 14th April, 2018 during the celebrations of Ambedkar Jayanti at Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. Government of India proposes to expand Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in tribal districts across the country for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility.

4. The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) have set annual targets of Rs. 240 crore for Sanctions and Rs. 220 crore for disbursements for the year 2018-19. During April, 2018 Rs. 1.64 crore have been disbursed against Rs. 6.51 crore sanctioned.

5. Due to a massive drive of scaling up the retail marketing activities by TRIFED, the value of Sales has increased from Rs. 11.37 crore in 2016-17 to Rs. 20.08 crore (provisional) during 2017-18, a record increase of 77% and a record sale in the history of TRIFED. Also, the increase in procurement has resulted in enhancement of benefit to tribal artisans in terms of employment generation opportunities for 712 suppliers which helped create livelihood opportunities for around 70,000 tribal families during 2017-18 as compared to 585 suppliers with around 57,500 tribal families during 2016-17.

6. On the instructions of Department of Personnel and Training during Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (from 14th April, 2018 - 5th May, 2018) 10 officers of this Ministry have worked in close coordination with the concerned State Government officials and the District Magistrates / Collectors / Deputy

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Commissioners to achieve 100% saturation coverage in respect of seven Government flagship programmes.

7. As per the information received from various State Governments till 30.04.2018, 41,88,996 claims (40,46,515 individual and 1,42,451 community claims) have been filed and 18,34,108 titles (17,66,027 individual and 68,081 community claims) have been distributed. A total of 36,82,075 (87.90%) claims have been disposed of.

8. Incumbency details of all posts in the Ministry and its organizations falling under ACC purview have been updated on AVMS. There has been no case in which ACC directions have not been complied with.

9. During the month of April 2018, a total number of 158 e-files have been created by this Ministry in e-office.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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