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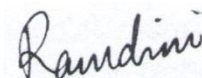
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**Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee meeting for effective implementation of VanbandhuKalyan Yojana (VKY)**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of minutes Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee meeting for effective implementation of VanbandhuKalyan Yojana (VKY) held on 30.07.2015 in the Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.



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To,

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- 2) Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3) Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 4) Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 5) Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
- 6) Secretary, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
- 7) Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi
- 8) Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
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- 10) Advisor (SJ&E), NITI Aayog, NITI Aayog Bhawan, New Delhi.
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PPS to Secretary (TA)/JS (A)/JS (MKP)/DDG/EA  
All Divisional Heads

**Minutes of the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for effective implementation of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**

A meeting on Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for effective implementation of VKY was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

2. List of participants is annexed (**Annex-I**).

3. The meeting is on convergence among various line Ministries/Departments for strategic interventions and bridging the gap in human development indices of Scheduled Tribe Communities.

**Joint Secretary(TA)** provides an overview of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and stated that utilization and achievement under TSP component of Central Ministries / Departments and with line Ministries / Departments in the States/UTs has remained a challenge for Government over the years. Lack of proper institutional mechanism for ensuring convergence of these financial resources resulted in under-achievement. For ensuring effective utilization of available financial resources under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), the Government started implementing a Central Sector Scheme 'Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)' based on the Gujarat Model. Through VKY, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) stresses on convergence of resources by using funds under various schemes / programmes across Ministries/Departments as a unified kit. **Hon'ble Prime Minister observation with regards to implementation of TSP and VKY was highlighted that calls for planned, focus and intensive mechanism of coordination of which the output and outcome will be reviewed at the Cabinet Secretary level and at the PMO level.**

4. **Department of School Education & Literacy (Do/SE&L), NCERT and NUEPA:**

The issues and concerns of very high dropouts, low literacy rate, low learning achievement level, Barriers of language and culture in school education of Tribal Children, Lack of Involvement of Parents & Community, Vacant position of teachers in Schools in Tribal areas, Lack of trained and qualified teachers for Language, Math & Science subjects, Lack of Opportunities for Students from remote and disturbed areas with aptitude for Science Studies, Safety and security of ST students, particularly girl students in Residential Schools & Hostels, Physical, Nutritional and Health security of students, non-availability of functional toilets especially for girls students etc. were raised and highlighted.

While appreciating the NCERT's National Achievement Survey (NAS) with state wise ST flash cards for class III, V and VII/VIII, Director (Edu. MoTA) emphasized the importance of inclusion of Residential Ashram Schools and Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in all the cycles of the NAS. NCERT was also requested to share the disaggregated data of these schools for further analysis and planning by the MoTA.

Do/SE&L was requested to make provision for additional indicators relating to the residential Ashram Schools and EMRS for ST children along with location, subject specific teachers, class wise / gender wise enrolment and educational infrastructure to be captured in the UDISE Data base for effective planning, implementation and monitoring of education for ST children.

Availability of very relevant educational contents for the ST students and also teachers of the Tribal schools from the National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) of NCERT have been highlighted and it was decided that MoTA, with the technical support of the DFID- DTA

Project and with the help of the TRIs would expedite the availability & use of these resources in all the Residential Ashram Schools and EMRS.

As a special measure for the Nutritional security of the ST students, Do/SE&L was requested to take appropriate steps for inclusion of minor millets, green leafy vegetables and local traditional foods in the menu of MDM scheme

**5. *Ministry of Culture:***

Mo/Culture provides funds for celebration and organization of festivals across various States along with showcasing of marketing products, art and craft of the tribals. Mo/Culture is also working on the Compendium of Culture wherein cultural mapping and database for all artists across communities will be done. The proposal for setting up of National Tribal Museum, listing of Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) as Museums in Tourist sites and virtual museums are discussed.

**6. *Ministry of Tourism:***

The TSP fund of Mo/Tourism is spent on Product and Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits. Specific intervention through development of soft skills, training of local youths for career prospects in tourism sector, eco/adventure tourism in tribal areas may be included under TSP. Promotion of tribal cuisines and food, regional food, tribal museums as tourist sites are of equal importance. It should be made sure that economic activities generated in and around tribal habitations and benefits occur thereof; percolates down to resident tribal population.

**7. *Ministry of HUPA:***

Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) provides housing for urban poor and needy population in urban areas. Tribal migrant laborers settled as slum dwellers in urban areas constitute a large chunk of the urban poor. The concern is that of retaining identity of tribal migrants when they arrived in metro cities in search for better work avenues. In this context, the planning and monitoring of TSP of the Mo/HUPA (RAY) may consider those factors that may increase their vulnerability. State having large tribal population residing in urban areas may be advised on this.

**8. *Department of Telecommunication (DoT) and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeiTY):***

Coverage of tribal habitation/population remains a challenge due to the dispersed and remote nature of dwelling amongst tribal population. DoT has accorded priority to LWE affected areas of which 50% are already connected till date. Scope of providing NOFN connectivity in residential schools in tribal areas may be considered under the TSP component of the department.

**9. *Department of Science & Technology (Do/S&T):***

Do/S&T may contribute its expertise and consider utilizing its TSP fund on some initiatives/issues that Ministry of Tribal Affairs is working on;

- (a) With Do/Space, for using space technology in identifying water bodies in tribal areas.
- (b) The incidence of SCD and SCT is very high amongst the tribal communities. In addition to the basic intervention of screening and counseling, there is an urgent need for stem cell research for Sickle Cell Disease.

- (c) Scientific intervention and value added to the art, craft and products of tribal artisans such as Bell metal craft for higher enumeration.
- (d) In line with the recent initiative of VKY, Director (Edn) requested the Do/S&T to bring enhanced and outcome oriented convergence of the Solar Lighting Scheme for the benefit of all the 5000 Residential Ashram Schools and EMRS located in inaccessible locations. With the help of DoS&T, Vigyan Ashram, Pune and Barefoot College, Tilonia, solar lighting skill training will be provided to school dropout ST youths from the local community and with their help, solar lighting system could be installed and would continuously be maintained in all these schools on priority.

#### **10. Actionable/Desirable Points:**

10.1 NCERT to include Residential Ashram Schools and EMRS in all the cycles of the NAS and also to share the disaggregated NAS data of these schools for further analysis and planning by the MoTA.

Department of School Education & Literacy to make provision for additional indicators relating to the residential Ashram Schools and EMRS for ST children along with location, subject specific teachers, class wise / gender wise enrolment and educational infrastructure to be captured in the UDISE Data base.

MoTA, with the technical support of the DFID- DTA Project and with the help of the TRIs would expedite the availability & use of National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) of NCERT in all the Residential Ashram Schools and EMRS.

Do/SE&L to take appropriate steps for inclusion of minor millets, green leafy vegetables and local traditional foods in the menu of MDM scheme in Residential Ashram Schools and EMRS.

**(Action: NCERT /Do/SE&L/NUEPA /TRI/ Edu. Div/Research Div, MoTA)**

10.2 TRI museum to be listed as museum in tourist map/lists of Museum. Compendium of Culture initiated by Mo/Culture will be shared with MoTA. Research division will intimate MoTA's priorities, viz, virtual museums, promotion of zonal cultural centres, etc. to Mo/Culture.

**(Action: M/o Culture/ Research Div, MoTA)**

10.3 Mo/Tourism may consider under its TSP component; Developing areas close to the vicinity of tribal areas as tourist spots/circuits for Eco-Tourism, Adventure Tourism- water sports, mountaineering, micro enterprise and career development for ST youth as tourist guides and others, promotion of tribal cuisines and listing of tribal museums in tourist circuits/ sites/ maps and brochures. SG division will intimate MoTA's priorities to Mo/Tourism.

Mo/Tourism is invited for active participation in forthcoming Tribal Carnival.

**(Mo/Tourism/SG, MoTA)**

10.4 All ST household in urban areas such as Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, and other States having large tribal population residing in urban areas, may be covered and effectively monitored under TSP.

(RAY, Mo/HUPA)

10.5 The TSP funds of DeITY/ DoT may be utilized on providing NOFN connectivity to residential schools in tribal areas and mobile connection to remote tribal habitation. Representative of DoT to provide latest information on villages yet to be covered with 2G connectivity.

(DoT/DeITY)

10.6 Appropriate technology and scientific intervention for value addition to the art, metal craft and products of tribal artisans. With the help of Do/S&T, Vigyan Ashram, Pune and Barefoot College, Tilonia, solar lighting skill training will be provided to school dropout ST youths from the local community and with their help, solar lighting system would be installed and maintained in all these schools on priority.

(Do/S&T/Edn.Div, MoTA)

10.7 Concerned Ministries/Departments to converge and synergise as highlighted above. **Plan of action for activity under TSP component be drawn out by respective Min/Deptt. and intimate to this Ministry within a fortnight. Achievements under each TSP components of Min/Dept for the last 5 years be provided at the earliest.** Concerned division of MoTA will coordinate with related Min/Deptt with regard to information sharing and progress report.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Meeting on Inter-Ministerial Coordination for effective implementation of VKY held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

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5	Shri. S. Das Director	5	Mr. R.S.Singh, Director (HFA-1), M/o Housing Urban and Poverty Allevation.
6	Shri. B. Sasmal Director	6	Dr. Sunil Aggarwal, Scientist, D/o Science & Technology.
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