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(STC Monitoring Division)

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 13.10.2021 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.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting on the above subject held on 13/10/2021 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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**Copy to:**

Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)  
Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/o DoNER)

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

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13.10.2021 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 13.10.2021 at 4:00 P.M. with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Ministry of Panchayati Raj to review the allocation, utilization and physical progress of their schemes under STC funds and also to discuss on the convergence of the proposed Integrated Village Development Programme (ITVDP) of the MoTA being launched under the revamped Special Central Assistant to State Tribal Sub-Plan. A list of Officers who attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. Main points of the discussion held, Ministry-wise, are given below:

**3. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/o DoNER)**

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of the total scheme allocation as STC funds as per NITI Aayog guidelines. However, it was observed from the STC monitoring system that the Ministry is making higher STC allocation i.e. about 27% of their Scheme budget during the last five years. The STC allocation of the M/o DoNER in current FY (2021-22) is Rs. 716.87 Cr out of their total budget of Rs. 2637.49 Cr and the utilization of funds for FY 2021-22 is Rs. 376.65 (as on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021). M/o DoNER is making STC allocating under their 7 schemes viz. (i) North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) which includes two sub-schemes i.e., Hill area development programme and North East special infrastructure development programme, (ii) Central Pool of Resources for North East and Sikkim, (iii) Schemes of North East Council, (iv) Schemes of North East Council (Special Development Projects), (v) Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (vi) Dima Hasao Territorial Council and (vii) Bodoland Territorial Council. More than forty percent STC allocation is under NESIDS.

3.2 While appreciating higher allocation and utilization of STC funds by DoNER during last five years, Secretary, Tribal Affairs enquired whether M/o DoNER has a separate budget line for TSP allocation or the TSP portion is allocated from the 10% NE budget provision of all Central Ministries/Departments. Statistical Adviser, M/o DoNER informed that the Ministry has separate budget line for TSP allocation under the Ministry budget Grant No. 23 of the Union Budget Statement.

3.3 Secretary, TA suggested that NITI Aayog may relook at the guidelines and there may be scope for higher allocation than the mandatory norms as there are Ministries/Departments such as MDoNER who have scope to allocate higher funds under STC. Deputy Secretary, M/o DoNER informed that NITI Aayog mandated their Ministry to allocate 27.18 percent of funds as STC. DDG, MoTA requested to share the communication of NITI Aayog in this regard.

3.4 Secretary, TA observed that the Schemes of North East Council (NEC) is having higher allocation of funds under the STC but utilisation/expenditure by the NEC is low. Secretary, TA

asked the about the NEC mandate and major activities and why the Council not spending the allocated funds. Secretary, TA suggested that the NEC may also take up the TSP issues such as allocation, utilization, focus areas and activities under TSP so that the TSP funds utilized properly among the North Eastern States.

3.5 Statistical Adviser, MDoNER clarified that the NEC function under DoNER, and the Chairman of the NEC report to the Secretary M/o DoNER. The Council has mandate to promote the development of North Eastern States with focus on roads, bridges, tourism, health, education, and infrastructure. He further stated that there is scope to improve the fund utilization and they will take it up with NEC.

3.6 Joint Secretary (NJK) stated that based on Mission Antodaya data of Rural Development and Census 2011 MoTA has identified 36428 tribal dominated villages (having 50 percent or more tribal and at least 500 tribal) having infrastructural gaps for integrated development. He explained that the idea is to have village level targeted infrastructure. The village level data or gap analysis has already shared with State Governments. M/o DoNER may coordinate with State Governments and asked them to use the data and information for identification of villages and areas of intervention.

3.7 Statistical Adviser, MDoNER stated that the Ministry is very much interested and will be using the MoTA selected list villages for their focused intervention under STC component. He requested that when such communications are being sent to State Governments, a copy of the same may be forwarded to them also.

3.8 Joint Secretary (NJK) stated that there are enough TSP funds and there should be an effort from the line Ministries/Departments to coordinate with States to focus on the coverage of these villages already selected based on the gap analysis by MoTA. The TSP funds should focus on these identified villages and focused areas of development such as health, nutrition, education and infrastructure development.

3.9 Secretary, TA emphasized that M/o DoNER can cover these villages on priority basis and this can be done by suggesting the State Governments to incorporate or focus on these villages in the proposals from State Governments.

3.10 Secretary, TA in his final remarks stated that we should try to provide every village in North Eastern Region with access to basic amenities and infrastructure within their villages/habitation. He asked that any communication from MoTA to NE States should also copied to MDoNER for effective coordination and cooperation.

#### **4. Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)**

Ministry of Panchayati Raj is mandated to allocate 8.6 percent of total scheme allocation as STC funds. MoPR is adhering to the norms since FY 2020-21. MoPR has allocated 9 percent of total scheme allocation as STC in FY 2021-22. MoPR is making allocation under one scheme namely Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

4.2 Joint Secretary, MoPR informed that under RGSA funds are provided to Panchayats and the objective of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is to develop and strengthen the capacities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for rural local governance to become more responsive towards local development needs, preparing the participatory plans that leverage technology, efficient and optimum utilization of available resources for realizing sustainable solutions to local problems. They conduct capacity building programmes for elected representatives of Gram Panchayats. They are having two courses – (i) Foundation Course (within 6 months of election) (ii) Refresher Course (after two years of election).

4.3 Ministry of Panchayati Raj on their initiative “eGramSwaraj” a user-friendly web-based portal aims to bring in better transparency in the decentralized planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting at local level governance – District, Block and Gram Panchayats level. To understand the implementation mechanism and technical inputs for developing similar yet enhanced application/system for MoTA’s under its initiative for integrated Village Development Programme, Secretary, TA invited Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj to make a presentation on their initiative “eGramSwaraj” – People’s Plan Campaign (PPC) Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas.

4.4 Joint Secretary, MoPR in his presentation stated that MoPR has launched eGramSwaraj, a user-friendly web-based portal which aims to bring in better transparency in the decentralized planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting. Its primary objective is to enable the Gram Panchayats people planning which is simplified Work Based Accounting Application for Panchayati Raj. It further strengthens e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country. Panchayats have been asked for the preparation of Panchayat Development Plan (PDP) for economic development and social justice utilizing the resources available to them. The PDP planning process has to be comprehensive and based on participatory process which involves the full convergence with Schemes of all related Central Ministries / Line Departments related to 29 subjects enlisted in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution. A detailed discussion was held on various modules of the portal and how these can be used for MoTA’s proposed ITVDP with suitable customization.

4.5 Secretary, TA stated that the presentation helped to understand the initiative, implementation mechanism and technical requirements so as to draw insights and technical inputs for the MoTA’s proposed initiative Village Development Programme. He further suggested that a separate JS level meeting may be held to discuss various aspects further particularly on the technical aspects regarding developing holistic web portal which takes care of the MoTA requirements and addresses all the issues to support the village level targeting and focused interventions.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of Participants**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, MoTA -in- Chair
2.	Shri Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary, MoTA
3.	Shri Biswajit Das, Deputy Director General, MoTA
4.	Shri Satyendra Kumar, Joint Director, MoTA
5.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
6.	Shri Nadeem Ahmad, Under Secretary, MoTA
7.	Dr. Chandramani Sharma, Statistical Adviser, M/o DoNER
8.	Shri Purushottam Verma, DS, M/o DoNER
9.	Shri K.S. Sethi, Joint Secretary, MoPR
10.	Shri S.S. Prasad, Director, MoPR
11.	Shri A.C. Gupta, Sr. Director, NIC-MoPR
12.	Shri Yogesh Kumar, Lead Consultant, MoPR
13.	Shri Subodh Gurjar, Consultant, MoPR
14.	Shri Mayank Kharbanda, Consultant, MoPR