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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 19.8.2021 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 19/08/2021 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary, Tribal Affairs.



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- i. Secretary, Department of Rural Development
- ii. Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare
- iii. Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- iv. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- v. PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meeting held on 19.8.2021 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

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on 19.8.2021 at 11.00 A.M. with the Department of Rural Development (DoRD), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare (DoACFW) and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DoDWS) to review the allocation, utilization, physical progress of STC funds by these Departments 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(SCA to ITVD). A list of Officers attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. After a brief round of introduction, a presentation on the allocation and utilization by these Departments was given by DDG, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

3. It is observed that out of Rs. 70,772.24 Crore allocated by the obligated 40 Ministry/Department, Rs. 31553.18 Crore has been allocated by these three Departments, which is about 45% of total Central STC Budget except the Budget of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Therefore, these three Departments have a pivotal role in improving socio- economic condition of tribals in the country.

4. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal affairs stated that Ministry of Tribal Affairs has identified 36,428 tribal dominated villages having tribal population 50 % or more and at least 500 tribal population for filling up a gap in these villages based on Mission Antyodayadata data of 117064 villages (as as on 31.08. 2019) having 25% or more tribal population of Department of Rural Development and Census 2011. Focused attention will be given for development of these villages under the scheme SCA to TSS of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Since the scheme is envisaged to undertake the developmental activities in these villages mainly through convergence of funds available with different ministries under STC funds and the funds from scheme of SCA to ITVD of would be used for gap filling. The representatives of participating departments were asked to deliberate how the respective schemes of their department can be converged with the scheme.

Department of Rural Development:

5. Department of Rural Development is mandated to allocate at least 17.50 percent of their total scheme budget under Scheduled Tribe Component. It is observed that they have allocated funds in the range of 2.5 to 5% in the last 4 years. Though they have allocated 11.5% in 2021-22, however, there is still a shortage of 6%. Secretary stated that Parliamentary Committees, from time to time, expressed their displeasure for non allocating STC funds at the prescribed rate and recommended to allocate and utilize funds as per earmarking norms for tribal development.

6. While reviewing the scheme wise allocation and utilization of DoRD, it was observed that prior to 2021-22 STC funds were allocated and utilized only under two schemes namely Pradhan Mantri AwasYojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) and National Rural Livelihood Mission(NRLM). Though MoRD has allocated STC funds under 5 more schemes namely MGNREGA, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (INGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), and National Family Benefit Scheme, however, allocation of STC funds under PMAY has been reduced. Secretary TA pointed out that based on analysis from Antyodaya data of 1,17,064 villages, it is seen that around 91 lakh ST households are still living in Kaccha houses. It is required to provide pucca houses to these ST HHs, therefore additional allocation may be made under STC of PMAY in supplementary budget. **[Action: DoRD]**

7. JS, D/o Rural Development informed that apart from the schemes where STC component has been shown, DoRD is also spending funds under the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM). Secretary urged that STC fund may be allocated under the schemes in the RE stage, in that case. **[Action: DoRD]**

8. Secretary also stated that for the Integrated Village Development, this Ministry will provide fund for the development of around 7000 tribal dominated villages every year during 2021-22 to 2025 – 26 and Department of Rural Development should support the initiative of this Ministry under their schemes. MGNREGA funds which are generally used for creation of assets may be used judiciously for construction of houses, ponds, lakes and toilets in tribal dominated villages and also for providing livelihood under National Rural Livelihood to the household of these villages. Further, PMGSY funds can be used for connecting tribal villages and also for construction of their internal roads. Joint Secretary, DoRD stated that suitable advisory will be

issued to the states for development tribal dominated villages once the details are provided by MoTA to them. During the discussions it was also requested to provide the following:

- As the gap analysis was made based on the Antodaya data available in 2019, Latest Mission Antyodaya data may be provided to MoTA.
- Scheme wise details of ST beneficiaries under the various schemes of the Rural Development including social security schemes for which STC allocation is made for the first time.
- Providing of ST beneficiary data from the scheme portals of DoRD to STCMIS Portal of MoTA by creating suitable API.

[Action: DoRD and MoTA]

9. Secretary advised that a separate meeting may be held between JS, Rural Development and MoTA in which JS (NJK) and DDG (STC) from MoTA may attend to discuss the above in detail. **[Action: DoRD and MoTA]**

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

10. It is observed that Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has spent STC funds in the range of Rs 1600 to 2400 Crore during last 4 years which is about 10% of their total scheme allocation. In the current financial DoDWS has allocated an amount of Rs. 5897.18 crore (9.8%) under their two schemes namely Swatch Bharat Mission –Rural and Jal Jeevan Mission/National Drinking Water Mission.

11. It was informed by the representative of DoDWS that under SBM-R all the villages including in tribal areas in the country have already declared ODF. Now in the Phase II of the SBM-R, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation is focusing on ODF sustainability and to cover all villages with the objective to regulate safe management of solid and liquid waste. DoDWS has constructed 95 lakh individual household latrines for Scheduled Tribes during last 5 years.

12. Representative of DoDWS further informed that they aim to provide tap water connection to all rural households by 2024 including STs. According to him they have already provided tap water connection to 10000 ST villages out of 80000 ST villages. He further, informed that the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the current year has already finalized in April month to cover the villages based on the proposal received from States and the data available with them. It was requested to provide a copy of the AAP indicating details of STC under both the schemes for the current financial year. **[Action: DoDWS]**

13. Secretary desired that all the tribal dominated villages identified by the Ministry may be included for providing tap water connection. The list of the villages will be provided by the Ministry in this regard. He further asked to provide state/UT wise data on the number of tribal villages covered by DoDWS and the tap water provided to the total number of ST Household to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs periodically by DoDWS. MoTA would provide a format for seeking such data. The DDG (STC) and DDG (NIC) would devise a format and mechanism to procure such data. **[Action: MoTA and DoDWS]**

D/o Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare

14. It was observed that DoACFW has been allocated 8.6% of their total scheme allocation under STC as per earmarking norms. In the current year they have allocated 10,528.73 crore under 24 of their schemes. Under 10 of the schemes total allocation is 10054.26 Crore which is about 96% of their total STC allocation and only 4% funds have been allocated under 14 schemes. It was observed that some of the schemes are beneficiary oriented and other are for infrastructure development and capacity building. Secretary asked the representative of DoACFW to provide the details of beneficiaries under PM Kisan and other schemes and the mechanism for identification of ST beneficiaries. He also emphasized the need for the convergence of the Schemes of DoACFW for integrated development of identified tribal dominated villages. However the representative informed that he is dealing with Co-ordination division and does not have idea about the schemes. Therefore detailed discussion could not be held in respect of schemes of Department of Agriculture and convergence with upcoming scheme of ITVD of the Ministry. Secretary advised that in the next meeting DoACFW may send representative of the Ministry dealing the schemes and asked to fix a fresh date for meeting with DoACFW. **[Action: DoACFW]**

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

Srl.No.	Name & Designation
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
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