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(STC Monitoring Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 03.09.2021 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 03/09/2021 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 Higher Education
Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy
PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
PPS/PS to JS(NJK)/DDG/EA

Minutes of the meeting held on 3.9.2021 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 3.9.2021 at 11.00 A.M. with Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education and Literacy to review the allocation, utilization, physical progress of STC by these Ministry/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). List of Officers attended the meeting is given at Annexure.

2. The details of discussion held in the meeting with Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education and Literacy are given below:

Department of Higher Education (DoHE):

3. The mandate of Department of Higher Education is required to allocate and spend at least 4.3% of their total scheme budget. In the last 4 years, they have allocated funds to the range of 17-27% of their total scheme BE under STC. In the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 1963.45 crore has been allocated by the Department of Higher Education under 54 schemes which is 21.65% of their total scheme allocation. It is observed that Rs. 400 crores under UGC, Rs. 332 crores under Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Rs. 245 crores under Grants to Central Universities, Rs. 220 crores for support to IITs, Rs. 151 crores for world Class Institutions, Rs. 145 crores for support to NITs and IEST and Rs.133 crore for Interest Subsidy and Contribution for Guarantee Funds have been allocated in the current financial year. Under most of the remaining schemes STC allocation is

less than Rs 10 crore each. While reviewing the scheme wise details, Director, Department of Higher Education clarified the following:

- Under UGC, they are providing funds for scholarship and also for coaching to ST students. Salary component is not included in the STC fund. The funds are being provided to both private and public institutions recognized by UGC. Secretary, Tribal Affairs asked DoHE the reason for substantial increase in budget of UGC and whether the expenditure is notional or the funds are being spent for STs as per mechanism framed by NITI Aayog. DoHE was asked to submit the break up of expenditure incurred by UGC.
- Under RUSA funds are being provided for infrastructure creation and salary in ratio of 60:40 by Central and State Governments. It was submitted that there is no online system for monitoring of expenditure, however monitoring is done through the states by asking UCs/SOEs, progress reports. Secretary, Tribal Affairs asked to provide the number of colleges/institutions in the tribal areas for which funds are provided under RUSA.
- As regards the schemes Grants for Central universities, Support to IITs, world class Institutions etc., funds are being provided for research purpose, scholarships, etc.
- Funds are also being provided for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan for transformation change in rural development process by leveraging knowledge institutions to help in building the architecture of an Inclusive India.
- Under the scheme, “Interest Subsidy and contribution for Guarantee Funds”, they are providing subsidy on interest to the children till 4-5 years of the completion of the course whose annual parental income is less than Rs 4.5

lakh. DoHE was requested to provide details of students who have availed this facility.

- For the “Programme for Apprenticeship Training”, Higher Education is providing funds to the students for taking admission in professional courses after completing institutions like ITIs, etc. It was suggested that the students of EMRS should be made aware about this scheme and those students who do not get admission for professional courses should be motivated to pursue these courses.
- Two Central Tribal Universities (CTUs) have been established in Amarkantak, MP and Andhra Pradesh and preference is given to tribal students in these Universities. Secretary desired that ST from all States should be given preference instead of the state where CTU has been established.

4. Secretary asked to provide details of benefits given to the STs under the DOHE Schemes. He emphasized that DoHE should maintain data of how many ST students are doing PhD, drop out of ST students, number of students employed etc. It is also observed that STC funds are being provided to the Institutions of the States like Punjab and Haryana having no population of STs, which should not be done. Further funds should not be allocated notionally. Secretary stated that instead of making higher notional allocation, it is better to stick to the mandated allocation which can be monitored and impact of the funds can be ascertained.

5. As regards the promotions of online education during covid pandemic, Director, Department of Higher Education informed that they are operating online classes through DD Swayamprabha channel. DoHE informed that under PM eVidya, 12 Swyamprabha Channels have been started with the objective of one Class one Channel. He informed that these videos are downloadable and can be played on You

tube. These courses are very good for preparation of competitive exams like IITs and NEET. Secretary desired that schools like EMRS of Tribal Affairs, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya schools may also be provided these facilities and efforts may be made to immediately implement this regard.

6. DOHE representative informed that there is MOOC portal for online education also. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has allowed universities and colleges to offer up to 40 per cent of the syllabus of a programme in a semester online through the government's e-learning platform Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM). SWAYAM is India's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform.

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L)

7. Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L) is mandated to allocate and spend 10.70 percent of the total scheme allocation. In the last 4 years, they have allocated 11 to 12% funds under STC out of their total scheme budget. In the current year also, they have allocated 12.14% to their budget (Rs. 5297.40 crore). Though they have made allocation under 7 schemes in BE 2021-22 under STC, ninety percent of the allocation is under two schemes namely Samagra Siksha Scheme (Rs. 3433.88 crore) and National Programme for Mid-day Meal in Schools (Rs. 135.00 crore).

8. Director, Department of School Education and Literacy informed that they are providing funds for individual beneficiary as well as for infrastructure creation under Samagra Shiksha. She informed that additional funds are also to be provided for

children with special needs and for girls especially for STs. For ST boys funds are being provided under Subhash Chandra Awasiya Vidyalaya.

9. She informed that a Diksha Portal has been created by the Department for on line education. It can be operated by States/UTs in their own language. Diksha Portal is having Class wise and Board-wise classes. It can be downloaded also. JS, MoTA requested that a training may be provide to EMRs principals. Director, DoSE&L agreed to provide such training. NESTS and EMRS Division of MoTA to discuss this with DoSE&L and prepare a schedule for such training.

10. Director, DoSE&L also informed that they are establishing ICT labs under ICT component of Samgra Shiksha Abhiyan where students can come and attend classes. They have established 8,000 ICT labs so far against the target of 10,000. NITI Aayog has doubled the target of establishing ICT labs. However, these facilities are not being provided to the minority schools and the schools established by MoTA under the scheme. Director, DoSE&L shared the idea of Tab labs which can be useful in tribal areas and it will require less investment too.

11. It was also informed by Director, DoSE&L during the discussion that Project Appraisal, Budgeting, Achievements and Data Handling System (PRABANDH) portal has been created by them to enhance efficiency and manage the implementation of newly launched Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for School Education.

12. Secretary, Tribal Affairs stated that there are 611 villages out of 36428 tribal dominated villages identified MoTA which do not have schools. Secretary asked to share the data of such villages with DoSE&L and requested to saturate these villages. Director, DoSE&L informed that they will saturate these villages on priority basis.

Director, DoS&EL requested that they may have a separate meeting with JS, MoTA on this matter. DoSEL was asked to provide details of proposal approved for different states under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan. DDG, MoTA may provide list of 36428 villages and villages which do not have schools so that in meeting of SSA, the gaps in such villages can be filled.

13. JS, MoTA requested to share the data on number of schools, location of schools, and other details etc. Director, DoSEL informed that they will share the data through an API.

14. US(MDM), DoSE&L informed that under the scheme 'National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools' 11.7 percent of total MDM funds are being released to States for STs. There is no separate mechanism for collecting information for STs other than the information available in UDISE+.

The meeting concluded with vote of Thanks to the chair.

Annexure

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
5.	Shri Satyendra Kumar, Joint Director, MoTA
6.	Shri Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director, MoTA
7.	Sh. Vishwajeet Kumar, Director, Department of Higher Education
8.	Ms. Ritu Sain, Director, Department of School Education and Literacy
9.	Shri Gaj Mohan Meena, US, Department of Higher Education
10.	Shri. Ajay Kumar, US, Department of School Education and Literacy
11.	Shri Davander Kumar, Consultant, Department of School Education and Literacy