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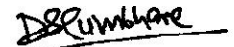
Director,
(Tribal Research and Training Institute)
(States/UTs as per list attached)

Subject: **Minutes of meeting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 12.4.2016 to discuss issues concerning of Scheduled Tribes on surveys/studies conducted by Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) of the States/UTs.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose minutes of the meeting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 12.4.2016 for necessary action on the points emerged during discussion.

Yours faithfully



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**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
LOKNYAYAK BHAWAN, NEW DELHI,**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING TAKEN BY DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON, HON'BLE CHAIRPERSON
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES (NCST) ON 12.4.2016 TO DISCUSS ISSUES
CONCERNING SCHEDULED TRIBES ON SURVEYS/STUDIES CONDUCTED BY TRIBAL RESEARCH
INSITUTIES (TRIs) OF THE STATES/UTs.**

Meeting held on : 12.4.2016

In Chair : Dr Rameshwar Oraon , Chairperson, NCST

List of participants is at Annexure-I

2. At the outset Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST welcomed all the participants :

3. Meeting was called by the Commission mainly to find out the activities being undertaken by TRIs , their functional positions interalia including survey/research/evaluation studies undertaken in the last few years concerning living / economic / health / education conditions of STs.

4. Joint Secretary, NCST briefed the participants about the mandate and functions of NCST regarding protecting and safeguarding the interest of Scheduled Tribes and ensuring providing of constitutional benefits enshrined in the Constitution of India .

5. Gist of discussions with representatives of TRIs.

5.1) Andhra Pradesh :

Senior Consultant, Tribal Cultural Research and Training Institute (TRI) Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad gave power point presentation on the background and functions of TCR & TI. Commission was briefly apprised as under

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- (e) Problems, prospect and challenges of Health Care system among the tribals of Assam .

(B) During 2013-14

- (a) Socio–Economic characteristics of the Singpho Tribe of Assam
(b) Trafficking of women and children from Assam with Special reference to Bodoland Territorial Area District,
(c) Review of Administrative and financial set up of the autonomous councils created and local areas development of various tribal groups.
(d) Identity crisis of the indigenous people
(e) Study about Biate community of Assam.

(C) During 2014-15

- (a) Ethnographic study of Halam Community of Assam
(b) Ethnographic study of Thengal Kachari Tribes of Assam
(c) Ethnographic study on Kuki Tribes of Assam

(iii) Director, TRI informed that there is need to undertake socio economic studies of the Scheduled Tribes communities to assess their present conditions / status and to conduct such studies experts are required . However, at present full time experts have not been made available in the Institute.

(iv) Commission advised that State Government of Assam should take up cultural study of each ST community of Assam and State Government of Assam should provide requisite manpower of experts in TRI and also advised sufficient funds be provided by the State Government for undertaking cultural studies of each ST community of Assam and updating anthropological record/data.

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5.5) Gujarat :

(i) The representative of Tribal Research Institute, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad provided copy of the following documents :

- (a) Publication catalogue (list of research reports from 1962 to 2012 March) of the TRI Ahmedabad
- (b) Village & Tribe Wise Population of PVTG" (as per PVTG baseline survey – 2014-15) undertaken by the TRI, Ahmedabad (of the year 2015-16)

(ii) Representative of TRI stated that five PVTG namely (i) Kathodi, (ii) Kotwalia, (iii) Padhar, (iv) Siddi and (v) Kolgha have been identified in the State.

5.6) TRIPURA :

(i) Director, TRI further stated that State of Tripura is covered under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India and it has one Autonomous District Council in the State. TRI was setup in 1970. Tripura is the Home land of 19 Scheduled Tribes communities with diverse ethno-culture, socio-economic and geographical background. Literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes of Tripura is 79.05%. Reangs community has been identified as PVTGs in the State of Tripura.

(ii) Director, Tribal Research and Cultural Institute (TR & CI) Government of Tripura, Agartala in presentation highlighted about its research work /evaluation studies /workshops conducted and publication video/audio documentaries undertaken/prepared during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. Research work carried included following ;

- (a) Pre-matric and post-matric scholarships
- (b) Free text book distribution for tribal students: an assessment
- (c) Madhyamik dropout coaching center for tribal students: an assessment

development of PVTGs. The land alienation among the Scheduled Tribes is the main problem. Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been setup in the State for the better education of Scheduled Tribes. Out of 97 posts in CRI, 60 posts are vacant.

5.8) Maharashtra :

(i) Commissioner, Tribal Research and Training Institute (TR & TI), Government of Maharashtra, Pune in his presentation explained that the TR & TI was setup in 1962. Research work done in the past by TR & TI, includes areas for bogus intrusion, policy, administrative and legal hindrance, remedial measures suggested by it were also explained. He further stated that Katkaria, (Kathodia), Kolam and Maria Gond communities have been identified as PVTGs in the State of Maharashtra.

(ii) Honorable Chairperson advised to submit a brief report to the Commission on the status of Maria Gond PVTG, and number of cases received for verification and cancelation of ST certificates during the last five years.

5.9) Odisha :

(i) Representative, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar informed about research being taken up by TRI include;—

- (a) Declining ST communities in Odisha: Myth or Reality
- (b) Indigenous knowledge system of selected Tribal Communities and its practical use for the welfare of the common man
- (c) Indigenous skills (arts, crafts and painting designs) and its patenting
- (d) Customary Law and their usages among some ST communities of Odisha and its implications for making modification and land laws, and
- (e) Mapping of Migration pockets in LWE affected Tribal Sub Plan areas of Odisha and suggesting strategies for arresting migration.

(ii) It was informed by the representative of Research Institute that there are 13 PVTGs communities namely; Birhor, Bondo, Didayi, Dongria-Khond, Juangs, Kharias,

schemes /programs required for improving the living conditions of Scheduled Tribes /PVTGs

(vi) States where PVTGs, have not been included in the list STs are advised to submit the proposal to GOI for inclusion of PVTGs community in list of ^{ST of} concerned State.

(vii) Impact of CCD plan for PVTGs in the State may be provided to NCST.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Rameshwar Oraon)

Chairperson, NCST

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