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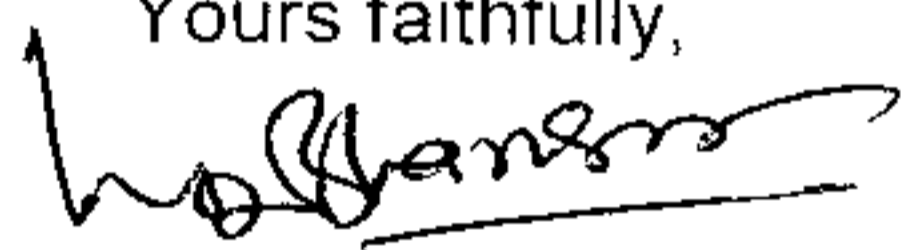
To

- 1) Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson
- 2) Smt. K. Kamala Kumari, Member
- 3) Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member

Sub: - Summary record of the 36th Meeting of the Commission was held at 17:30 hours on 3rd August , 2012.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that 36st Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held at 17:30 Hrs. on 3rd August, 2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the Summary Record of the meeting is enclosed for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

(K.D. Bhansor) Mrs.
Deputy Director

Copy with a copy of the Summary Record of the meeting forwarded to the following officers with the request that information about action taken on the decision taken in the meeting concerning each Unit / Office may be furnished to Coordination Unit by **21st August, 2012** positively.

- (i) Dy. Director
- (ii) Under Secretary, (Admn.)
- (iii) AD/RO In-charge – RU-I/RU-II/RU-III/RU-IV/Coord./ AD/OL

Copy with a copy of the Summary Record of the meeting forwarded for information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary/ PPS to Joint Secretary,
2. Assistant Director/ Research Officer in Regional offices of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Bhopal/ Bhubaneswar/ Jaipur/ Raipur/ Ranchi and Shillong.
3. Sr. System Analyst (NIC Cell, NCST) for uploading on the website.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

Subject: Summary record of the 36th meeting of the Commission held at 17:30 Hrs. on 03-08-2012.

The 36th meeting of the Commission was held at 17:30 Hrs. on 03-08-2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission in Loknayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson, NCST. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure. The meeting was called on urgency basis, on the request of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to discuss the following agenda items.


Agenda Item-I Draft Note for the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for introduction of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students (studying in classes IX & X) - Proposal of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs-Views/ comments of NCST.

2. The Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes informed the Commission that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs had forwarded the Draft Note for the CCEA regarding its proposal for introduction of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-matric Scholarships for Scheduled Tribes from the current academic session i.e. with effect from 01/07/2012. The proposal and the Draft Cabinet Note was discussed in detail. The Commission made the following observations:

- (i) More and more poor ST children were getting enrolled in schools for secondary education, but the dropout rates among ST students continued to be much higher compared to the rate for overall population. As per the Selected Educational Statistics (2009-10), the drop-out rate at Class X is 75.21% for Scheduled Tribes as against 52.76% for total population. About 14.2 lakh ST students are enrolled in Class VIII, but the number declines to 11.0 lakh in Class IX and further to 9.2 lakh in Class X. Within the ST students, the dropout rates are higher for girls as compared to boys.
- (ii) Tribal belts are prone to Left Wing Extremism (LWE). Continued education of tribal adolescents and youths with incentives is essential to keep them meaningfully engaged and to stem recruitments of youth to LWE.
- (iii) There is already a Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme for ST students at the Post Matric level (i.e. Class XI onwards) which currently covers about 16 lakh ST students. However, there is no corresponding CSS for scholarships at Pre-matric level. Presently, 14 States/ UTs (Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh) are

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implementing Pre-Matric Scholarship schemes of some kind for ST students from their own resources. Such efforts need to be strengthened and facilitation mechanism implemented in all States/ UTs.

- (iv) Already the CSS of Pre-Matric Scholarships schemes are being implemented for OBCs by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and for Minorities, by Ministry of Minority Affairs respectively and the new scheme for SC children has been approved by CCEA on 14-06-2012. A similar scheme for ST students will be desirable to help accelerate universalisation of secondary education and to ensure that ST children are not left behind in comparison to other population groups.
- (v) The 12th Plan Working Group set up by Planning commission has also recommended launching of a Pre-matric Scholarship Schemes for STs. As the Scheme could not be approved in the year 2011-12, and schools in most States observe summer vacation, the Scheme is now proposed to be implemented w.e.f. 01-07-2012, the date from which the similar Scheme for SC students has also been approved.
- (vi) The Cabinet Note also include proposal for creation of one post of Under Secretary, Section Officer, Assistant and UDC for implementation of the Scheme in the Ministry.
- (vii) The Scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship for ST students is proposed to be implemented through State Governments and UT Administrations which will receive 100% Central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their Committed Liability.
- (viii) Scheduled Tribe students enrolled full time in secondary education in Government schools or in a school recognised by Government or a Central/ State Board of Secondary Education, whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh, will be eligible for the scholarship. About 20-22 lakh ST students are estimated to be covered under the Scheme every year during the XII Five Year Plan.
- (ix) Central Assistance under the Scheme would include scholarship and other grants. The rates of Scholarships proposed are as per the recommendation of EFC with regard to the CSS proposed by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for providing Pre-Matric Scholarships to Scheduled Castes students i.e. @ Rs.150/- per month for day scholars and @ Rs.350/- per month for hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year and books and adhoc grant @ Rs. 750/- per year for day scholars and Rs.1000/- per year for hostellers. Additional allowance for ST students with disabilities will be given to those students who are studying in private unaided recognised schools only.
- (x) Upto 1.5 % of total Central expenditure towards Scholarship, would, be permitted to be utilized on administrative expenditure, management, monitoring & evaluation etc
- (xi) All States were not having Pre-matric Scholarship for ST Students under Backward Classes Welfare Sector of the States. It was, therefore, necessary to implement such a scheme uniformly in all the States so that ST families in all the States get equal opportunity for educational right at the School Stage. Moreover, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has also recommended in its Report for uniform Pre-matric Scholarship in the form of Stipend and books and grants. The Commission also noted that

rates of Scholarship for class IX and X day-scholars and hostellers under the proposed Pre-matric Scholarship are comparable with the rates for class XI and XII students under Government of India CSS of Post-matric Scholarship. Since the Proposed Scheme covers students in all recognized schools, it is also going to benefit to those studying in unaided recognized schools. The disabled ST students pursuing studies in unaided recognised schools are also proposed to be given special treatment.

- (xii) Within the available resources, the Government is not able to open required number of schools in Tribal Areas and all persons desirable of pursuing studies are not able to attend regular schools. The scheme of correspondence course or open learning have therefore, benefited lakhs of students in the country. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship also covers students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education. On the same lines there is a need for providing Pre-matric Scholarships to the ST students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses.

3. The Commission was of the view that the proposed scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship is going to boost education amongst ST Boys and Girls and would increase enrolment at Post Matric Stage too, it was therefore, necessary that the rates of scholarship and other allowances under the proposed schemes of Pre-matric Scholarship should also be revised simultaneous to the revision of rates etc. under the Post Matric Scholarship scheme. The Commission also expressed that the proposed scheme being 100% centrally assisted, Ministry of Tribal Affairs should formulate guidelines in such a manner that all eligible ST students should get timely scholarship irrespective of the State to which he/ she belongs. For instance, ST children hailing from Jharkhand State and pursuing study in Delhi schools should not have to wait for release of scholarship by Jharkhand State Government.

4. As far as content of the Note is concerned, the Commission noted that the Draft Note makes reference to the recommendation made by the Parliamentary Committee, the 12th Plan Working Group and the announcement for introduction of the Scheme made by the Finance Minister in the Budget Speech for FY 2011-12, but there is no mention about the recommendation made by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in its Report. Moreover, latest Cabinet instructions regarding Cabinet Note stipulate the Sponsoring Ministry to make a mention in the Note about having consulted the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and also to enclose the views of the Commission along with the Draft Cabinet Note. Therefore, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs should revise the Draft

Cabinet Note by incorporating the recommendations made by the Commission and also mentioning about having consulted the Commission in the matter as per the Cabinet Secretariat Instructions dated 16/02/2012.

5. The Commission agreed to the proposal contained in the Draft Note subject to meeting the suggestions made in Para 2 (xii), 3 and 4 above.

Agenda Item-II Memorandum for the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) : Proposal for approval of the scheme 'Introduction of mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP'.

6. The Commission was informed that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has proposed to introduce a new scheme of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and development of Value Chain for MFPs during the current financial year 2012-13. The Ministry has prepared a Draft Memorandum for the Expenditure Finance Commission (EFC) in connection with the launch of the new scheme. The Commission made the following observations:

- (i) As per the Draft Memorandum for EFC, it is proposed to (a) strengthen the TRIFED, (b) set up National Minor Forest Produce Price Commission (c) strengthening the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for implementation of the proposal and (d) budgetary support for requirement of Working Capital, Subsidy for MSP Operation and modernization of haats, creation of storage facilities etc. beside budget requirement for (a), (b) and (c) above.
- (ii) The MSP of the selected 13 MFPs is proposed to be fixed at the National level as is being done in the case of Agriculture Produce such as food grains, Oilseeds, Copra, Cotton and Sugar Cane etc.
- (iii) To operationalise the Minimum Support Price Scheme and to play its role as assigned in the Scheme, it is proposed to establish/ strengthen the TRIFED in the following areas:
 - (1) MSP Operational Unit
 - (2) Market Intelligence & Knowledge base expansion Unit (Survey & Research)
 - (3) Monitoring & Inspection Unit
 - (4) MFP gatherers' Training and capacity building Unit
 - (5) Finance and Accounts Unit (Strengthening the existing Division)
 - (6) Personnel & Administration Unit (Strengthening the existing Division)
 - (7) Strengthening of Regional Offices.

130 posts of various levels are proposed to be additionally created in the TRIFED to achieve the above objective

- (iv) The proposed National MFP Price Commission will consist of a Chairperson, a Member Secretary, two full time official members and one full time non-official member beside MD, TRIFED as Ex-officio Member and support staff totaling to 45. A total revenue expenditure of Rs.27.16 crores (Recurring: Rs. 26.40 crores and non-recurring: Rs. 0.76 crores) is estimated for the Five Year Plan period 2012-17 (and not annual requirement as mentioned in the Note).
- (v) The main objective of TRIFED is to serve the interests of its members in more than one State for the social and economic betterment of its members by conducting its affairs in professional, democratic and autonomous manner through self help and mutual cooperation for undertaking marketing development of the tribal products.
- (vi) TRIFED has a net work of 13 Regional Offices located at various places in the country and a Central Warehouse at Delhi. TRIFED has been doing the retail marketing of tribal products under the brand name of TRIBES INDIA through 27 own showrooms 14 other showrooms on consignment basis.
- (vii) Further to achieve the aim of accelerating the economic development of tribal people by providing wider exposure to their art and crafts, TRIBES INDIA, the exclusive shops of tribal artifacts were set up all over India by TRIFED. They showcase and market the art and craft items produced by the tribal people and thus demonstrate the magical mystique of tribal India espousing tribal cause.

7. Keeping in view the continued exploitation of the tribals in the absence of minimum support price for the MFP collected by the tribals, the Commission supported the proposal of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for providing minimum support price for the MFP to the tribals. The Commission also supported the proposal of the Ministry to set up National MFP Price Commission, strengthening of TRIFED and also strengthening of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for implementation of the proposed scheme. The Commission also expressed that the proposed scheme and the National MFP Price Commission should include all non-timber products including Bamboo and Tendu leaf. The Commission directed that the views of the Commission may be communicated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with the advice that the Ministry should revise the Draft Cabinet Note by incorporating the recommendations made by the Commission and also mentioning about having consulted the Commission in the matter as per the Cabinet Secretariat Instructions dated 16/02/2012.

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**Agenda Draft Cabinet Note on the National Policy for Children, 2012-
Item-III Proposal of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.**

8. The Commission was informed that the Ministry of Women and Child Development has proposed to evolve a new National Policy for Children, 2012. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has forwarded to this Commission for comments, the Ministry of WCD's OM dated 20/07/2012 along with the Draft NPC and the Draft Cabinet Note on the National Policy for Children 2012, enclosed with the OM. The Commission made the following observations:

- (i) The National Policy for Children (NPC) was adopted in 1974. NPC has been reviewed keeping in view the changing scenario and to take into account emerging issues and challenges concerning children. On the basis of discussions held with stakeholders, the draft working paper on NPC was formulated, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Draft working paper has been discussed and finalized by the Drafting Committee.
- (ii) The NPC 2012 recognizes a child to be a person below 18 years of age and envisages the State Government to take all necessary measures in relation to (i) survival, health and nutrition, (ii) education and development and (iii) protection of children. With reference to protection of children the Draft NPC make the State responsible to create a caring and protective environment for all children, to reduce their vulnerability in all situations and protect them from all forms of violence and abuse, neglect, stigma, discrimination, deprivation, exploitation including economic exploitation and sexual exploitation, abandonment, separation, abduction, sale or trafficking for any purpose or in any form, pornography, substance abuse, or any other activity that takes undue advantage of them, or harms their personhood and affects their development.
- (iii) The Draft Policy further assures that the State commits to taking special protection measures to secure the rights and entitlements of children in difficult circumstances, characterized by their specific social, economic and geo-political situations, including their need for rehabilitation and reintegration, in particular but not limited to, children affected by migration, displacement, communal or sectarian violence, civil unrest, disasters and calamities, children of women in prostitution, children forced into prostitution, abused and exploited children, children in conflict and contact with the law, children in situations of labour, children of prisoners, children infected/ affected by HIV/ AIDS, children with disabilities, children from any other socially excluded group and children affected by armed conflict.
- (iv) Compared to the conventional measures of poverty, the deprivations faced by tribal children encompass a larger set of dimensions. The multiple deprivations faced by tribal children are an offshoot of the locational disadvantage in terms of investments and infrastructural facilities, which affects tribal communities. Information dissemination and awareness generation in a range of areas also have a critical role to play in improving their overall well being. The multiple deprivations faced by the tribal children further accentuate the magnitude of the problem stemming from various

quarters – partly from income or material poverty; from poor infrastructural facilities in terms of availability and access both; and these together manifests in various forms of deprivations for the children in the sphere of education, health, nutrition and so on. Thus, the range and extent of deprivations faced by tribal children is so vast that a clear focus on formulation of policy concerning them is necessary to cater to their specific needs through investments, policies and schemes.

- (v) The Draft Note does not indicate any impact on the Scheduled Tribes in the Scheduled/ Tribal Areas and the special measures needed to protect the Tribal children who lacked educational and health care and were prone to exploitation. It was noted that the Commission had earlier decided on similar proposals as follows:

The strategy for all development programmes, particularly the major missions/ schemes of the Ministries/ Departments, should comprise sub-Chapters for accelerated development of the tribal areas. In particular, it is necessary to have specific Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) component in all the major missions/ schemes/ programmes of all Ministries/ Deptts to have a clear focus on formulation of schemes/ programmes concerning the STs and their effective implementation and monitoring.

9. In line with the earlier views of the Commission, the Commission emphasized that the draft National Policy for Children, 2012 should have a sub-Chapter concerning STs for giving a clear focus on formulations of policy/ schemes/ programmes concerning the children, particularly the Scheduled Tribe children belonging to well defined Scheduled Areas and Tribal areas and the effective implementation/ monitoring of the policy programmes should be taken up as per sub-Chapter. The Commission was also of the view that the National Children Policy should also take cognizance of the provisions contained in the Draft National Tribal Policy being processed in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

10. The Commission directed that the views of the Commission may be communicated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with the advice that the Sponsoring Ministry should revise the Draft Cabinet Note by incorporating the recommendations made by the Commission and also mentioning about having consulted the Commission in the matter as per the Cabinet Secretariat Instructions dated 16/02/2012.

11. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

36th Meeting of the Commission held on 03/08/2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission- List of participants.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name and Designation</u>	<u>Signature</u>
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1.	Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson	(in Chair)
2.	Smt. K. Kamala Kumari, Member	
3.	Shri Bheru Lal Meena	
4.	Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary	