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File No. Tour Report/8/2018/Udaipur/Member(HCV)/RU-I

Date: 11/04/2018

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6th Floor, Block 8,
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Sub: Tour Report of Shri Harshadbhai Chunilal Vasava, Hon'ble Member, NCST to Chhota Udaipur and Dang, Gujarat on 29/03/2017 to 03/04/2017.

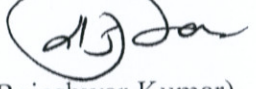
Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Tour Report dated 29/03/2017 to 03/04/2017 pertains to Chhota Udaipur and Dang, Gujarat of Shri Harshadbhai Chunilal Vasava, Hon'ble Member, NCST on the subject mentioned above for necessary action.

It is requested that reply / Action Taken Report on the Tour Report may be furnished to this Commission at the earliest.

Enclosure: as above.

Yours faithfully,


(Rajeshwar Kumar)
Assistant Director

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

TOUR REPORT OF SHRI HARSHADBHAI VASAVA, HON'BLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES TO THE STATE'S OF GUJARAT FROM 29.03.2017 TO 03.04.2017.

F. No. Tour/8/Member (HCV)/2017

1.	Name of the visiting Dignitary	Shri Harshadbhai Vasava
2.	Date of Visit/ Tour	29.03.2017 to 03.04.2017
3.	Places visited	Chhota Udaipur and Dang
4.	Key Persons/ officials/ Organisations met.	Collector and Superintendent of Police Chhota Udaipur and Dang
5.	Key Highlights of the visit (Major issues discussed during tour/ visit)	


31.03.2017

Meeting with tribal representatives and with Collector and other Senior Officers at circuit house Chhota Udaipur

Hon'ble Member held a meeting with tribal representatives on 31.03.2017 at circuit house Chhota Udaipur followed by the meeting with Collector and other Senior Officers and reviewed the development programmes, reservation policy in respect of Scheduled Tribes in the District. The following issues were also discussed in the meeting:

Health:

It was informed that medical facilities were available in the rural as well as in Scheduled Tribes areas. Trained professionals were also available to provide basic medical treatment. It was also observed by the Hon'ble Member that tribals in the District are aware of ayurvedic medicinal plants and with proper training their knowledge can be proved beneficial in medical treatment. Hon'ble Member suggested to start a proper training programme for tribals who have a basic knowledge of ayurvedic medicinal plants and for marketing he also suggested to tie up with the TRIFED.


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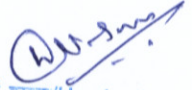
Irrigation:

It was informed by the senior officers that Water-harvesting structures such as check dams are the starting point for increasing the area under irrigation. With better and more reliable availability of water through check dams, the tribal farmers have the opportunity to make a transition from the cultivation of their traditional low value crops, to high value varieties including vegetables. Agricultural diversification can be facilitated for these farmers by providing them assured access to quality seeds, fertilizers and extension services. But to actually reap the benefits of better land and water productivity, they need to be able to lift the water from the check dams and convey it to their farms. They need assistance for portable diesel pumps and flexible pipes as they are usually too poor to purchase these on their own, and therefore fail to meaningfully benefit from water harvesting initiatives. Hon'ble Member also advised to increase the Kisan Credit Card facility to purchase agricultural equipment's.



Education:

Hon'ble Member advised to take necessary steps to provide better education facilities to the tribal students for their betterment in the society. Hon'ble Member observed that the essence of the town, however, is that it lies in the heart of a tribal area with rich indigenous history and culture. It was informed that every Saturday there is a haat or tribal market. There is one tribal museum also in the Town. Hon'ble Member felt that there is a need to establish a cultural academy in the District to maintain the tribal culture of Gujarat and he also suggested to dub the tribal local songs. Hon'ble Member also advised to monitor the pre metric and post metric scholarships for disbursement on time.


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Meeting with tribal representatives and with Collector and other Senior Officers at circuit house dang

Hon'ble Member held a meeting with the Collector, District, Dang. DDO, DSP and other Senior officers of various departments were also present in the meeting. Hon'ble Member received a warm welcome by the Collector and other officers. District Collector and other Senior officers gives a brief overview about the current situation of tribals in the District.



Following are the issues discussed in the meeting:

Education:

Status of Literacy in Dang District

ST Population Group	Persons	Male	Female	Gender Difference
ST Population in the District	216073	107539	108534	-995
ST Literacy Rate	74.45	82.54	66.50	16.04
ST Urban Literacy	87.97	92.40	83.94	8.46
ST Rural Literacy	73.26	81.71	64.91	16.8

Hon'ble Member noted that in respect of STs, male literacy (82.54%) as well as female literacy (66.50%) was comparable to the overall literacy in respect of male (83.06%) and female (67.38%).

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Hon'ble Member observed that female literacy among STs was lower by about 16% compared to male literacy. Hon'ble Member felt that there is a need to draw a concrete action plan to improve the level of literacy among STs, particularly among females. Hon'ble Member advised to critically review the adequacy of necessary infrastructure in education sector and tribal areas for further improvements. The educational curriculum should include personality development, communication skill, computer skill and job oriented training programmes.

Water Scarcity Problem in the District:

Hon'ble Member observed that tribals were facing water scarcity problem in the District and patchy rainfall in the last two years has dried up reservoirs and wells in the district leading to an acute water crisis. Hon'ble Member advised to lay down pipelines in the district to ensure tribal people get drinking water, enough for their cattle as well.



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