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Government of India National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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No. 13/1/2014(MEETING)/RU-IV

Date: 13.02.2014

To

(1) Dr. V.K. Shanmugam District Collector, Erode, Tamil Nadu. (2) The Superintendent of Police, Erode, Tamil Nadu.

(3) The ADSP, Erode, Tamil Nadu.

- (4) The Revenue Divisional Officer, Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- (5) The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Erode, Tamil Nadu
- (6) The District Forest Officer, Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- (7) The District Forest Officer, Sathyamangalam, Erode Dist. Tamil Nadu.
- (8) The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Erode, Tamil Nadu
- (9) The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Satyamangalam, Erode Dist., Tamil Nadu

Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 05.02.2014 on Safeguards and Rights of Scheduled Tribes, Erode District.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting taken by Shri R. Vijaykumar, IAS on 05.02.2014 on Safeguards and Rights of Scheduled Tribes, Erode District for necessary action.

Action taken in the matter may be communicated at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

(K.D. Bhansor) Mrs. Deputy Director Copy to: PS to Hon'ble Chairperson

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(K.D. Bhansor) Mrs. Deputy Director

Minutes

Discussions on Safeguards & Rights of Scheduled Tribes, Erode District

In the Chair: R. Vijaykumar, PhD, Secretary, National Commission for

Scheduled Tribes. Govt of India

Venue & Date: PWD Guest House, Erode: 5.2.2014 at 1130 AM.

Present:

- 1. Dr.V.K.Shanmugam, I.A.S., District Collector, Erode
- 2. Superintendent of Police, Erode
- 3. ADSP, Erode,
- 4. Revenue Divisional Officer, Erode.
- 5. District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Erode
- 6. District Forest Officer, Erode/Sathyamangalam.
- 7. DSP, Erode.
- 8. DSP, Sathyamangalam
- 9. Inspector of Police, PCR Wing, Erode.

Based on details provided by the SP, Erode, it was noted that there were no cases of atrocity against ST in 2013 and none under investigation. One case is pending trial in Hasanur PS Cr.No.35/2011 u/s 294(b), 341, 323, 324 IPC r/w 3(1)(x) SC/ST Act 1989 and is posted to 27.02.2014 for accused appearance. No complaints were received of Scheduled Tribe people regarding land alienation, damage to property, etc in 2013.

On the functioning of Vigilance Cell, there were no cases this year and the 23 cases of the previous year have been investigated and report sent to the State Level Scrutiny Committee.

The Collector confirmed that there were no delays or complaints of non-issue of certificates for genuine STs in the district although some alleged Malayalis were claiming ST status in the Bargur area adjoining Salem district. Most of the Scheduled Tribes (Urali, Sholagar) are residing in the hill areas of Thalavadi, Hasanur, Kadambur, and Bargur and have not complained of problems of basic amenities and pathway. Under Tribal Welfare Schemes, and to improve incomes, 72 milch cows and 40 sheep/goat units were issued to beneficiaries in Sathyamangalam Forest Division. Secretary, NCST suggested that the hatcheries scheme of Animal Husbandry funded by Tribal Welfare dept could be extended sourcing Giriraja/Nandanam birds from the new hatcheries or another one could be established and linked to tribal and other beneficiary needs on a self-sustaining basis. He requested the Collector to interact with the Commissioner, AH for this purpose.

compliance with unfair terms set by the buyer. Secretary underscored the need to tackle the problem of indebtedness for which the DFO referred to the fund available with VFCs under JFM and he agreed to examine the actual field functioning of this system for equity and whether only book entries were being made to show loans being given to members of the VFC.

g) Tribes residing in a forest settlement namely Thottakombai, in Erode Forest Division, are willing to shift their habitations outside the Reserve areas. An equal portion of land under their enjoyment measuring 30.0 acres will be provided in the adjacent hill area. If adequate funds are allotted, houses and other basic amenities infrastructure such as road, community hall, drinking water, schools will be provided in order to upgrade their livelihood. The Collector was requested to formulate proposals for funding under the State Balanced Growth Fund and obtain funding when the district's turn comes up.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

R. VIJAYKUMAR Secretary

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