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फाइल. सं. NCST/DEV-336/MP/15/2022-ESDW

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विषय: राष्ट्रीय बागवानी बोर्ड, कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अंतर्गत आने वाले TSP/TSS/STC की राशि के दुरुपयोग की जांच एवं इस सम्बन्ध में उचित कार्रवाई कराये जाने के सम्बन्ध में श्री डी. गोपाल राव, भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश का दिनांक 10.10.2021 का अभ्यावेदन।

महोदय/महोदया,

कृपया उपरोक्त विषय पर दिनांक 14.06.2023 को अपराह्न 05:00 बजे आयोग के माननीय सदस्य महोदय की अध्यक्षता में होने वाली सिटिंग/सुनवाई का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करें। उक्त सिटिंग का कार्यवृत्त इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर प्रेषित किया जा रहा है। आपसे अनुरोध है की सिटिंग में लिए गए निर्णयों एवं आयोग द्वारा दिए गए सुझावों पर कार्रवाई करते हुए कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट इस आयोग को 30 दिन के भीतर भेजना सुनिश्चित करें।

संलग्न यथोपरि.

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अपलोड करने हेतु।



## National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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No. NCST/DEV-336/MP/15/2022-ESDW

**Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST on the representation dated 10.10.2021 of Shri D. Gopal Rao, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh regarding misuse of funds under TSP/TSS/STC by National Horticulture Board, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.**

**Date of the Sitting: 14.06.2023 (Wednesday) 05:00 PM**

**List of Participants: As per Annexure**

The Commission received a representation from Shri Gopal Rao, stating that there has been misuse of funds, abuse of power, corruption, and irregularities in the funds allocated to the Scheduled Tribes. The petitioner further submits that in response to an RTI (Right to Information) application, it was revealed by the National Horticulture Board that in 2018-2019, a beneficiary from the general caste received an amount of Rs. 18.3 lakh from the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the cultivation of Cucumber in a 4000 Sq. M area under a Poly house.

Considering the gravity of the issue, the Commission issued Notice on 18.04.2022 to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India and the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India to take necessary action and submit the Action Taken Report (ATR) within 15 days.

Pursuant thereto, the Commission received Action Taken Report on 13.05.2022 from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs stating that they had requested all the concerned Ministries/Departments under TSP/STC to take necessary action for preventing misuse of funds allocated under Tribal Sub Plan.

Subsequently, the Commission received Action Taken Report on 19.05.2022 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India stating that the issue belongs to National Horticulture Board (NHB). It was further stated that the Managing Committee of NHB on the 76th Meeting dated 30.09.2014 decided to utilize funds under



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SCSP and TSP to beneficiaries other than STs as well in the Scheduled Areas since the utilization of funds towards the STs was very low.

After careful observation of the petition and reports submitted by the Authorities, the Commission issued Summons to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India; Principal Secretary, Tribal Department, Govt of Madhya Pradesh and Addl Chief Secretary, Horticulture and Food Processing, Govt of Madhya Pradesh to appear before the Commission on 14.06.2023 at 03:30 PM for a Sitting.

During the course of Sitting on 14.06.2023 Smt. Reeta Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Tribal Area Development, Madhya Pradesh submitted that it was the National Horticulture Board which was the concerned authority in this issue and that the Tribal Department, Madhya Pradesh did not have any role to play in the issue. It was further submitted that all the benefits under the Scheme was received directly through the National Horticulture Board without the intervention of the Tribal Department.

Shri B. J Brahma, Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India submitted that although the scheme for the benefit of the ST community in the Scheduled Areas, it was not being completely utilized. A large amount of the funds was left unutilized and therefore the Managing Committee decided to provide the benefits of TSP to as many people as possible in the Scheduled Areas, including the people who did not belong to ST community. Therefore, they approved the amount of Rs. 18.3 lakh from the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the cultivation of Cucumber in a 4000 SqM area under a Polyhouse to people belonging to general category, FPOs and co-operatives. Since then the funds allocated at a larger scale than it was being utilized earlier.

The Commission questioned the National Horticulture Board if they had taken any prior approval from the NITI Aayog or MoTA before doing so. The Commission observes that there was no communication on the changes and modifications by the National Horticulture Board were made to NITI Aayog or MoTA. The Commission pointed out to the Authorities that when funds are specifically sanctioned for the benefit of the Scheduled Tribes, it has to be utilized for the same purpose and there can be no modifications. The guidelines of MoTA and NITI Aayog have been violated by the Authorities. The Commission further observes that there are no steps taken by the



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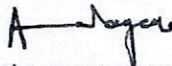


Authorities to spread awareness among the ST Community in the Scheduled Areas regarding the schemes dedicated for them.

After the hearing, the Commission recommends the following: -

1. The National Horticulture Board will submit details of the project and the grounds of modification and furnish all relevant documents regarding the same.
2. The National Horticulture Board has to ensure that the funds allocated to STs is dedicated and utilized only to the STs.
3. The National Horticulture Board will re-allocate a separate fund for the funds wrongly disbursed to non-STs. The National Horticulture Board will take all necessary measures to create awareness in the Scheduled Areas on the re-allocated funds and has to ensure that this time the benefits are claimed by the STs.
4. The National Horticulture Board will ensure that there is no duplicity in the funds disbursed.
5. The National Horticulture Board will ensure that awareness programs are regularly conducted in the Scheduled Areas to ensure that the STs are made aware of the benefits of dedicated to them
6. The National Horticulture Board has to ensure that capacity building programs are conducted for all the employees to ensure proper implement of schemes in the Scheduled Areas.
7. The National Horticulture Board will ensure all the rules and implementation of all the schemes are in accordance with the guidelines issued by MoTA and NITI Aayog.
8. The National Horticulture Board has to ensure that the process of application and implementation under the schemes designed for the benefit of the STs are simple and easy for the STs to avail the benefits.

Action Taken Report with compliance of the recommendations to be furnished within 30 days for further perusal of the Commission.



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**(ANNEXURE)**

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:-**

<b>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	<b>Shri Ananta Nayak</b>	<b>Hon'ble Member</b>
2.	Dr. Jayant Sarode	Director
3.	Shri H.R. Meena	Research Officer
<b>The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri B.J. Brahma	Deputy Managing Director
2.	Shri S.K. Singh	Joint Director
<b>The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, Madhya Pradesh government,</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Absent	
<b>The Principal Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Madhya Pradesh government,</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Smt. Reeta Singh	Deputy Commissioner-cum-Secretary
<b>Petitioner</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri D.Gopal Rao	Through VC