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F. No. Policy-1/Service/Panchayati Raj/2013/RU-I

To

Dated ...19/02/2013.....

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

Sub: Draft Note for seeking the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on the Launching of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) during 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan Period.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer this Commission letter of even number dated 07/02/2013 and to enclose here with a copy of Agenda Note on the above proposal for comments if any.

2. The above proposal is likely to be discussed in the next Meeting of the Commission.

Yours faithfully

(M.S. Chopra)  
Director

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosures for information & necessary action to:

- i) PPS to Joint Secretary
- ii) Director (MSC)
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- ~~iv) SSA (NIC)~~
- v) AD (Coord)

(M.S. Chopra)  
Director

**Agenda Item**                      **Draft Cabinet Note regarding Launching of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan( RGPSA) during 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan Period**

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, vide letter No.16015/8/2012-C&LM-1 dated

28/1/2013 have sought comments/views of the Commission with reference to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj DO No.N-11015/63/2012-DPE (Vol.III) dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 on the Draft Cabinet Note regarding Launching of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) during 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan Period.

The Commission has noted that the proposal is that the RGPSA, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, will merge some of the existing schemes of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj i.e. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana(RGSY), Panchayat Mahila Evam Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PMEYSA), e-Panchayat, Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme(PEAIS) and Resource Support of States. The estimated requirement of budget support for the Scheme under 12<sup>th</sup> Plan is Rs.49,730 crore. The sharing pattern between the Union Government and the States is proposed to be at 80:20 and 90:10 for the NE States. It has been noted that RGPSA is aimed at strengthening the Panchayati Raj system across the country and seeks to; (i) enhance capacities and effectiveness of Panchayats and the Gram Sabhas (ii) enable democratic decision making and accountability in Panchayats and promote people's participation, (iii) strengthen the institutional structure for knowledge creation and capacity building of Panchayats (iv) promote devolution of powers and responsibilities of Panchayats according to the spirit of the Constitution and PESA Act (v) strengthen Gram Sabah's to function effectively as the basic form of peoples participation, transparency and accountability within the Panchayati Raj institutions system (vi) create and strengthen the democratic, local and self government in areas where Panchayat do not exist (vii) strengthen the constitutionally mandated framework on which Panchayats are founded.

The Commission has noted that a large number of habitations in the states having significant population of STs were remained uncovered under the various schemes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan. In this connection, the Commission desired that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj should ensure special focus on ST habitations and formulate guidelines for priority implementation of RGPSA scheme in such areas. The Commission observed that in its earlier report, the Commission has recommended that all national Missions/major policies should have a special chapter/focus in r/o STs. The Commission, therefore, recommends that RGPSA

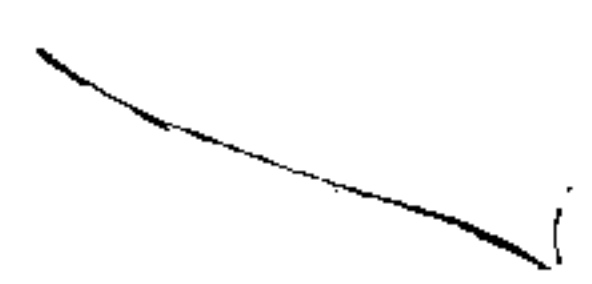
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Scheme should also incorporate a separate chapter/provision "Applicability to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Areas under Fifth and Sixth Schedule" for highlighting focus on Scheduled/Tribal Areas to achieve the goal of inclusiveness.