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File No. NCST-100TH(KA)/1/2024-SSW

Dated: 24.08.2024

To

**The Secretary**  
Tribal Welfare Department,  
Govt. of Karnataka,  
Secretariat,  
Bengaluru (Karnataka).

**Sub: Meeting on implementation of constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Tribes – Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of Meeting held under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Husain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), New Delhi on 08.08.2024 at O/o Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka on the subject cited above.

It is requested that the action taken / to be taken on the recommendations / suggestion of the Meeting may be intimated to NCST within 30 days from receipt of this letter, for taking appropriate action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Copy for necessary action to:

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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
- ✓ 2. NIC, NCST – for uploading on the website of the Commission.

**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

**MINUTES OF MEETING WITH SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF KARNATAKA, REGARDING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND REVIEW AND MONITORING OF SCHEMES FOR THE PROTECTION, WELFARE AND SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEDULED TRIBES BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES.**

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**Date and Venue of Meeting: 08.08.2024, Bangalore.**

In pursuance of the Constitutional mandate extended to NCST under Article 338A of the Constitution of India, Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and other officials of the Commission took meeting with the Director and other senior officials, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka on 08.08.2024 to discuss the working of Constitutional Safeguards available to the Scheduled Tribes and review implementation of various developmental schemes/programmes being run for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes employees and Scheduled Tribes of the State.

2. The list of Officers of Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka, present in the Meeting on 08.08.2024 is Annexed.

3. Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka in its power-point presentation has mentioned in brief about the activities / programmes and various safeguards provided to the Scheduled Tribes employees and Scheduled Tribes population in the State, which is as under:

1. The total population and ST population as per 2011 Census and estimated ST population for 2021, i.e. 49,11,828. The percentage of ST population in the State as per 2011 Census reported 6.95%. The literacy rate as per 2011 Census for general population is 75% and for ST 62%. There are about 12 districts in the State having more than 10% of ST population, highest being situated in Raichur district with 19% of ST population.
2. There are five institutions/departments under the administrative control of Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka namely: Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Tribal Development Corporation (KMVTDC), Karnataka Tribal Research Institute (KTTRI), Karnataka Residential Educational Institution Society (KREIS), Karnataka Educational Society for Tribal Students (KESTS) and Karnataka Medara and Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Development Corporation (KMNSDC) (this is likely to become operational from 2024-25). The total allocation, release and expenditure reported for the above department / institution for the year 2023-24 was Rs. 1955.07 Crores, while the released fund was Rs. 1884.01 Crores and the Expenditure reported Rs. 1879.36 Crores. Whereas, the fund allocated for the above departments for the year 2024-25 reported Rs. 1718.84 Crores. There was no figure for releases made during 2024-25.
3. Education programmes – there are 119 Maharshi Valmiki Adivasi Tribal Residential Schools (MVATRS), 135 Pre-Matric hostels and 135 Post-Matric hostels, totaling to 389 institutions. The total sanctioned strength of these institutions constituted to 38173, whereas 45027 admissions reported. It was



also informed that the strength of each classroom increased from 25 to 40 students during the year 2024-25. There are 12 Eklavya Model Residential Schools established in 12 districts of the State, constituting to 5040 sanctioned strength. During the year 2023-24, there were about 290546 students who received Rs. 50.47 Crores in the form of pre-Matric scholarship and about 120864 students received Rs. 145.82 Crores under Post Matric Scholarship. It was also informed that an amount of Rs. 90.52 Crores was distributed to 55204 students as incentive, who passed first class in the first attempt under various courses (from SSLC to Post Graduate level). The State government has provided the education facilities (School Fee and other maintenance for admission in private prestigious schools). An amount of Rs. 2 Lakh provided to the students who got admission in IIT / IIM / IIA and NIT. Under the proposed scheme, an expenditure of Rs. 15 Crores has been made for ST students for higher studies in foreign universities as overseas scholarship.

4. Training programmes – it was informed that the pre-competitive exam training for UPSC, KPSC, banking and other exams are provided to 1350 ST students during the year 2023-24 under which Rs. 10.53 Crores has been incurred.
5. Social empowerment programmes – it was informed that an amount of Rs. 50000 as incentive benefits would be provided to ST couples who married under Simple Marriage Scheme. There is provision of Rs. 3 Lakhs for re-marriage of widow under Widow Re-Marriage Scheme. An incentive of Rs. 2 Lakhs is given to couples under Intra-Tribal Marriage Scheme. Under Inter-Caste Marriage Scheme, Rs. 3 Lakhs is given to ST female beneficiaries and Rs. 2 Lakhs is given to ST male beneficiaries. There is provision for giving incentive of Rs. 3 Lakhs to male beneficiaries and Rs. 5 Lakhs to female beneficiaries under Devadasi Children's Marriage Scheme.

The annual and monthly incentive are given to unemployed youths for 3 years or till he / she gets a job of Jenukurba and Koraga community residing in Mysore, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Dakshin Canara and Udupi districts. An amount of Rs. 3.33 Crores has been spent on 1250 ST candidates during the year 2023-24 for having educational qualifications of SSLC, PUC, Degree and Post Graduate courses.

6. Infrastructural Programme: an amount of Rs. 75.87 Crores has been incurred for facilities like drinking water, concrete road and drainage during the year 2023-24 in the ST colonies under Scheme of Pragati Colony. An amount of Rs. 33.20 Crores has been provided during the year 2024-25. An amount of Rs. 9 Crores has been released to 24 institutions under Financial Assistance for Religious Institutions during the year 2023-24. Rs. 5 Crores has been kept for the year 2024-25. It was also reported that Rs. 30 Crores has been incurred under the Valmiki Community Hall scheme for construction of Valmiki / Community Hall in District / Taluk / Gram level in ST colonies.
7. Economic Development Programme: The collateral security of Rs. 5.80 Crores provided to 17 entrepreneurs in the year 2023-24, under the scheme Interest Subsidy for ST Entrepreneurs. It was reported that Rs. 15 Crores subsidy has been given to 312 ST entrepreneurs under 4% Interest Subsidy Scheme.
8. Nutrition food programme – Rs. 70 Crores has been spent for providing nutritional food to 48769 families residing in forest areas of the State (communities are – Koraga, Jenukuraba, Soliga, Yarava,



Radukuruba, Malaikudi, Kudiya, Siddi, Gaudalu, Hasalaru, Gond and Bettakuruba) during the year 2023-24.

9. Constructions of Houses for Koraga and Jenukuruba – During the year 2021-22, 2732 houses have been sanctioned and the unit cost per house was Rs. 3.75 Lakhs. Construction of 1598 houses was sanctioned during the year 2022-23. It is being implemented by Rajiv Gandhi housing Corporation at a total cost of Rs. 71.91 Crores at unit cost of Rs. 4.50 Lakhs.
10. Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana – 507 villages have been identified in 24 districts of State for the year 2021-22 to 2025-26. Rs. 30 Crores released for 197 villages during the year 2021-22. An action plan of about Rs. 35.26 Crores for development of 173 villages has been approved for the year 2023-24.
11. Pradhan Mantri Janajaati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyaan (PM-JANMAN) –Central Govt. has approved for setting up of 21 PVTG Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) in Mysore district. An amount of Rs. 58.40 Lakhs has been sanctioned for 1168 beneficiaries during the year 2023-24.
12. Implementation of FRA – It was reported that 294489 claims were received, out of which 16326 titles were issued, 253777 claims were rejected and 24386 applications were pending for disposal in various categories.
13. The Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation – it was informed that the corporation undertakes Ganga Kalyana, Land Purchase Scheme, Self Employment Scheme (Airavat and Samridhi) and Micro Credit (Incentive).

#### **4. Observations of the Commission:**

It was observed that most of Head of Departments were not present in the meeting, which is against the decorum of the NCST. Rs. 561.35 Crores were allocated and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 493.10 Crores under Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department which reveals the unspent amount to be approximately Rs. 68 Crores. The budget allocation for various schemes of the Tribal Welfare Department is drastically reduced for the year 2024-25. The initiative taken by the concerned departments for disposal of claims under FRA are not satisfactory.

#### **5. Recommendations / Suggestions of the Commission:-**

After discussion with the Director of Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka & other officers of various departments of the Govt. of Karnataka, the Commission makes the following recommendations:-

- a. Breakup of budget allocation of Central and State share in the Schemes being run for welfare of ST in the State may be provided.
- b. Reasons of not-utilising the funds, as allocated during 2023-24 to the Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department may be submitted
- c. Details of food items provided to student in hostels may be supplied. Nutritious items (such as Chicken and Egg) may be provided to students once a week.

