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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes  
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To,

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Govt. of Kerala,  
Secretariat,  
Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Principal Secretary,  
SC/ST Development Department,  
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**Sub: Tour Report of the Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes to the State of Kerala from 03.11.2016 to 08.11.2016 - to review and monitoring of implementation of Reservation Policy and Development Programmes for Scheduled Tribes run by the District authorities.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose Tour Report of Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled on the above subject for necessary action and to send the action taken report to the Commission at an early date.

Yours faithfully

  
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A team of Commission led by Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST, New Delhi (Acting Chairperson) and accompanied by Shri P.V. Mohandas, P.S to Hon'ble Vice Chairperson and Shri R.K. Dubey, Asstt. Director visited the State of Kerala from 03-11-2016 to 08-11-2016 for field visits to tribal areas and meetings to review the development programmes being run for welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the State as per the Tour Programme communicated to the State Govt. vide Wireless message No. VC/NCST/Tour/005 Dated 01-01-2016. The details of the field visits and meetings held during the Tour are given below:

### Date : 3-11-2016 (Thursday)

The Commission reached Kozhikode Airport in the night where it was received by Director, KIRTADS, Officers of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Govt. of Kerala and Protocol Officer. The team proceeded for Stay in Guest House.

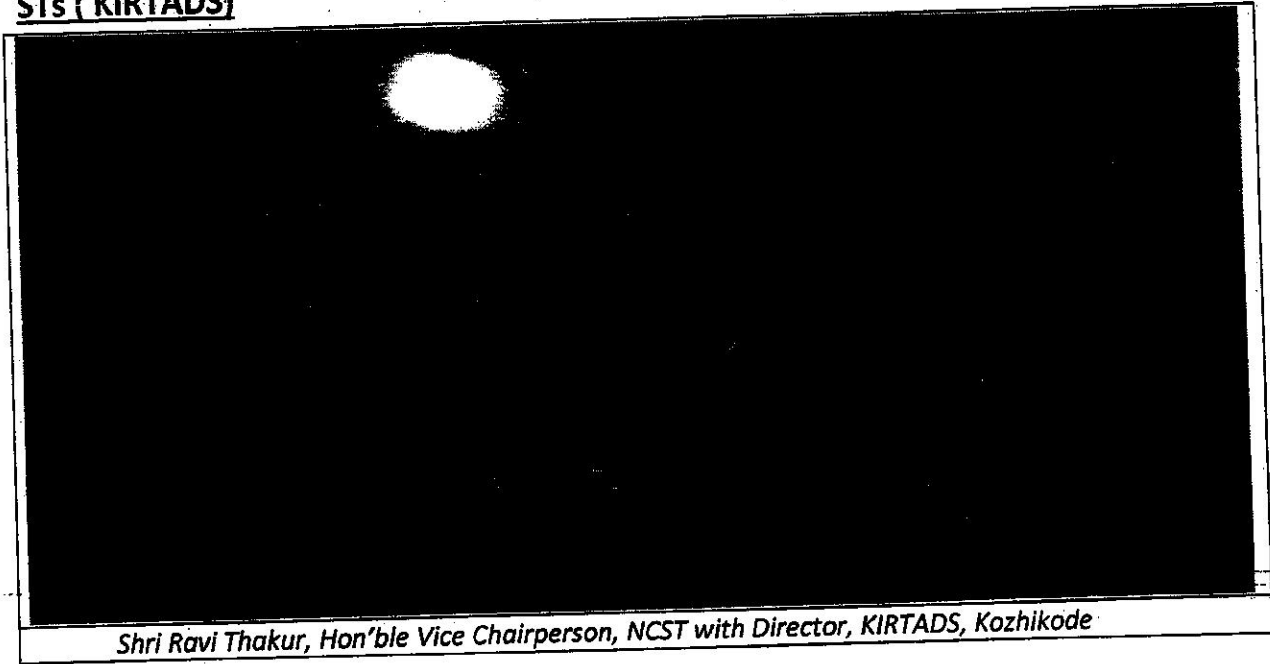
### Date : 4-11-2016 (Friday)

In the morning, officers of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Govt. of Kerala briefed the Commission about various information related to the Scheduled Tribes of the state. It was informed that the total Population of Kerala as per 2011 census was 3, 33, 87, 677, out of which 4, 84, 839 persons belonged to Scheduled Tribes which amounts to 1.45 % of the total population of the state. The main concentration of Scheduled Tribes is found in Wayanad, Idukki, Kasargod and Palakkad Districts. As per the reports on Socio-Economy Status of Tribal Population (2008) of ST Development Department, Kerala, there were 1, 07, 965 Tribal Families residing in 4,762 Colonies. About 11% (540) of the Tribal Colonies are situated within the reserved forests and 20% (948) are in the immediate vicinity of reserved forests. The share of females in Tribal population was 50.77% and Thiruvananthapuram Distt. has the highest proportion of woman with 52.37%, whereas in Idukki, the proportion of female to male is only 49.91%.

It was further informed that there are seven ITDP offices, serving 48% of the Tribal Population and 10 Tribal Development officers for the remaining Tribal Population. ST Development department has a very crucial role in the implementation of TSP and other welfare/protective programmes for the Tribals. The Scheduled Tribes development department was started in the year 1974-75 for the upliftment of Tribals especially vulnerable tribal groups. The Govt. of

Kerala earmarks about 3% of the planned funds for the development of Tribals in the State. The Commission was also informed that the literacy rate of Schedule Tribes in the state was 78.4% which is lower than the state average literacy of 93.91% in the year 2011. The literacy of scheduled tribes in Palakkad Distt. was 57.63% which is lowest in the states. The Commission was also briefed about the Employment status, Health issues, Housing, Electrification, Drinking Water and Sanitation facilities in the Tribal Colonies. It was also informed that there are 5 PVTGs in the state viz. Kattunaikan, Cholanaikan, Kurumbas, Kadars and Koragas settled in Wayanad, Nilambur, Thrissur, Kasargod, Kozhikode, and Palakkad. The PVGT population as per the Tribal Survey Report, 2008 was 26,273 and the number of household as was 6,771 settled in 603 settlements.

**Visit to Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of SCs & STs ( KIRTADS)**



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST with Director, KIRTADS, Kozhikode*

The Commission visited KIRTADS located in Chevayur, Kozhkode in the morning to see various activities undertaken by it. It was welcomed by Dr. Bindu S., Director and other officers. Thereafter, a meeting was held with the Director and other officers of the Institute in which a power point presentation was made and it was informed that the Institute is purely a governmental organization under the SC and ST development Ministry of the state government and functions as a separate Directorate. Its main objective is to carry out research that helps to promote development among the schedule community in Kerala. It also attempts to identify the needs and problems confronting the marginalized section of population and suggest recommendations to the government in finding the panacea for their overall development. This was established in the year 1972 as

Tribal Research and Training Centre in a national pattern which subsequently got recognized as KIRTADS in 1979 and is working among all the scheduled community for their development. The Commission was informed that the Research Institute has three major wings namely, Research Wing, Training Wing, and Development studies wing. A reference library also functions in the same premises. Apart from these, an ethnological museum, Aadi Kala Kendra and a documentation centre of Art forms of Scheduled Communities are also functioning in the same campus.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST being welcomed by Director, KIRTADS, Kozhikode*

It was also informed that the Research wing conducts applied and developmental research with an interdisciplinary approach incorporating theoretical perspective from the domain of Anthropology, Sociology, Linguistics, Economics, Statistics and History. In this wing, classification of community studies is also conducted and as per the Act of 1996, the anthropological wing is designated as expert agency and a separate vigilance cell is functioning to curb the bogus claims of the benefit of reservation policy. The reports of individual caste determination cases referred by the scrutiny committee are submitted to the Government for further action. Anthropological reports by this wing are sent to the screening committee prevents the infiltration of candidates with bogus SC/ST certificates for admission in professional courses and availing benefit of other developmental scheme.

The Training wing conducts trainings to inculcate scientific knowledge of community development for the official working under various Government

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Departments. Training for SC/ST Youth is also conducted for the proper utilization of Government plans and programmes. Recently, some training programmes have been conducted for the PVTGs, Representative of Panchayati Raj Institutions and officials involved in implementation of Forest rights Act.

The Development study wing conducts evaluation studies implemented for the development of Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes, the tribal sub plan, special component plan and other development scheme are studied critically for analyzing the feasibility of such programmes and report are submitted to Government for making necessary changes in the plan programmes. Current issues related to the development of SC/ST population are given due care and immediate spot studies are made by this wing to call the attention of the Government for urgent action. Studies proposed by central government are also conducted. All these have great significance for the policy makers as it explores the possibility of the given situation in a scientific and systematic matter.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST Visiting Tribal Museum at KIRTADS, Kozhikode*

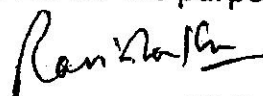
After the above briefing, the detailed discussion was held on various issues and following points emerged for action;

1. The Commission desired to know about the number of cases of bogus ST Caste Certificates pending for enquiry in the Institute. It was informed that about 150 cases were pending. On further enquiry, it was informed that some cases were pending for the last 5 to 8 years as such certificate holders had approached the courts seeking relief and obtained stay. As the no. of pending cases was more, the Commission advised the Institute to

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complete enquiry in the pending cases at the earliest and take further action according to the law in the matter.

2. Commission also desired to know the sanctioned strength of the Institute and it was informed that the sanctioned strength of officers and staff of the Institute was 60 out of which 48 were filled. The Commission noted that some posts in Research and Development studies wing were lying vacant. One post of Dy. Director in Development studies wing was vacant, which needs to be filled urgently. The Govt. of Kerala and Director of Institute should take urgent steps to fill all the vacant posts.
3. It was observed that budget under the travelling allowance sub-head was meager and exhausted adversely affecting the research and investigation activities of the Institute. Commission advised Govt. of Kerala to enhance and adequately allocate the budget to support the activities and work of KIRTADS.
4. The Commission was informed that research activities of the Institute were declining due to engagement of officers in activities related to determination of castes/verification of community certificates. In view of above, adequate no. of posts should be sanctioned by the State Government so that the Research Activities are not adversely affected.
5. The Commission noted that the Institute has a rich library with about 15,000 books but there was no space for the researchers and scholars to sit and read them. Necessary arrangements for reading space, tables and Chairs should be made by the Government in this regard.
6. It was noted that there is no conference hall in the Institute. Necessary budget and other sanctions should be provided to KIRTADS for the purpose.

  
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### Field Visit

In the afternoon, Commission proceeded for field visits in the facilities/Institutions for Tribal Development and Tribal Colonies and held interaction with the representatives of Tribal community. The details of visit and issues raised by the Tribals are as under:

**(a) Visit to Multigrade Learning Centre and Kattunaikan Colony at Pattakkaribu, District Malappuram**



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST interacting with children in Multigrade Learning Centre at Pattakkaribu, District Malappuram*

At first, Commission reached **Multigrade Learning Centre** at Pattakkaribu in Malappuram District which is a colony of Tribals of Kattunaikan Community. The Building of learning centre was very old which was constructed by the ITDP and the Centre was run by School Education Department of the State. The Tribal Students from Class I to IV were taught in the center. There were 15 students in the School and it was a single teacher school. The students are shifted to Model Residential School for further education after passing Class – IV. The students were from the colony itself. It was informed that no fees are charged from them and they are provided books from the School. The Commission noted that there was no electricity in the centre and advised the Project Officer, ITDP to arrange for providing Solar Lights. As there was no furniture, it was also advised to provide chairs and

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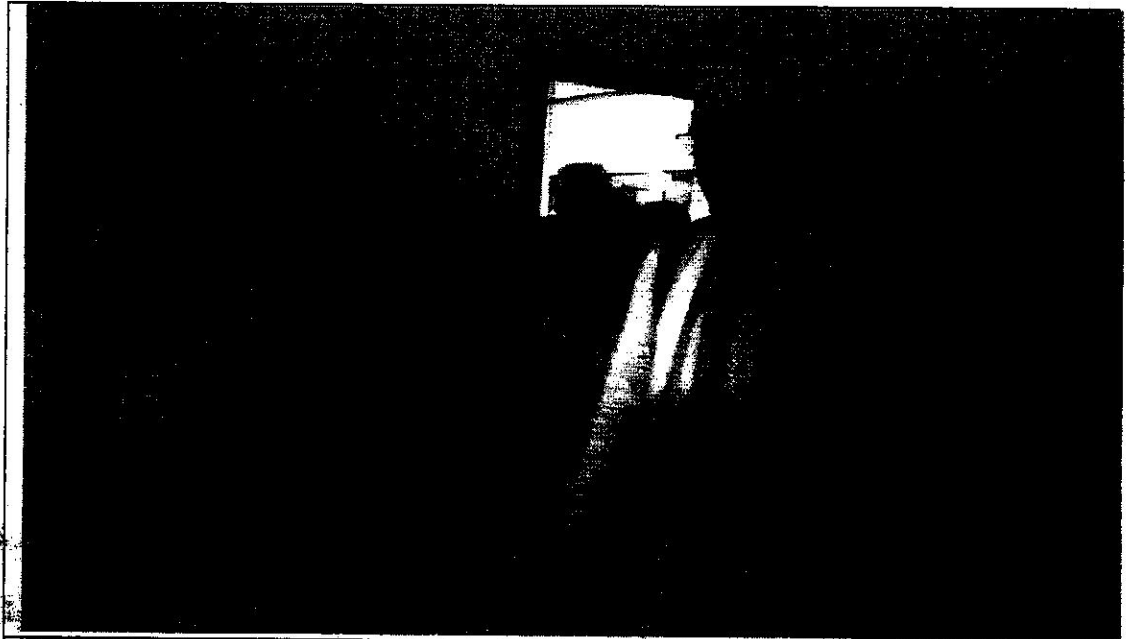
tables for the students. The Kitchen was neat and clean but there were no toilets for the students as well as teacher. Commission advised for the construction of toilets with running water facility after obtaining necessary permission from forest department.

Later, the Commission visited Pattakkaribu, Kattunaikan Colony which comes under Amarambalam Panchayat. It was informed that there are 63 families residing in 61 houses out of which 28 are old and 33 are newly constructed houses. The total population of the colony was reported to be 198 and the no. of students going to school was 78. 28 houses were having electricity connection and 9 families needed new houses. Two persons were employed in Govt./Public sector. Drinking water facility was available in the colony and the nearest PHC was 3 Kms away from the colony at Thelpara. It was also informed that 49 families were provided 50 cent of land and 5 families were provided 3.5 cent of land under FRA. 7 New application/claims were received and send to survey department for survey of land.

While discussing with the Tribals of Kattunaikan community in the colony, the Commission was informed that ITDP had given assistance amounting to Rs. 1,25,000/- for construction of houses under the old IAY scheme. Those houses have become very old and require repairing for which further assistance should be given. Some of the Tribals were sanctioned houses under new scheme but only two installments have been paid and one installment is due for which the construction could not be completed. They requested for releasing the outstanding amount. Eight to Ten families have not been provided houses and they should also be covered under this scheme. Most of the villagers were working as labour under MGNAREGA and other places and some were involved in collection of minor forest produces. These produces are handed over to MFP agency for marketing. They informed that they are receiving ration from the shop. Besides that, they are also provided total 25 Kg Rice and Wheat and 1 Kg Gram per month from the ITDP Funds. Some families demanded for providing agricultural land, Electricity connection and Vehicle facility for the students going to school. It was also demanded to provide training to them in fashion designing as a measure of skill development along with arrangements for setting up local unit for garment making. Commission advised the Project Officer and other district officials to look into the demands of Tribals and make necessary arrangements for providing them above facilities.

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(a) **Indira Gandhi Memorial Model Residential School, Nilambur, District Malappuram.**



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST Interacting with students in IGMRS, Nilambur, Distt. Malappuram*

The Commission visited IGMRS, Nilambur in the afternoon to see the facilities available for SC/ST students studying there. It was informed that this school was established in November 1993 at Kavalangad, Manjera aiming the educational, cultural and social development of primitive tribes of Cholanaika and Kattunaika in Malappuram and adjacent locality. The present building was constructed in the year 2006 and total 525 students are studying in the school. Out of this there are 240 boys and 285 girls comprising of 455 students from Kattunaikan and 70 students from Cholanaikkan Community. The students are taught English from Class V onwards. Regular breakfast and meals are provided to the students as per the Diet Chart and the Kitchen was also neat and clean. Regular health check-up of students was being carried out by the Doctors. The drop out in the school was reported to around 6%, which is mainly due to poverty. The students demanded for construction of an auditorium for the cultural programs, captive playground and LCD projector for smart classroom. Commission advised the Project Officer to provide them above facility and also suggested for white washing of hostel and repairing of windows.

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After the inspection, Commission proceeded for Guruvayur for Night Stay.

**Date : 05-11-2016 (Saturday)**

Commission left Guruvayur at 10:30 Hrs for Munnar (Distt. Idukki) and reached there in the evening.

**Date : 06-11-2016 (Sunday)**

**A. Field visits to Tribal Villages.**

The Commission visited some tribal villages in Idukki Distt. for interaction with the Tribals and to see the implementation of development programs being run for their welfare. The details of villages visited and the discussion held is given below:

1. **Visit to Chempakathozha Village** – Commission visited this village to meet the Tribals of Muthuvan Community where the Sarpanch welcomed the Commission.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST being welcomed by Tribals of Muthuvan Community at Chempakathozha Village in Idukki Distt.*

The Commission discussed with the Tribal Villagers about their living condition and facilities available to them. The Commission was informed as under:

- (i) It was informed that the villagers are facing problem of shortage of water. Water was supplied through pipeline connection from nearby water fall, but over the years, this pipeline has being damaged resulting in acute shortage of drinking water and also for other uses system. They demanded that the pipeline should be re-laid at the earliest.

The villagers informed that some of them have their own land and others are working as agricultural labourer. No land has

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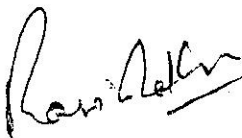
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been allotted to them for agricultural under FRA or Any other scheme.

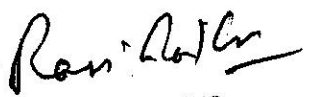
- (iii) Under MG NAREGA scheme, they have been given employment for only 12 days so far in the current year whereas last year, they were given hundred days of employment. They demanded for more work under this scheme.
- (iv) The government has given land to 56 families for housing and houses under the IAY scheme have also been sanctioned but 12 families are still uncovered. They should also be covered as they are newly married couples.
- (v) There is Lower Primary School in the village and the High School is 6 Km away. The students were carried to High School by bus run under the Gotra Sarathi project, but this year, this project has been stopped as a result of which the students are facing problem in going to school. They demanded revival of this project and construction of Residential English Medium School at Chinnakkanal to facilitate proper education of Tribal children.
- (vi) Commission of happy to see that Toilets have been constructed and used in the houses and there is no open defecation.
- (vii) As far as PDS is concerned, the villagers are informed that they are being provided ration of 35 Kg Rice per month per family under AY Scheme. They are being provided half a litre Kerosene oil for lighting purpose which needs to be enhanced as it is not sufficient for the purpose.
- (viii) It was also informed that there is Anganwadi and ANM is working in the village. The Primary Health Centre is 6 Kms away from the village. They are being provided medicines as per availability.
- (ix) The villagers further informed that the Elephants often cause damage to their life and property and there is a need of Rail Concrete fencing around the village. The no. of forest watchers also needs to be increased from 4 to 6.

The Commission was happy to see that the villagers were satisfied with the support of forest department officials in collection of minor forest produces. However, some tribals

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informed that they had planted eucalyptus trees on their own land for commercial use, but the forest department is not allowing them to cut and sale them. They should be allowed to cut and sale these trees grown by them.

- (xi) The villagers were cultivating Ginger, Black Pepper and Cordomom. Earlier they used to cultivate paddy also but now a days, they do not cultivate it as elephant caused damage to this crop.
- (xii) In the nearby Tankkudi Colony, Out of 104 families, 9 have been given Pattiyam of land and remaining families have been provided constructed houses. However no agricultural land has been provided to them. Water scarcity is also there and the water pipes are damaged. These issues should be redressed at the earliest.
- (xiii) It was also informed that there is no pucca road for nearby Pacchapull colony. The villagers demanded for construction of road in the Colony. They also demanded for providing land to 22 families for housing.
- (xiv) It was also informed that no development activities have been taken in the nearby 301 colony. There is no road and drinking water facility for that colony. The villagers demanded for these facilities in the colony.
- (xv) Some tribals complained that a Tamil speaking person named Murali has encroached a large area of their land in Panchandar area (Panchpandav madam). They had made complaint to the local police but no action was not taken. They demanded restoration of land and action against the accused.

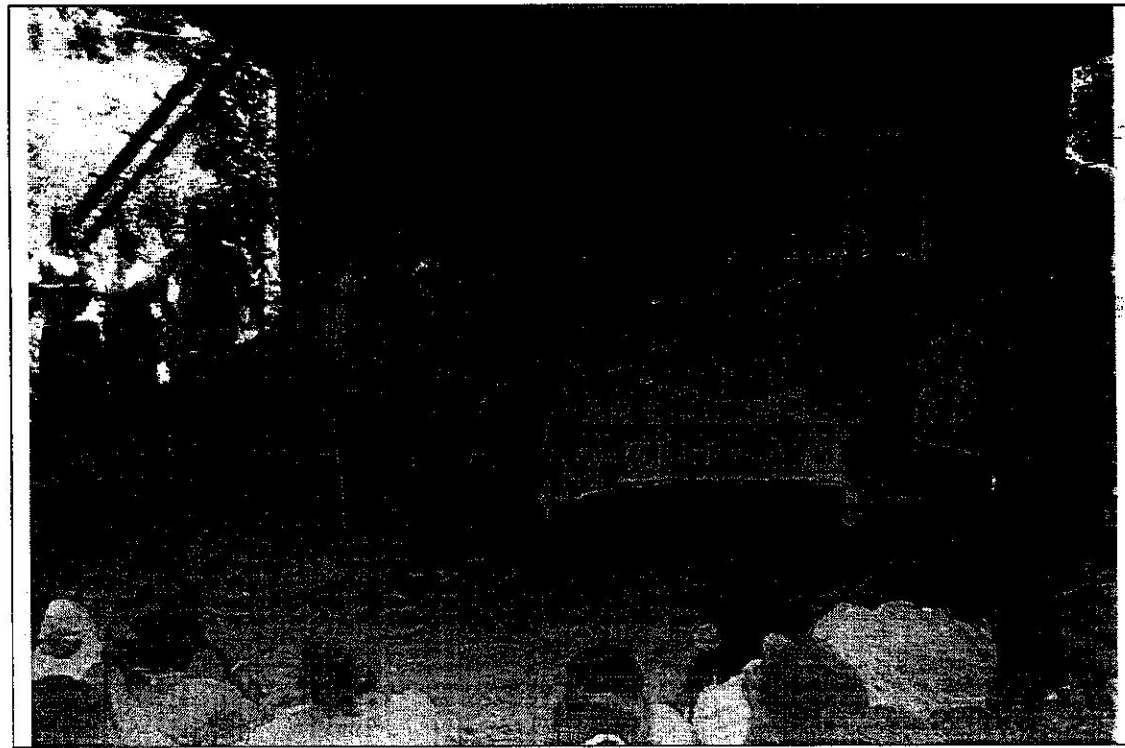
  
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*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST discussing with Tribal Children of Muthuvan Community at Chempakathozha Village in Idukki Distt.*

The Commission advised the Project Officer, Forest department officers and Police officers to take action to redress the problems and issues rose by the villagers and informed the Commission about the same within a month's time.

2. Visit to Chinnakkana 80 Acre colony: The Commission visited this village which is inhabited by Hill Pulaya ST Community. The Commission was welcomed by the Surpanch and other villagers.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST discussing with Tribals of Hill Pulaya Community at Chinnakkana 80 Acre Colony in Idukki Distt.*

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The Commission was informed that earlier they used to stay in Maruyur from where; they were shifted in this colony. During interaction, the villagers informed the Commission as under:

- (i) All the villagers have been provided land for agricultural use on which they produce Tobacco, Black Pepper, Cardamom and Ginger. They are facing problem due to non - availability of Fertilizers. They demanded for adequate supply of Fertilizers for Agriculture.
- (ii) Some villagers informed that in the old place they used to cultivate sugarcane but after shifting to this colony, they are cultivating new crops like black pepper, cardamom and ginger for which training is required. They should be imparted training for cultivation of these crops to enhance their skills and income.
- (iii) Some villagers demanded that they should be provided cows by the State Government which will not only solve the problems of fertilizers but also enhance their income from milk and other produces. Fodder is also adequately available in the village and nearby area.
- (iv) Under MGNAREGA scheme, this year they have been given employment for 24 days only. Last year, they were given hundred days employment. They demanded that they should be given employment under this scheme for 200 days particularly during lean season.
- (v) There is Anganwaddi worker in the village. The villagers demanded for establishing a Health sub - centre in the village as they have to go 75 Kms. away to Adimali for treatment and deliveries, which is the nearest big Hospital.
- (vi) There is a need for setting up English medium Residential School for Tribals at Chinnakkanal (Preferably CBSE Affiliated) as the students have to go 10 Kms for High School Education. The Eklavya Model residential school is also 65 Km away in Idukki. In the local school, the medium of instruction is Tamil whereas they speak Malayali language. This is causing problem to the students in understanding the subject. They may be taught in English medium.
- (vii) There is a need for construction of a bridge across a catchment area in the village to facilitate their movement.

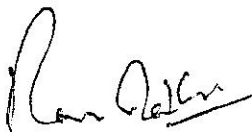


- (viii) There is fencing of Electric wire around the village but it is not protecting them from the elephants as many times, there is no electric supply. Moreover, Elephants are wise enough and they test with the help of wood, whether electric current is flowing in the wires or not. They demanded for construction of steel concrete fencing around the village for protection from elephants as done in Kunnur District.
- (ix) The Commission was informed that in the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, A package of Rs. 148 Crores was provided for Infrastructural Development and other facilities in the Tribal Areas. In 14<sup>th</sup> Finance commission, proposal worth Rs. 450 Crores were submitted and Rs. 50 Crores were earmarked but so far no allocation has been made. The package may be revived and allocations be made for the purpose.
- (x) There is almost no representation of Hill Pulaya in Government Employment. There is 2% reservation for schedule tribes in the state but dominant tribal communities are getting the benefit and they could not get any benefit. They demanded that the educated youth from their community should be taken in Government jobs.
- (xi) The Road connecting the village is un-metalled which should be made a pucca road.
- (xii) There is no post of Engineer sanctioned for Tribal Welfare Department. This is causing problem as the PWD releases funds only after receiving utilization certificates and completion certificates in many development schemes. In view of the above, a post of Engineer may be sanctioned for each ITDP.

The Commission advised the Project Officer, Forest department officer and other concerned officers to take action to redress the problems and issues rose by the villagers and informed the Commission about the same within a month's time.

**3. Meeting with Dy. Superintendent of Police, Munnar and Asstt. Tehsildar in connection with action on cases registered under SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989.**

The Commission held meeting with Dy. Superintendent of Police, Munnar and Asstt. Tehsildar at Munnar in connection with action on cases registered under SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 and Rules, 1995 as



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amended time to time. The Commission was informed that there are three divisions in Idukki district each headed by one Dy. Superintendent of Police. In Munnar division, 7 cases related to Scheduled Tribes have been registered so far in the current year under this Act. All together 34 cases were reported to be under investigation. Following action point emerged in the meeting :

- (i) There is a need to complete the investigation of cases in the time limit prescribed under the rules. It has been noticed that there is inordinate delay in completion of investigation and some old cases of the year 2015 were also pending for investigation and submission of challan in the court.
- (ii) The ITDP was provided a budget of Rs. 2 Lacs in the current year for payment of compensation to the victims of Atrocities. This budget is inadequate as the monetary compensation admissible under the SC/ST (PoA) Rules, 1995 has recently been enhanced by amending the rules. Hence, in all the cases, monetary compensation has not been paid so far. In the division, incidences of murder and rape have been registered under SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989, which are under enquiry and the compensation has to be paid but there are no funds. The Commission took it very seriously and advised that more funds may be demanded from the state government and monetary compensation be provided to all the victims/their families at the earliest.
- (iii) The Commission also noted that the information related to payment to travelling allowance, daily allowance, maintenance expenses and transport facilities to the victims of Atrocity, his or her dependent and witnesses under rule (11) of the SC/ST (PoA) Rules, 1995 was not available. The Commission directed to provide the information within a month's time.

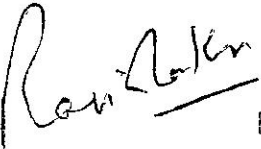
**Date: 07-11-2016 (Monday)**

Commission left Munnar at 10:30 Hrs for Thiruvananthapuram and reached there in the evening.

**Date: 08-11-2016 (Tuesday)**

1. **Visit to Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Model Residential Higher Secondary School at Kattela, Thiruvananthapuram.**

The Commission visited Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Model Residential Higher Secondary School at Kattela, Thiruvananthapuram in the morning



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and inspected the facilities available there for the students. Student's police and school band welcomed the Commission.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST interacting with students and Principal at Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Model Residential Higher Secondary School, Kattela, Thiruvananthapuram*

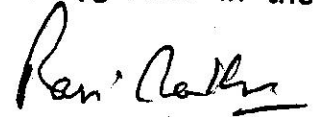
It was informed that the school runs from class V to XII and there are 350 students admitted in the Institution. There are 25 teachers for classes up to High School and 12 teachers for intermediate classes. 2 police men provide training to the student's police and team of school band has also been given training. Bands have been provided by Tribal Development department of the state. Kerala state syllabus is followed in teaching. PT is done on Saturdays and Parade is conducted on Mondays and Saturdays. The students played games like Football and Badminton in the Campus. The Commission was informed that diet is given to the students as per the Diet chart. Commission was informed that out of 350 students, 70% seats are reserved for STs, 20% for SCs and 10% for unreserved category. No fees are charged from the students.

The Commission interacted with the students and teachers in detail and inspected classrooms, laboratories, dormitories, kitchen and washrooms to see the living conditions and facilities. The Commission noted that students were happy to be here in the Institution. They were of the view that such institutions are necessary for the educational development of students of deprived sections of the society. Following recommendations are made by the Commission after discussion with the students and inspection by Commission for further improvement of the Institution:

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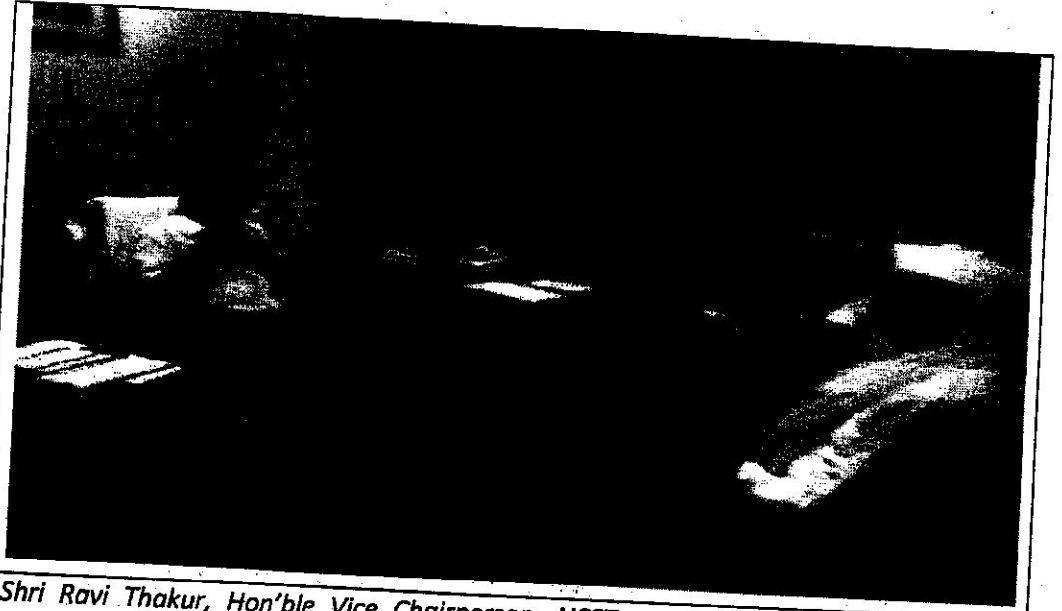
- (i) Though there is water supply in the school and hostel building, it is not adequate. There is a need of 2 borings in the campus and two

- more tanks are required for storage of water. RO's should be installed in the school, teacher's quarters and hostel building for providing safe drinking water to the students and teachers at the earliest.
- (ii) During the Inspection of physics laboratory, it was observed that many microscopes were not working and required immediate repairing. They should be repaired urgently so that the students do not face any difficulty in practical classes.
- (iii) Smart classroom should be made in the school to update the students with modern technology and learning. Computers and LCDs should be provided to the Institution.
- (iv) There is a need for white washing and repairing the Hostel Building. Mosquito nets in some of the windows were broken. It should be taken care of urgently.
- (v) No Almirahs have been provided to the students in the Hostel Dormitories as a result of which the students are facing problem in keeping their belonging safely. Separate cupboards/almirahs should be provided for each student.
- (vi) The student, particularly girls have demanded for providing bicycles to them. The state government should consider it as many other states are following similar schemes for tribal girls.
- (vii) The students have requested for providing a School Bus for taking them for excursion, events of sports and cultural programs held in other schools and for works outside the Campus. This should be considered favorably by the Tribal Welfare department.
- (viii) There is a need for setting up a park and playground in the premises.



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2. Meeting with Shri A.K. Balan, Hon'ble Minister for Welfare of SC, ST and Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala.



*Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST meeting with Shri A.K. Balan, Hon'ble Minister for Welfare of SC, ST and Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala in his office at Thiruvananthapuram*

The Commission called on Shri A.K. Balan, Hon'ble Minister for Welfare of SC, ST and Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala and briefed him about its visit to many Tribal Villages and institutions across various districts of State and the issues that have emerged during the visit. The Commission particularly focused on strengthening of KIRTADS and development activities that require immediate attention of the State Government in the villages. Hon'ble Minister briefed the Commission about some initiatives of the State Government and its sensitivity towards the welfare of Tribal Committees of the State. He assured for considering the recommendations and advices of the Commission.

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## 1. Meeting with Shri P. Sathasivam, H.E. Governor of Kerala



Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST greeting Shri P. Sathasivam, H.E. Governor of Kerala.

The Commission met Shri P. Sathasivam, H.E. Governor of Kerala in the afternoon and briefed him about its visit to various Tribal villages, inspection of institutions for the development of Tribals and feedback obtained from the Tribals on various welfare measures undertaken by the State Govt. H.E. Governor assured that necessary action will be taken by the state govt. on the recommendations made by Commission.



Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST and his team with Shri P. Sathasivam, H.E. Governor of Kerala and officers of Tribal Development Department, Govt. of Kerala

The Commission left Thiruvananthapuram for Delhi in the evening.

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