

TOUR REPORT

To commence my official tour to Hyderabad in the State of Andhra Pradesh, I went to Hyderabad by air on 17th November, 2010.

On 18th November, 2010, I met local Tribal Leaders from the State of Andhra Pradesh to discuss the problems of Scheduled Tribes in the respective parts of the state. All of the leaders put forward their demand for effective implementation of the developmental schemes run by the State as well as Central Government for the welfare of S.T.s. especially in the rural part of the state in case of Education, Health etc. The benefit should reach upto the ultimate genuine eligible person from S. T. community. The leaders demanded inception of Vocational Training Institutes exclusively for the S.T. youths so as to make available them the employment opportunities. On 19th November, 2010, I started to Vishakhapatnam by rail to attend the further scheduled programmes.

On 20th November, 2010 at Vishakhapatnam, I had a meeting with local tribals, who were representing various problems being faced by them. The S.T.s in the area of Vishakhapatnam were in need of creation of job opportunities based on modern technology like Information Technology, Computer/Internet, CNC Machines etc. Special attention is to be given to the tribal youths who are educated but unemployed and want to assimilate in the mainstream. The S.T.s were assured by me to take up all these issues with the appropriate authorities of the State Govt. immediately to sort out the problems.

On 21st November, 2010 I had a meeting with Scheduled Tribes Employees working with various Government as well as Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) at Vishakhapatnam. The S.T.s who are working with Government Departments had their unique problems regarding discrimination by the higher authorities, harassment, and deprivation from the developmental opportunities like Foreign Assignments/ Training etc. Those S.T.s who are working with the private/ non-governmental organizations were complaining about the non-payment of Minimum Wages by the employer, adverse working conditions etc. I assured them that these issues related to the labour laws will be taken up with the appropriate authorities to sort it out immediately.

On 22nd November, 2010 I had a meeting with tribals who were gather to vouch their problems like atrocities by the local dominant social groups and non-cooperation of the Local Administration/ Police while lodging complaints regarding it. It was noticed by me that majority of the Tribals were not aware about the Constitutional Safeguards given to the Scheduled Tribes. So there is a pressing need to launch a awareness campaign among the Scheduled Tribes by the Government

Agencies as well as N.G.O.s. This will empower the S.Ts to fight the injustice meted out to them by anti-social elements. Application of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is to be strictly followed by the Police Department in order to curb such anti-social practices. On the same day I started from Vishakhapatnam to Hyderabad by rail in the evening.

On 23rd November, 2010, I held a meeting with Director General of Police (D.G.P.), Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad. Some pending service matters related to Police Department and the measures taken by Police Department to tackle the problem of Atrocities on S.T.s were discussed. In case of service matters it has been noticed that at the time of promotion many of the eligible S.T. candidates have been neglected for the reasons best known to the department. This was brought to the notice of D.G.P., Andhra Pradesh. He assured me that I will look into the matter personally in order to sort it out on priority.

On 24th November, 2010 I came back to Delhi by air on conclusion of this official tour.

This report is hereby submitted for your kind perusal and necessary action.

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