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To

The Secretary
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region,
Vigyan Bhawan Annexe,
Maulana Azad Road,
New Delhi-110011

Sub: Record of the Proceedings of the Meeting with the Secretary and other officers of Ministry of Development for North Eastern Region (DONER) held on 03/09/2013 at 1200 Hrs in the Commission.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Record of Proceedings of the Meeting held in the NCST on 03/09/2013 on the above mentioned subject.

It is, requested that an action taken report on the points raised in the Record of Proceedings of the Meeting may please be forwarded to this Commission at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

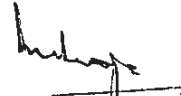

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1. To review the achievements under various programmes, policies and problems of M/o DONER, a meeting with the Secretary & other officers of the Ministry of DONER was held on 03/09/2013, in the Conference Hall of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Loknayak Bhawan, New Delhi Ministry of DONER.
2. The Meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Chairperson of NCST. The list of participants is annexed.
3. At the outset, Chairperson NCST welcomed the Secretary, Joint Secretaries and all other officers of the Ministry of DONER and explained the objective of the Meeting. The Ministry of DONER was requested vide letter No. 28/Review/Service/DONER /2013/RU-II dated 16/08/2013 to give presentation on implementation of programmes/schemes, in relation to STs and problems and achievements. Thereafter, a power point presentation was made by Joint Secretary DONER, Shri Arvind Madhav on the status of service safeguards and development programmes/schemes for Scheduled Tribes being implemented by the Ministry of DONER and the PSUs/Statutory organization under the Ministry (Annexure-A).
4. During presentation, the Joint Secretary, DONER mentioned that two PSUs and one Statutory organization i.e. North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC), North Eastern Regional Agricultural marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC) and North Eastern Council are working under Ministry of DONER. In order to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the NE Region, the following objectives/goals have been set for the Ministry:-

- (i) to facilitate and accelerate project implementation for rapid development in the region.


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- (ii) to build capacities and competencies in critical sectors in the NE States.
- (iii) to carry out advocacy for facilitating development and understanding the strategies for development of NER.
- (iv) to monitor expenditures of Ministries/Departments of the North Eastern Region out of their earmaked 10% gross budgetary support (GBS).
- (v) to prepare and coordinate strategic plans with line Ministries in E-Sectors for development of the Region.

5. The main schemes/programmes being implemented are (i) Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), (ii) Advertising and Publicity, (iii) Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, (iv) Monitoring of Expenditure of 10% GBS, (v) Social Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF), and (vi) Externally Aided Project/ADB assisted North Eastern States Road Investment Programme (NESRIP).

6. Regarding Service safeguards, it was mentioned by the Ministry of DONER that a Director has been appointed as Liaison Officer for SC/ST/OBCs to ensure proper disposal of grievances, an SC/ST/OBCs Cell is in existence to deal with problems/grievances of SC/ST/OBC members. So far, no incident of harassment of any ST employee has been reported. In the presentation, it was mentioned that as on 01/04/2013, in Group 'A' posts out of posted 29, 4(39.79%) are ST and in Group 'B' posts, out of 37, 3(8.1%) are ST. In North-Eastern Council Secretariat as on 01/04/2013, out of total 146 employees in position, 62(42%) are ST. In North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. in Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' posts, out of total 12 employees in position, 8(66%) are ST and in Group 'D' posts out of total 18 posts, 2(11%) are ST. In North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd, out of 99 employees in position, in all Groups, 21 are ST.

7. The details of allocation and expenditure of the funds allotted under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) of the Ministry of DONER for the last two years is as under:-

(Rs. in Crores)

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Year	Total Outlay	Amount allotted under Tribal Sub Plan	Total Plan	Expenditure incurred under Tribal Sub- Plan	Percentage of expr. Under TSP to Total expr.
2011-12	425878.79	1794.28	15560	1774.32	11.4%
2012-13	505601.69	2533.14	18127	2160.95	11.92%

8. Chairperson shared the experience of the recent visit of the Commission to Nagaland and Mizoram. Chairperson mentioned that for the development of Scheduled Tribes, a number of steps were needed to be taken and, in particular, emphasized on the following areas;

- (i) At present, there is no Medical College and Nursing College in Kohima. Thus, there was a need for setting up of a Medical Colleges and Nursing Colleges in Kohima and also in other parts of the North-East Region.
- (ii) State Government officials of Nagaland had indicated that during annual festivals organized in Kohima, there is inadequacy of Hotels / Guest Houses and other related infrastructure to accommodate the tourists. To create a regular source of income generation, action for investment in tourism industry needs to be taken.
- (iii) investment in agriculture sector was required to improve the farming activities.
- (iv) Linkages of Marketing of MFP and Agriculture Produce was needed so that better price mechanism prevails and perishable items do not cause loss to the farmers in the absence of proper linkages .


10. The secretary, M/o DONER informed that steps on the above areas were being taken and Tata Consultancy Services was assigned the task of preparing Master Plan and necessary measures were being taken for the overall development of the NER.

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11. Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes advised the Secretary M/o DONER to speed up the implementation of programmes to ensure timely utilization of allocated funds and take steps on the issues discussed.

Action: M/o DONER

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


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Attendance Sheet

Date: 03/09/2013 at 1200 Hours

Sitting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 03/09/2013
at 1200 Hrs in the NCST with the Secretary & other officers of Ministry of
Development for North East Region (DONER).

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1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson
2. Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary
3. Shri M.S. Chopra, Director
4. Shri T.D. Kukreja, PS to Chairperson

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1. Shri U.K. Sangma, Secretary, DONER
2. Shri Arvind Madhav, Joint Secretary, DONER
3. Smt. K. Damayanthi, Joint Secretary, DONER
4. Shri Vijay Bhushan Pathak, Joint Secretary, DONER
5. Smt. Kirti Saxena, Economic Advisor, DONER
6. Shri Rohtash Singh, Director, DONER
7. Shri K. Guite, Director, DONER
8. Shri R.K. Das, Under Secretary, DONER
9. Shri D. Bandopadhyay, Under Secretary, DONER