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To

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Gujarat,  
Block No.1, 3rd floor,  
New Sachivalaya Complex,  
Gandhinagar-382010.  
Gujarat.

Sub: Tour Report from 21/04/2017 to 03/05/2017 of Shri Harshadbhai Chunilal Vasava,  
Hon'ble Member, NCST to the State of Gujarat (District-Dahod).

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Tour Report dated 21/04/2017 to 03/05/2017 of Shri Harshadbhai Chunilal Vasava, Hon'ble Member, NCST on the subject mentioned above for necessary action.

It is requested that reply / Action Taken Report on the Tour Report may be furnished to this Commission at the earliest.

Enclosure: as above.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajeshwar Kumar)  
Assistant Director

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1. The District Collector,  
Dahod Headquarters,  
District Dahod – 389151,  
Gujarat.
2. SSA, NIC for uploading on the website of the Commission.

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F. No. Tour/11/Member (HCV)/2017

TOUR REPORT OF SHRI HARSHADBHAI VASAVA, HON'BLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES TO THE STATE'S OF GUJARAT AND WEST BENGAL FROM 21.04.2017 TO 03.05.2017.

22.04.2017

Visit to All India Defence SC/ST Employees Federation in convention at Kolkata.

All India Defence SC/ST Employees Federation invited Hon'ble Member as a chief guest in convention at Kolkata. All India Defence SC/ST Employees Federation is functioning to safeguard the interest of SC/ST employees working in the establishment situated in various parts of country which are the control of Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India. The federation is regularly working since, 1999. The object of the Federation is to promote and educate their members to maintain cordial relations in all aspect to strengthen our Nation by achieving the tasks of Defence requirements and also monitor the welfare measures of the members in respect of the provisions provide by the Union govt., as enshrined in the India Constitution in favour of Scheduled Castes/ Tribes. In this convention Civilian representative of various Defence establishments i.e. Ordnance Factories, DRDOs, MES etc from all over India, participated.



*Hon'ble Member addressing the civilian representatives of All India Defence SC/ST Employees Federation in National Convention, 2017 at Kolkata*

  
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2. Hon'ble Member addressed to civilian representative of various Defence establishments and briefed them about the duties and functions of the Commission.

26.04.2017

**Meeting with Collector, DDO, DSP and other Senior Officials, Dahod**

3. Hon'ble Member has taken a meeting with Collector, DDO, DSP and other senior official of the District, Dahod. Collector welcomed and initiated the meeting, he had apprised Hon'ble Member about the facilities being provided to the Tribes in the District. He highlighted the matters such as the district is having institutes for higher studies like Engineering College, Agricultural Institute, Nursing College, Polytechnic Physiotherapy College etc. Institute for vocational training is also available by which students can update their skills.

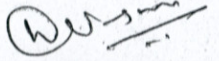
4. Govt. has helped the tribes of the District for Animal Husbandry by providing buffalos, cows etc and they are being provided Rs. 54400/- as assistance for the same. Model schools, Ashram Schools are well occupied and well furnished of this District. Panchamrit kit for pregnant women are being provided which contains five nutritive things like, Ghee Coconut, Dates etc.

5. Digital payment is the movement started throughout India and this District has also initiated work in that direction by helping people to open new bank accounts, approximate 72000 new accounts has been opened in a very small period of time.

6. Dahod is a tribal district of Gujarat having- Talukas (1) Dahod (2) Garbada (3) Jhalod (4) Fatepura (5) Limkheda (6) Dhanpur (7) Devgarh Baria (8) Sanjeli is a new taluka consisting of 696 villages, 4 Prants and three Municipal cities. Total population of Dahod District is 21.27 lakhs out of which 11,82,509 is of Scheduled Tribes (72.18%). Average Literacy rate is 58.82%

Hon'ble member appreciated the work done by of various departments for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes. Following were some suggestions given by Hon'ble Member.

- Education is very important factor to overcome many superstitions and reduce criminal activities. Therefore, the education system should be strengthened and expanded throughout the district.
- The administration should take formal spot visits of the schools. Children should be facilitated with utmost requirements.
- Administration should organise street plays and short films especially in rural areas to spread awareness about cleanliness, prohibition, education, health and sanitation etc. and to promote government schemes.
- Agricultural activities should be promoted and farmers should be encouraged to adopt scientific approach in farming. Innovative ways should be taken up to increase agricultural produce and marketing it.
- Farmers should be given facilities of irrigation, equipment's, seeds and fertilisers under various schemes.

  
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- Farmers who were allotted land under forest right act should be given loans related to agriculture and irrigation on that land.
- Police should organise their training camps at various places in the district mainly in the rural areas for the safety of the people.

7. **Hon'ble member suggested to State Govt. to start the income generating programmes for self-employment. District Administration may also focus on implementation of FRA in tribal areas.**

27.04.2017

Meeting with District Collector and other Senior Officers, Sabarkantha, Himmatnagar at circuit house.

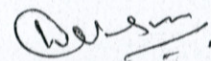
8. A meeting was held with the District Collector and other senior officers Sabarkantha, Himmatnagar. Collector Shri Swaroop P, IAS welcomes Hon'ble Member at Himmatnagar Circuit House. Following are some facts and information shared by various division officers about works done by their department:

(i) District planning officer briefly described the profile of Sabarkantha District. Sabarkantha having 8 Taluka out of which 3 Taluka is having tribal area i.e. Vijaynagar, Khedbrahma, Poshina. Total 696 villages and 6 Nagarpalika exist in Sabarkantha. Total population of Sabarkantha is 1404865, Density is 312/sq km. Out of overall population 4 lakh population resides in tribal Taluka of Sabarkantha.

(ii) Project Administrator, Integrated Tribal Development Project, Khedbrahma described about starting of Model school and female literacy rate in these tribal areas.

(iii) Chief District Health Officer mentioned that in Tribal Area as compare to other area Sickle Cell patient is more i.e. 315 (ST-309, SC-6, OBC-7 General-7) and from their level they are trying their best to provide required support, medicines and time to time advisory to the people about this disease and its cure. CDHO also acknowledge about Malaria and Chikungunya status in tribal areas and steps taken for prevention.

(iv) SDM Khedbrahma briefed about POLO Utsav & Tent City. To increase tourism in Tribal Area Vijaynagar District Administration organizes Polo Utsav at POLO near Abhapur village of Vijaynagar Taluka. District Administration also organizes various "Tour De Polo Race" during Polo Utsav to promote tourism in which international Cyclist also participated. As compare to 2013-14 35% visitors increased in 2015-16 and 2016-17. In vijaynagar Taluka under Polo Utsav, District Administration also provided Digital camera, color Printer, Training to operate Digital Camera and Color Printer, 2 Horses, Cycles etc to self-help Groups to empower them. Now these self-help groups earning a good amount for their life span. DRDA, Tribal Sub Plan Office Khedbrahma and Forest working very well for SHG and Tribal area people for increase their income. Forest also ties up with Swaminarayan Society for supply of Amla, Honey and other natural products. Total 25 Seva setu Camps organized in Vijayanagar, Khedbrahma and Poshina where people got Ration Card, Gas connection under



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Ujjawala Scheme, Domicile, Caste Certificates, Maa Amrutam Cards, Income Certificates, Health check-up, Distribution of LED bulb, Aadhaar Card generation & updation etc. Seva setu concept was previously started in Sabarkantha and due to good output replicated in whole Gujarat. Maximum number of people getting benefit of these camps at their door steps and getting services on same day.

(v) MD of Sabar Dairy briefed about Integrated Dairy Development Program (IDDP). Under this program to up lift socio economic condition of tribal area people Sabar Dairy provides Self Employment, Milk marketing Infrastructure, Cattles, Animal care visits, health check-up camps for cattle's etc. under this project 1236 beneficiaries (100%) got cattle's from Sabar dairy for self-empowerment.

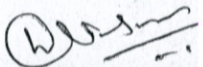
(vi) SDM Khedbrahma briefed that on every Friday at Bhoopatgadh Village of Vijaynagar Taluka Gram Haat is organized where various handicraft and SHG groups products were available. This is helping them in empowering their socio economic status. For this Gram Haat, 2 Crore fund was allocated by Govt. In parallel every year in Vijaynagar Chitra-Vichitra mela is also organized in that District Administrations helps them in making stage by granting 10 lakh Rs. And also provide required support.

(vii) District Development Officer mentioned that Ayurveda Department of Sabarkantha hired some local tribal area people, who having knowledge of medicinal plants in their areas, for help in getting various medicines from tribal areas. This will also help in empowering them and also beneficial for department also.

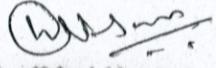
(viii) Hon'ble Member appreciated the work done by District Administration as a team in welfare of Tribal People of Sabarkantha District. Hon'ble Member instructs all the officers to focus on proper Development and implementation of works, schemes in tribal area.

#### **Suggestions:**

- Hon'ble Member suggested to create various teams to randomly visit schools in far and remote locations of tribal areas to check whether all actually posted teachers coming to school or not, check attendance register and also enter details in visitor book available in the schools. Team should visit once in 15 days. If science teachers not available in that schools, then try to find out private teachers available in that area and hire them for provide education. Manage funds from various schemes available in tribal development plan. If District administration practically focuses on these areas then this will increase quality of education in tribal belts and today education is the only way to improve socio economic quality we can improve villages, Taluka, Districts and at last our country also improved if all these improved.
- Hon'ble Member suggested District Administration for do frequent visits, arrange some acts in local languages and also arrange camps for spread awareness, precautions and various ways for improve health.

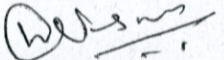
  
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- Instructed to open more CHC and PHC in tribal areas because of poor geographical conditions. Presently population density is not as per pre requirement of new PHC or CHC but due to hard and rocky geographical conditions people need to travel 10 to 20 KM for their health check-up. So if new PHC and CHC will available then people able to get health check-up at their nearest and on time as per need. That will help them in maintain their health, also saves their life, time and money. Demand more doctors from Govt. for these areas if unavailable. Also provide vehicle facility for doctors in those areas.
- Tribal allowance may be provided to the employees who serving in that areas as per rule to motivate them.
- Instructed to utilize all provided fund for tribal area and also told to allocate scholarship to students on time.
- Due to hard and rocky area problems is there in tribal areas related to availability of water but options should be there for provide water to people on time because water is the main source to survive. In many cases various departments allocated tenders and fund to provide water in tribal areas. Vendors first of all make big tank of water storage if they not able to find out water during bore. So kindly try to find out sources of water first then go through next process so that money will be properly utilized for right cause and all departments should try to work with proper coordination so that money not wasted in same work from various departments.
- Suggested to District Agriculture department, Horticulture department and irrigation department to create 5 to 10 tribal farmers group. Provide them training and necessary guidance about vegetable farming, industrial farming instead of routine farming work. Then provide them required things to start that work. Due to this these farmers does not depend on rain for their farming. They will get able to take crops in all seasons and this will increase their socio economic status and life style. This will also help them to not migrating in other areas for job etc. they also provided an example of village exist in Narmada-Rajpipla, Gujarat where now people not migrating and living happily with their families. District Administration works a lot for improve the life style of people of this village. In parallel the products which Forest Department is selling to other companies from tribal area people, Department should focus on Good attractive packing and marketing at various levels so that sell of that products will increase and directly that is beneficial for tribal areas people. So put up project details and issues, if any related to this then National Commission for Scheduled Tribes will try to resolve the fund and other issues for this work.
- Instructed sabra dairy to do a survey and submit a report before and after implementation of 'integrated Dairy Development Program' in these tribal

  
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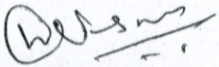
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- Suggested to Forest Department that even after issuing "Van Adhikar Patra" to tribal people, by putting their name in 7/12, providing them copies of 7/12 still some bank officials not giving them loans for agriculture purpose and other beneficial schemes benefit related to agriculture. So kindly take reviews with bank officials why they not giving loans, what the issue they have and try to resolve as soon as possible so that tribal area people daily living requirements should fulfil on time.
- He suggested that is desirable to provide funds to various departments for arranging various vocational and educational trainings to empower scheduled tribal area population rather than to solely depends on various NGO's. also try to open a Good Library in these areas having books related to study, various agriculture related information, vocational trainings related etc. if required raise fund request for this to National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, GOI, New Delhi. Education is the only way to reduce crime rate in these areas.
- Suggested collector to open a SPIPA type centre for graduate tribal area students so that they will also got benefit of such type of centre and will join services in Government like UPSC, GPSC etc.
- Suggested to find out some points, locations where Tribal area people will able to sell their Handicrafts and also promote that area's for promote tourism so that income of tribal area people will increase.
- Suggested to create a team which will work on an innovative project in Tribal area to improve their income and put up the project in front of tribal area department. If project is really sounds good for improvement of tribal area people then tribal development department will provide you from 1 to 5 crore fund to implement that project properly.
- He also asked all offices to provide policy related issues to their commission so that they will take necessary actions to resolve the issues to improve Scheduled tribe area people life style and income source.
- Collector requested to member of NCST to take some necessary action form their end for opening bank branches in poshina taluka because district administration tried al lot regarding this but no bank came forward to open their bank branches in that area. In today's digital India and digital payments era

  
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poshina tribal area people also wants to join the revolution but basic and necessary infrastructure is must for that.

**27.4.2017**

**Meeting with District Collector, Modasa, District Arvalli**

9. Meeting was held at the conference hall, District Collectorate, Modasa to sensitize and mobilize the implementing agencies and officers of district regarding various programme under Van-bandhu Kalyan Yojna. Overall meeting aim was to discuss area development which can turns the tribal at par with other areas of Gujarat.

10. Under the Gujarat State Govt. Flagship programme van –bandhu Kalyan scheme, Govt. has succeeded to reach the benefits of various programme under Tribal sub plan, new Gujrat pattern, border village scheme to remote area of Gujarat state Tribal districts down trodden families of tribals. These programmes helped to bring the living standard high to the tribal population could bring in matter of social, economic and educational development and compared to other state of our country. Gujarat State Govt. played leading role to boost tribal schemes and time bound implementation of various schemes. As a result of this Gujarat is leading in matter of tribal development in various dimension of development in India.

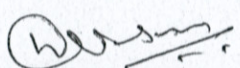
11. For the better implementation of Government programme, result oriented project and its success to reach the down trodden population, Hon'ble Member emphasize on following issues.

1. Importance of education
2. Health to the poor

12. Project administrator Shri. R. K. Patel proceeded the meeting by showing the PPT of various scheme being implemented by project office, implementing agency at glance to give glimpse of success story of various programme in area of education, Health, Water, Road, Animal Husbandry, Water and irrigation for tribal Talukas Meghraj & Bhiloda. **Copy of PPT is placed at Annexure-I**

13. Hon'ble Member, emphasized the importance of primary education. Quality education, selection process of primary, secondary, higher secondary teachers. Hon'ble Member suggested all the implementing officers to educate their children in Govt. school for better quality education of those schools. He instructed to sanction the scholarship of students in time.

14. Hon'ble Member also emphasized on the issue of majority of schedule tribe youth opt for army instructed officers to sensitize the youth that besides Army, Navy they can be develop to grab high esteemed job from UPSC, GPSC i.e IAS, IPS, IFS, GAS etc.

  
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### **Health:-**

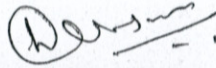
15. Hon'ble Member discussed on importance of Health issue. He discussed the disease of sickle cell and its spread among tribal population and suggested the officer to bring awareness among people regarding this disease. He suggested DHO that doctors must be available in tribal area.

### **Water:**

16. Hon'ble Member instructed the implementing offices to make strict monitoring of water scheme being implemented under them. He instructed to use maximum grant for providing basic amenity of water. He also discussed about the drawback of lift irrigation scheme and warned officer not to make mistakes.

### **IDP Programme**

17. Hon'ble Member discussed the milchy animal's assistance and loan assistance from Banks and Govt. to BPL tribal beneficiaries. He also suggested that Dairy should procure a good quality of animal otherwise beneficiaries not able to repay the loan instalment if he / she doesn't get adequate milk. He also instructed banking authorities to sanction the loan of FRA beneficiaries for agricultural production purpose. Hon'ble Member suggested to take the credit of educated tribal youth by providing them employment.

  
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