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To

1. The Chief Secretary,
Government of Gujarat,
Block No.1, 3rd floor,
New Sachivalaya Complex,
Gandhinagar-382010.
Gujarat.
2. The Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,
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Sub: Tour Report from 08/04/2017 to 17/04/2017 of Shri Harshadbhai Chunilal Vasava,
Hon'ble Member, NCST to the State of Gujarat (District-Valsad) and Uttar Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Tour Report dated 08/04/2017 to 17/04/2017 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

Copy to:

1. The District Collector & District Magistrate,
District Valsad – 396001.
Valsad – Taluk,
Gujarat.
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F. No. Tour/10/Member (HCV)/2017

TOUR REPORT OF SHRI HARSHADBHAI VASAVA, HON'BLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES TO THE STATES OF UTTAR PRADESH, GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA FROM 8.04.2017 TO 17.04.2017.

08.04.2017

Visit Agra to attend the Conference of All India Federation of SC/ST Organisation with Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

Hon'ble Chairperson of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes accompanied by Hon'ble Member reached Agra by road to attend the Conference of All India SC/ST & OBC Employees Association. Hon'ble Chairperson and Member received a warm welcome by the Organisation.

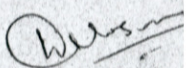
While addressing the gathering Hon'ble Chairperson give a brief introduction and make them aware about the functioning of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. Hon'ble Chairperson also stated that National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is a Constitutional body setup under the Article 338A of the Constitution of Government of India and is vested with the powers of a civil court.

11.04.2017

Meeting with Collector, DDO, DSP Navsari District at Circuit House, Navsari

Hon'ble Member met local District officials i.e Collector, DDO, DSP, Deputy Superintendent of Police SC/ST Cell and officers of Project Administrator. Collector welcomed Hon'ble Member and apprised that Hon'ble Governor's Scheduled visit was next day in the District so all the District officials were busy in the arrangements for Hon'ble Governor's visit. He apologised for minimum officials in the meeting. However, brief review was taken about the welfare schemes, implementation of the scheme, issues related to the tribal people of the area.

2. DDO, Shri Tushar D. Sumera apprised Hon'ble Member about a drive launched by them and improve human development Index (HDI) of Halpatis, listed under category of Scheduled Tribes who are staying in several villages of Navsari District. DDO and other officials from Health and Education Departments are creating awareness about various Govt. Schemes and adverse effects of alcohol among Halpatis by arranging a programme named "EK SHAM HALPATIS KE NAAM". They have organised this programme in five villages during one month i.e. Veraval, Asda


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Sarpore, Dhaman & Dhamdachha. They are planning to visit more than 70 villages in the District that have sizable Halpatis population. They are getting donors for this noble cause. Government has not given any grant for this drive. It is initiated by the District Authorities with the help of Self Help Groups.

11.04.2017

Meeting with Collector, DSP, Dy. DDO , Valsad at Circuit House

A Meeting was held with Collector, DSP, Dy. DDO, representative of project Administrator and atrocity officers, Valsad at circuit house. Following were some facts and information shared by the officials in the meeting.

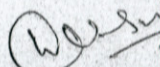
Health: The total number of patients suffering from sickle cell anaemia till February 2017 is 2576. The health Cell is providing free treatment to the patients. Sickle Cell Anemia is ancestral disease which is found specially in the Scheduled Tribes. Valsad being the Scheduled Tribes dominated District, the patient of sickle cell anaemia is more. Patients are not aware of the disease so they do not come forward for its treatment. Therefore, Hon'ble Member instructed that District Administration and Health Department should take care and people should make aware of the disease, a lot work need to be done to find out the patient of sickle cell anaemia and proper treatment should be provided to the patient.

Education: Hon'ble Member instructed that Primary education should be given priority. Dharampur, Kaparada and Umargaon are the Scheduled Tribes dominated areas therefore, recruitment of required teachers be made and all basic facilities should be provided to uplift the standard of education.

Forest Right Act (FRA): 257 villages have been included under FRA of valsad District and 8426 Hectare of land has been allotted to the 26697 applicant of this area. The names of 100% beneficiary who have been allotted land are entered in 7/12 revenue record. Hon'ble chairman instructed that though the name has been included in the revenue record, the beneficiaries are not provided loans by the banks so the land owner under FRA should get the bank loan for agriculture purpose. Lead District managers of the Bank should be instructed in the District level meeting of Banks.

Employment: Hon'ble Member instructed that survey should be held in the tribal areas about the educated and qualified unemployed boys and girls and the industrial units should be coordinated to provide employment to such boys and girls of the area.

Training: ST candidates can perform well if they are provided training for the competitive exams of revenue, police, forest and panchayat departments. Chairman instructed to provide special training to ST candidates for competitive exams so that they can get good results and uplift themselves by getting govt. jobs. The DSP was instructed to initiate in the matter of establishing such training centres.


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Lift irrigation. The water is being provided by lift irrigation, where water is not available naturally. It should be reviewed whether the lift irrigation is working well or improvement is required in the system, it should be improvised if required.

TE-AA: Because of TE-AA the STs are facing any difficulty administration should take care and if need be any rectification in the procedure may be carried out.

Eklavya Model School: pardi, Dharampur and Kaparada are Eklavya Model Schools of Valsad District. If more model school or science school are needed in the District it should be checked and while deciding the place for new school, water facility should be taken into account and proposal for such new school should be sent to the Tribal Development Department.

Hon'ble Member asked, if any help from Commission is required for any difficulty faced by them, they are free to represent and Commission will help them.

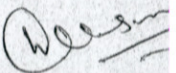
12.04.2017

Meeting with Secretary, Tribal Development Department Maharashtra.

Hon'ble Member has taken a meeting with Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra Govt. in the Chamber of Secretary. Secretary, Tribal Development Department welcomed Hon'ble Member with other officials of Tribal Development Department of the State. She discussed about the various schemes of Govt. of Maharashtra for upliftment of the tribals of the State.



Hon'ble Member, NCST welcomed by Secretary Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra


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Total population of the State is 1123.74 Lakhs out of which tribal population is 105.10 Lakhs i.e. 9.35 %. Maharashtra Govt. has one Tribal Development Commissioner at Nashik and additional four Commissioners at Nashik, Thane, Amravati and at Nagpur.

Secretary emphasises that education in the tribal areas of Maharashtra has been given top priority that is the reason the literacy rate of tribes in male and female is very high. Since Hon'ble Member is from Gujarat State, Secretary, Tribal Development Department tried to know about the schemes implemented in Gujarat State so that comparison can lead to competition and which may be helpful for the tribals of both the States.



Hon'ble Member, NCST with Chairman Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra

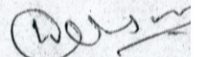
Secretary, Tribal Development Department also shown her keenness to visit Gujarat State and contact with the Secretary Tribal Development Department and all other officials of tribal Development Department i.e. Commissioner, Project Administrators, etc.

The meeting lasted for about 2 hours and concluded with satisfactory work done by the Maharashtra and Gujarat Govt. for the upliftment of tribes in the State.

13.04.2017

Meeting with Commissioner, Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra State.

The Commissioner has welcomed Hon'ble Member, Shri Harshadbhai Vasava, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi. During the meeting the following points has been discussed.



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1. Education

The Commissioner has briefly given the information about the functioning of Tribal Development Department in the State of Maharashtra particularly with regard to Government Ashram Schools, Aided Ashram Schools, Hostels and the Schemes for development of tribals in the State of Maharashtra. The Commissioner has also briefed about the enrolment of tribal students in renowned schools to get high quality of education. **The Hon'ble member has stated that the efforts should be taken to provide high quality of education to the tribal students.**

2. Health

The Hon'ble Member has stated that apart from education, a proper nutrition must be provided to the Ashram School Students for their better health. In this regard, the Commissioner has stated that the Department is taking all efforts to provide best quality of nutrition diet to the Ashram School Students. Moreover, the Department is also taking keen efforts to provide best medical facilities to the Ashram School Students.

3. Direct Benefit Transfer

During the meeting the Commissioner has briefed about the new scheme i.e. Direct Benefit Transfer recently implemented by the Tribal Development Department, wherein, for purchase of schools items like, Uniform, Footwear, Stationary, Raincoat etc, some amount will be transferred directly to the Bank account of students, so that the students can purchase these items on their own prior to the start of school. **In this regard, the Hon'ble Member has advised that a precaution should be taken that the amount which is transferred to the account of students should not be utilized by his family for his own purpose.**

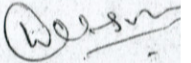
4. Pandit Din Dayal Upadhyay Yojna

Under this scheme, the Commissioner has stated that the students who could not get admission in the Govt. Hostels, will be paid some amount monthly so that they can accommodate themselves easily.

5. Direct Transfer of 5% fund from the total fund allotted to Tribal Development to the Bank Account of Gram Sabha.

6. Caste Validity Certificate

The Hon'ble Member has stated during the meeting that it is a serious issue regarding issuance of caste validity certificate to the pseudo tribals. He further stated that a proper investigation should be done while verifying the tribe claims.


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7. Training to the students appearing for UPSC and MPSC examination.

The Hon'ble Member has stated that a high quality of training should be given to the tribal students who are appearing for the examination like UPSC and MPSC. In this regard the Commissioner has stated that the Govt. in Tribal Development Department is thinking to give a sum of Rs. 25000/- to the students who passed the Prelim Exam conducted by UPSC and MPSC.

8. Schemes implemented by other Departments

The Commissioner has briefed about the various schemes implemented through other departments for the welfare of tribals. The Commissioner also briefed about the A.P.J Abdul Kalam Amrut Ahar Yojna in which the Nutrition diet has been given to the pregnant tribal woman and after delivery to the newly born child to avoid cases like malnutrition. The Commissioner has given brief information with regard to Thakkar Bappa Scheme too. Hon'ble Member has stated that though some schemes are implemented by other departments, a proper supervision and control should be made by Tribal Development Department so as to enable the tribals to get proper benefit of each and every scheme.

9. A Power Point Presentation has been shown by Shri Santosh Thube, Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Project, Rajur with regard to various programmes and schemes undertaken by the Tribal Development Department in the State of Maharashtra. **A copy of the Power Point Presentation is placed at Annexure-I**

14.04.2017

Meeting with Collector Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

The meeting scheduled with Collector, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra was postponed for the next visit because of the scheduled programme of Hon'ble President of India.