

**TOUR REPORT OF SHRI ANIL KUMAR AGARWAL, IAS, SECRETARY,  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES, GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA, NEW DELHI IN RESPECT OF HIS TOUR TO VISHAKHAPATNAM,  
ANDHRA PRADESH FROM 03.06.2016 TO 06.06.2016.**

Shri Anil Kumar Agarwal, IAS, Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), Government of India visited Vishakhapatnam , Andhra Pradesh from 03.06.2016 to 06.06.2016. He reached Vishakhapatnam at about 3:30 p.m. on Friday, 03.06.2016 and soon thereafter he visited the **VISHAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT** (VSP). He met CMD and other officers of the VSP. He also met with the head of the recognized Union of workers and some other Union representatives. The Unions did not raise any new issue (with reference to the visit of the Vice-Chairman, NCST in January, 2016). The CMD informed that the issue of fixation of pay on promotion, from non-executive to executive cadre, had been resolved satisfactorily. The Secretary, NCST encouraged the CMD, VSP to send Action Taken Report on all the points applicable to the VSP, as mentioned in the Tour Report of the Vice-Chairman, NCST

**ANANTHAGIRI PHC**

2. The Secretary, NCST on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 left Vishakhapatnam for Ananthagiri. He visited Ananthagiri PHC. It was a one doctor dispensary. It had sanctioned post of three staff nurse, out of which one post was vacant and one person was on contract basis. It had one lab technician and one pharmacist. It had three beds. In-patient medical care was provided to 86 patients in May, 2016. These patients were suffering from general weakness or fever or diarrhea or were antenatal cases. They were admitted for 1 or 2 days and were discharged thereafter.

**BEESUPURAM VILLAGE**

3. Thereafter, the Secretary, NCST visited Beesupuram village in Ananthagiri Mandal, inhabited by Nookadora Scheduled Tribe community and interacted with the tribals in the village. The status of development of different sectors in the village is mentioned below:



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## Education

4. The village had a primary school run by the Tribal Welfare Department. However, the school did not have any teacher as the teacher who was earlier posted there had since died. The middle school was about 6 Kms. away from the village, in Ananthagiri. 10 students from the village were studying in the middle school. 4 students had passed class 10 and they would be going to A.P. Residential Junior College. The Government provided hostel facilities for students studying up to class 10. However, from class 11 onwards, students had to go to the Junior College by bus. One girl student, who had passed class 10 recently, did confirm that she had received five pairs of dresses, soaps, hair oil, one trunk, etc. from the Tribal Welfare Department. However, the villagers mentioned that nobody from the village had got any government job.

## Health

5. The villagers mentioned that one ANM was coming to the village every third Saturday. There was a PHC in Ananthagiri, about 6 Kms. away. If medicines were not available at the Ananthagiri PHC, the patients were being referred to another nearby PHC or to the hospital in Araku. While the Secretary, NCST was visiting the village, a mobile clinic van came there. It was learnt that this was a recent initiative of the State Government. The mobile clinic consisted of four people: one doctor, one pharmacist, one technician and one ANM and it covered every village once a month. The mobile clinic had facility to do specified pathological test and it carried some essential medicines. It appeared to be a very good initiative of the State Government.

## Livelihood

6. The village was surrounded by sloppy land where villagers were having coffee plantation along with black pepper plantation. The villagers had some plain land as well on which they were growing Paddy & Millet in Kharif & Rabi seasons respectively. In the remaining days of the year, they availed of wage employment under NREGA. The villagers could not mention the number of days of work, on an average, they were getting under NREGA.



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### **Drinking Water**

7. The village was getting water from the natural stream through pipes. The water was stored in a big storage tank located on the periphery of the village. All the villagers had to carry water from this tank to their respective hutments.

### **ICDS**

8. The Secretary, NCST was informed that 43 children were enrolled at the ICDS center located in the village. However, during the visit he could see only about 15 children.

### **Social Security**

The villagers mentioned that they were not yet covered under PM's Jeevan Suraksha Yojna and PM's Jeevan Jyoti Yojna, the two insurance schemes launched by the Government of India.

### **Swachh Bharat**

9. 20 of the 52 households in the village were having toilets. For the remaining families, the toilets were either under construction or were proposed to be constructed. The Secretary, NCST saw one such toilet under construction. It was mentioned to him that the main difficulty in completing construction of toilets was inadequate funds under NREGA for the purpose.

### **Satellite TV**

10. The Secretary, NCST, during his round of the village, was informed that 40 of the 52 households in the village were having satellite T.V. connections.

11. The Secretary, NCST advised the District Administration to look into the deficiencies noticed during his visit as mentioned above and take urgent necessary remedial action.

### **PEDARU PHC**

12. Thereafter, the Secretary, NCST visited Pedaru PHC in Araku. It was a new PHC. It had only 3 people- one doctor, one supervisor and one ANM. They were facing acute shortage of manpower. They were providing OPD support during the forenoon. They had been given one mobile clinic van by ITDA. The GDMO of the PHC mentioned that after 2 p.m. he and the supervisor were touring different villages for offering mobile clinic facility to

the villagers. The Secretary, NCST advised the district administration to remove the deficiencies at this PHC in a time bound manner. The Secretary, NCST returned to Vishakhapatnam late in the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

13. The Secretary, NCST on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 visited **Gangavaram Port**. It is a modern port having 6 functional berths. The Director Strategy & Operations made a presentation about the functioning of the port. The Secretary, NCST did not receive any representation by the employees' representatives regarding the grievances pertaining to welfare of the Scheduled Tribe employees. The port authorities were encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of the Scheduled Tribe employees and provide to them benefits due to them under the Constitution, different Acts and executive orders.

14. The Secretary, NCST also visited **NTPC Plant**. The Group General Manager and the Senior Officers explained to him the working of the plant and took him around the plant. The Group General Manager mentioned that they were quiet sensitive to the needs of the Scheduled Tribe employees. The Secretary, NCST also met the employees' representatives. No representation was given to him by the employees' representatives in respect of the concerns of Scheduled Tribe employees. The management was encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of the Scheduled Tribe employees and provide to them benefits due to them under the Constitution, different Acts and executive orders. The Secretary, NCST left Vishakhapatnam in the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> June.



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