

## TOUR REPORT

RUV

In order to commence my official tour programme, I went to Hyderabad by air on 25th March, 2011.

On 26th March, 2011 at Hyderabad, I hold a meeting with Scheduled Tribes delegations from the State of Andhra Pradesh to know about the various type of social and developmental problems being faced by them. Many of the S.T.s were from Lambada Tribes which one of the most populated and one of the prominent tribal community in Andhra Pradesh. The S.T.s complained about the non-issuance of BPL Cards by the local administration on the technical grounds on non-eligibility criteria. Because of this many of the S.T. families are being deprived of the benefits of the various Government schemes. Irregular food-grains distribution on through the Public Distribution System was another most serious complaint which was strongly vouched by all the S.T.s. Some of the S.T. s were complaining about the non-distribution of Land Pattas to them under the Central Govt. Schemes because of the reservations of the Forest Department in the respective areas. Other issues which were represented were related to supply of drinking water facility, road connectivity, irregular payment under MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) schemes etc. I assured them to take up all the issues with the concerned departments and authorities to resolve it in a time bound manner. In some cases, recommendations as well as appropriate instructions were issued by me by on the representation presented to me itself to expedite the matter.

On 27th March, 2011 I went to Pune in the State of Maharashtra by air in the second phase of my official tour. I hold a meeting with S.T.s from Pune District and adjoining areas to know the problems being faced by them in case of social as well as developmental issues. Majority of them were complaining about the inordinate delay in the issuance of Caste Certificate and Verification of the Caste Certificate to the Scheduled Tribes. All the S.T.s were of the opinion that the complicated and time-consuming process adopted by the State Govt. was responsible for this problem. And because of this number of serious difficulties are being faced by the S.T. students and serving Govt. employees. Other represented problems did include the lack of basic infrastructural facilities in the Tribal habitations like Health, Road Connectivity, Quality School Education, Drinking Water facility etc. I instructed to the concerned I.T.D.P. (Integrated Tribal Development Project) Officer to look into the problems represented by the S.T.s and to take steps to solve it on priority.

On 28th March, 2011, I did hold meeting with the officials of the Tribal Research and Training Institute, Pune which was very informative to me as it gave me at a glance picture of the Tribal Culture and other related developmental, social issues with important statistics. One power point presentation was also made to me on the Research Subject of the S.T.s. The T.R.T.I., Pune is maintaining one Tribal

Culture Museum as well which is very resourceful and need to be visited by every interested person to gather the deep knowledge about the Tribal Culture in the State of Maharashtra.

On 29th March, 2011, I had a meeting with S.T. students who were pursuing their academic career in different streams like Medical, Engineering, Management and other professional courses like Journalism. The main problem, which was highlighted by all the students, is that of affordable quality accommodation. As Pune is a prominent educational center in our country, Poor S.T. students having rural background always find it very difficult to have a Hostel facility at a affordable cost. The Govt. is need to be done on this front immediately by opening Govt. run Hostels for Boys and Girl students at Pune as well as at other prominent educational centers like Mumbai, Nashik, Nagpur, Jalgaon, which will facilitate the S.T. students to get more opportunities in educational field. Non-payment of the various scholarships and fellowships to the students on time was a very serious issue mentioned by the S.T. students. Because this negligence on the part of State Govt. agencies responsible for disbursement of the amount of scholarships/ fellowships much hardships are being faced by the S.T. students which is hampering adversely their academic progress.

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

*k. kamalakumari*

(K. KAMALA KUMARI)  
MEMBER