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Government of India
Planning Commission
(Backward Classes Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110 001.

Dated : May 15, 2006

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eleventh Five Year (2007-2012) – Setting up of a Steering Committee on the 'Empowerment of Scheduled Tribes (STs).

In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), it has been decided to set up a Steering Committee on 'Empowering the Scheduled Tribes' with the following composition:

1. **Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar** Chairman
In-Charge of BCW
Planning Commission
New Delhi -110 001
2. **Secretary,** Member
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
3. **Secretary,** Member
Department of Elementary
Education & Literacy,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
4. **Secretary,** Member
Department of Secondary Edn.
and Higher Education,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.

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5. **Secretary,**
Ministry of Health & Fly. Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 011. Member
6. **I.G. Forests & Spl. Secretary,**
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Forests,
Paryavaran Bhavan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003. Member
7. **Secretary,**
Ministry of Labour,
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8. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan,
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Department of Agriculture &
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10. **Secretary,**
Ministry of Social Justice &
Empowerment,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001. Member
11. **Secretary,**
Ministry of Women and
Child Development,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001. Member
12. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha &
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13. **Managing Director,**
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Deptt. of Tribal Development,
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh,
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15. **Commissioner & Secretary,**
Department of Welfare of Plain
Tribals & Backward Classes,
Govt. of Assam,
Assam Secretariat,
Dispur – 781 006. Member
16. **Principal Secretary,**
Tribal, Harijan & Backward
Classes Welfare,
Govt. of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur. Member
17. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Tribal Development,
Govt. of Jharkhand,
Ranchi. Member
18. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of Tribal Welfare,
Uttaranchal,
Dehradun. Member
19. **Dr. B.D. Sharma,**
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21. **Shri Pradip Prabhu,** Member
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Consultant/Editor,
The Easter Anthropologist
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Folk Cultural Society,
Lucknow,
Uttar Pradesh
23. **Shri K.B. Saxena,** Member
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Delhi School of Economics,
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- 28. **Prof. P. Venkat Rao,** Member
Deptt. of Anthropology,
University of Hyderabad,
Hyderabad.

- 29. **Secretary,** Member
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Cherrapunji,
Distt : East Khasi Hills,
Meghalaya.

- 30. **Prof. Nandini Sunder,** Member
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- 31. **Dr. Bhupinder Singh** Member
Ex-Special Commissioner (STs),
Sector-C, Pocket 8/8680,
Vasant Kunj,
New Delhi.

- 32. **Shri Shyam Manohar,** Member
General Secretary,
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- 33. **Prof. P.V. Indiresan,** Member
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- 34. **Ms. Lani Pudaite,** Member
Director,
Shelter for Women in Need Group
(SWING),
ZC-102, Zotlang,
Aizawl – 796 001
(Mizoram).

- 35. **Shri G.B. Panda,** Member Secretary
Adviser (Social Justice)
Planning Commission,
New Delhi

The Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee will be as follows:

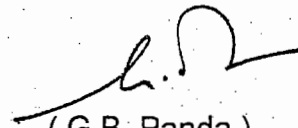
- i) to review the existing approach, strategies and priorities; the on-going programmes for empowering of Scheduled Tribes (STs) during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and suggest if and wherever necessary, alternative strategies, priorities, policies and programmes to accelerate the empowering process;
- ii) to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of 'Tribal Sub-Plan' strategy for STs and suggest specific measures and mechanisms to ensure that the 'population-proportion' funds flow from the other development sectors both at the Central and State levels and the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to TSP is utilized effectively;
- iii) to assess the impact of the on-going economic reforms and progressive globalization/ liberalization of economy on the socio-economic conditions of the Tribals, especially their economy and suggest effective strategies to cope up with the situation;
- iv) to review the effectiveness of the existing legislations relating to STs and their enforcement and suggest corrective measures;
- v) to review the effectiveness of the existing Institutional Arrangements for implementation of policies and programmes relating to welfare, protection and development of STs and suggest improvements, if necessary;
- vi) to assess the role of NGOs and the status of devolution of powers and resources to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local Traditional Tribal Councils and Local Self Government Bodies as per the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments of 1993 and 1996 and suggest specific measures for their effective involvement in the planning process; and
- vii) to suggest an approach and necessary strategies, priorities, policies, and programmes along with physical and financial targets in pursuing the commitment of empowering the Scheduled Tribes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012);
- viii) To ensure and enhance the development and empowerment of the Scheduled Tribes as envisaged in NCMP (National Common Minimum Programme) while considering the above MTAs (Mid-Term Appraisal) Major recommendations may also be kept in view.
- ix) to suggest programmes under JFM, Forest Villages, shifting cultivations etc.

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3. The Chairman of the Steering Committee, it necessary, may constitute Sub-Groups on any specific area/problem and also co-opt additional Members.

4. The Steering Committee shall submit its Report by September, 2006.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Steering Committee will be borne by the parent Department/Ministry Organization to which the officers belong. Non-official members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to Grade-I Officers of the Government of India and this will be paid by the Planning Commission.



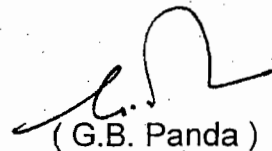
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To:

Chairman and all the Members of the Steering Committee

Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman
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3. PS to Secretary
4. All Heads of Divisions
5. Joint Secretary (PC & Admn.)
6. Adviser (SJ)
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