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New Delhi – 110 001.
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eleventh Five Year (2007-2012) – Setting up of a Working Group on the 'Empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SCs).

In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Empowering the Socially Disadvantage Groups has decided to set up a Working Group on 'Empowering the Scheduled Castes'. The Composition of the Working Group is as follows:

1. Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110 002. Chairman
2. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001. Member
3. Representative, National Commission for SCs, 5th floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi – 110 003. Member
4. Representative, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, 4th floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi – 110 003. Member

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| 14. | Representative,
Ministry of Women & Child Development,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001. | Member |
| 15. | Representative,
BC & TD Division,
Planning Commission,
New Delhi – 110 001. | Member |
| 16. | Representative,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
C.G.O. Complex,
New Delhi – 110 003. | Member |
| 17. | Pr. Secretary,
Deptt. of SC Welfare,
Govt. of Bihar,
Patna. | Member |
| 18. | Secretary,
Deptt. of SC Welfare,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Ahmedabad. | Member |
| 19. | Pr. Secretary,
Deptt. of SC Welfare,
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow – 226 001. | Member |
| 20. | Pr. Secretary,
Deptt. of SC Welfare,
Govt. of Punjab,
Chandigarh. | Member |
| 21. | Dr. Amitabh Rajan,
Managing Director,
National SC Finance &
Development Corporation,
Plot No. 8, Balaji Estate,
Guru Ravi Das Marg, Kalkaji,
New Delhi – 110 019. | Member |

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22. Managing Director,
National Safai Karamcharis Finance
& Development Corporation,
B-2, Greater Kailash Enclave Pt.II, Savitri Crossing,
New Delhi – 110 065. Member
23. Shri Iswar Bhai Patel,
Social Worker,
(Safai Karamchari Welfare),
Ahmedabad (Gujarat). Member
24. Representative,
Harijan Sewak Sangh,
Kingsway Camp,
Delhi. Member
25. Prof. Nandu Ram,
Centre for Study of Social System,
School of Social Science,
Jawahar Lal Nehru University,
New Munirka,
New Delhi. Member
26. Shri H. Harit,
President,
Sanjivayya Institute of
Socio-Economic Studies,
Scewastamb Bhawan,
Karol Bagh,
New Delhi – 110 005. Member
27. Shri Jagdish Khairalia,
Bharatiya Valmiki Vikas Sangh,
Thane. Member
28. Shri Jitender Goswami
Governors Nominee on the Senate,
University of Mumbai
MG Road, Fort,
Mumbai – 400 032. Member
29. Dr. P.G. Jogdand
Professor of Sociology,
Department of Sociology,
University of Mumbai,
Vidyanagari,
Mumbai – 400 098. Member

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| 30. | Representative,
SCP & TSP Cell,
Planning Commission,
New Delhi – 110 001. | Member |
| 31. | Joint Secretary (SCD),
Ministry of Social Justice
& Empowerment,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001. | Convener |

The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as follows:

- i) To review the existing approach, strategies and priorities; the on-going programmes and their implementation for the welfare, development and empowerment of SCs and suggest rationalization, minimization of the on-going programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence;
- ii) To identify neglected areas and groups; gaps, weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation; and take note of the persisting and emerging problems/situations related to welfare, protection, development and empowerment of SCs in the changing socio-economic situation and suggest necessary interventions;
- iii) To review the progress of the implementation of Special Component Plan (SCP) to ensure flow of 'population – proportionate' funds from other developmental sectors and utilization of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to SCP and suggest necessary measures to improve their effectiveness.
- iv) To review the implementation of the existing legislations related to SCs and mechanisms for their enforcement and suggest corrective measures.
- v) To review the functioning of the existing Institutional Arrangements, both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programme for empowering SCs and suggest measures to make them more effective.
- vi) To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Local Self Government Bodies and NGOs in the implementation of programmes for empowering SCs and suggest specific measures for their effective involvement in planning process;
- vii) To ensure and enhance the empowerment of the SCs as envisaged in NCMP (National Common Minimum Programme) while considering the

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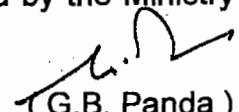
above MTAs (Mid-Term Appraisal) Major recommendations may also be kept in view; and

- viii) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for SCs during the Tenth Plan and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial for Empowering the Scheduled Castes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12).

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

4. The Working Group shall submit its Report positively by September, 2006.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group 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 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.




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To:

Chairman and all the Members of the Working Group:

Copy to:

1. PS to Deputy Chairman
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3. Ps to Secretary
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5. Joint Secretary (PC & Admn.)
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