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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

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:

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2. **Secretary** Member
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5. **Dr. Bhupinder Singh,** Member,
Ex-Special Commissioner for STs,
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6. **Dr. Alex, Ekka** Member
Director
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7. **Prof. E. Toppo,** Member
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8. **Prof. P.K. Nayak,** Member
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Professor & Head,
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10. **Secretary,** Member
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11. **Secretary,** Member
Department of Secondary and
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12. **Prof. Nandini Sunder,** Member
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13. **Secretary,**
Ministry of Labour,
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Member
14. **Secretary,**
Department of Agricultural
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Ministry of Social Justice
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17. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.
Member
18. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Jharkhand,
Ranchi.
Member
19. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.
Member
20. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.
Member
22. **Secretary,**
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh,
Simla.
Member

23. **Secretary,** Member
Deptt. of STs Welfare,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.
24. **Director,** Member
Tribal Research Institute,
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25. **Representative,** Member
Akhil Bhartiya Adivasi Vikas
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26. **Shri Sham Manohar,** Member
Adim Jati Sewak Sangh,
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27. **Ms. Shamim,** Member
Shramik Adivasi Sangathan,
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28. **Representative,** Member
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29. **Shri Rajiv Kumar,** Convener
Joint Secretary,
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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 STs 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 STs in the changing socio-economic situation and suggest necessary interventions;
- iii) To review the progress of the implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) to ensure flow of 'population – proportionate' funds from other developmental sectors and utilization of Special Central Assistance (SCA to TSP) and suggest necessary measures to improve their effectiveness.
 - iv) To review the implementation of the existing legislations related to STs 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 STs 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 STs and suggest specific measures for their effective involvement in planning process;
 - vii) To ensure and enhance the 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.
 - viii) To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for STs 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.

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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 Tribal Affairs.

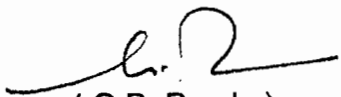

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To:

Chairman and all the Members of the Working Group.

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