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( Social Justice and Social Welfare Division)

Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg  
New Delhi-110001.  
Dated April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:- Constitution of Working Group on 'Empowerment of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes' for the formulation of Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017).**

With a view to formulate the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) for the Social Justice sector, it has been decided to constitute a **Working Group on 'Empowerment of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes'** under the Chairpersonship of Shri K.M. Acharya, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, **New Delhi-110 001**. The Composition and the terms of reference of the Steering Committee would be as follows:

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1.	<b>Shri K.M. Acharya,</b> Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, <b>New Delhi-110 001</b> 011-23382683,23385180	<b>Chairperson</b>
2	Member-Secretary, National Commission for Backward Classes, Trikoort-I, Bhikaiji Cama Place, Behind Hyatt Regancy, R.K. Puram, <b>New Delhi-110 066</b> 011-26183190	Member
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13	Secretary, Department of Personnel, North Block, <b>New Delhi-110 001</b> 011-23094848,23092056	Member
14	Registrar- General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs, 2-A, Man Singh Road, <b>New Delhi-110 001</b> 011-23383761	Member
15	Managing Director, National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, <b>New Delhi-110 066</b> 011-26852624	Member
16	Dr.M.L.Mathur, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhavan, <b>New Delhi-110 001</b> 011-23096781	Member

17	Pr. Secretary Department Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Social Welfare, Government of Bihar Secretariat, <b>Patna – 800 015</b> , Bihar (Ph.No. 0612 – 2234830)	Member
18	Pr. Secretary, Department of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Social Welfare, Government of Haryana Haryana Civil Secretariat, <b>Chandigarh-160001</b> . 0172 – 740926	Member
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28	Dr. Meena Radhakrishna, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, <b>Delhi-110 007</b> 011-26191308	Member
29	Joint Secretary, Backward Classes Development Division, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Shastri Bhavan, <b>New Delhi-110 001</b> 011-23387269	Member- Secretary

2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group would be as follows:

- i. To review the existing approach, strategies and priorities; the on-going programme and their implementation for the welfare, development and empowerment of Other Backward Classes(OBCs) and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes'and suggest rationalization/minimization of the on-going related programmes and effective inter-sectoral convergence, and harmonization of schemes with the other similar social groups;
- ii. To identify neglected areas and groups; weakness and bottlenecks in the implementation' and take note of the persisting and emerging problems/situations related to the

- welfare, protection, development and empowerment of the Other Backward Classes(OBCs) and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes' in the changing socio-economic situation and suggest necessary interventions;
- iii. To review the progress of the implementation of the existing legislations related to the OBCs and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes' and mechanisms for their enforcement and suggest corrective measures;
  - iv. To review the functioning of the existing Institutional arrangements, both at the Central and State levels for implementation of policies and programme for empowering the OBCs and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes'and suggest measures to make them more effective;
  - v. To review and assess the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions/Local Self Government Bodies and Non Governmental Organisations in the implementation of programmes of empowering the OBCs and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes' and suggest measures to make them more effective;
  - vi. To review the physical and financial achievements in relation to the targets fixed under various programmes for the OBCs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) and project programme-wise requirements, both physical and financial for Empowering the OBCs and 'Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes'during the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017);and
  - vii. To suggest new areas/ schemes for the welfare and development of the OBCs and Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes with anticipated physical coverage and financial requirement during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.
3. The Chairperson may constitute various Specialists/Sub-groups/Task Forces etc. as consider necessary and co-opt other members to the Working Group for specific inputs.
  4. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by the respective Ministry/Department. **Non-official members of the Working Group will be entitled for TA/DA as admissible to Grade I Officers of the Government of India.( travel entitlement by Air India/ Indian Air Lines [Economy Class] only , DA entitlement: Reimbursement for Hotel accommodation up to Rs.1500 per day, reimbursement of taxi charges upto Rs. 150 per diem for travel within the city and reimbursement of food bills not exceeding Rs. 200 per day) subject to production of tickets and vouchers, etc. for the claim.** This would be met by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
  5. The Working Group would submit its report by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.
  6. This issues with the approval of the Member- Secretary.

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