

Government of Orissa
ST & SC Development Department

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From

Shri S.S. Mishra,
Under Secretary to Government.

To

All Members of State Level High Power Vigilance & Monitoring Committee.

Sub:- Proceedings of the meeting of the State Level High Power Vigilance & Monitoring Committee held on 16.11.2005.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the proceedings of the State Level High Power Vigilance & Monitoring Committee held on 16.11.2005 in the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat for your information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Memo No. 45781 /SSW Dtd. 17.12.05 Under Secretary to Government.

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosure forwarded to P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Orissa, Bhubaneswar/P.S. to Hon'ble Minister ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare (SC) Development, Bhubaneswar/P.S. to Minister(S) ST & SC Development (ST Development) for information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister / Minister of SC & ST (SC Development/Minister(S) SC & ST Development (ST Development).

Memo No. 45782 /SSW Dtd. 17.12.05 Under Secretary to Government.

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosure forwarded to P.S. to Chief Secretary, Orissa/Development Commissioner, Orissa for information of the Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner.

Memo No. 45783 /SSW Dtd. 17.12.05 Under Secretary to Government.

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosure forwarded to All Dept. of the Govt./All Collectors, RDC(N), Sambalpur for information and necessary action. They are requested to furnish compliance report early.

Memo No. 45784 /SSW Dtd. 17.12.05 Under Secretary to Government.

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Director, National Commissioner for SCs/Director, National Commissioner for STs for information & necessary action.

Memo No. 45785 /SSW Dtd. 17.12.05 Under Secretary to Government.

Copy alongwith copy of the enclosure forwarded to all section of ST & SC Dev. Deptt. for information & necessary action.

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Under Secretary to Government.

should be organized in this regard. Development Commissioner suggested to fix up a dateline for joint investigation into the atrocity cases, submission of report and payment of relief in deserving cases. The datelines may be worked out by the ST & SC Development Department in consultation with Home Department. Such arrangement should be given wide publicity for general information of all concerned.

3) Appointment of more number of Dy. Superintendents of Police:

The Committee discussed whether it would be possible to empower the Inspectors to deal with cases under POA Act. After detailed discussion, it was decided that Home Deptt. would examine the issue of direct recruitment of DSPs. in adequate numbers and for creation of posts of DSPs. since it is not possible to change the provision of Central Act. to empower Inspectors to investigate into the matters.

4) Display of hearings for awareness generation on POA Act.

Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that hearings for sensitisation of the Public regarding the provisions of PCR/POA Act. should be placed in front of Police Stations/Panchayat Samities etc. by first of January, 2006, by utilising the funds already released by the ST & SC Development Department.

5) Workshops/Training Camps:

The members appreciated the decision to hold a state level workshop in December, Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that we may explore the involvement of MGOs. and women SHGs. for carrying out awareness programmes under the POA/PCR Act. It was also decided to take steps for greater awareness regarding legal aid scheme so that more persons of SCs and STs are given legal support.

6 & 7. Specific cases of alleged atrocities:

The Director General and Inspector General of Police stated that the police officers have been made aware of the provisions of the POA Act. and that this aspect is being given due importance in review at various levels. The Committee noted the reports given by the district authorities in each of the specific cases cited. The Committee discussed the report of Collector, Bolangir on the alleged forcible occupation and cultivation of the landed

The list of Members participated in the meeting is at Annexure- 'A'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister welcomed the members of the Committee and explained the aims and objectives of holding the meeting. While the educational and economic development programmes for the members of the ST and SC communities are going on, it is necessary to see that laws relating to tribals and Scheduled Castes are enforced properly, so that their rights are protected. Since we have ST & SC population upto 39%, Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed that the machinery should ensure that the protection of law is extended firmly. Wherever anybody indulges in any offences as per provisions of POA Act. and PCR Act., timely and visible action against the offenders needs to be taken.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary of the Department ^a gave the background. The Committee discussed the agenda items as follows.

1. Review of performance of the district level committees:- It is seen that the meetings are not being held as per the prescribed frequency i.e. once in three months. After discussion, the following decisions were taken: (a) The list of members of the Dist. Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee should be provided to all the MLAs and MPs.

(b) At the district level, the meeting of the Vigilance & Monitoring Committee should be held once in three months without fail.

(c) Sri Bharat Paik, M.L.A., Kangiri mentioned the issue of delay in payment of compensation of relief to the victims of atrocity in Gajapati district. It has been verified that the joint enquiry report from Collector, Gajapati is pending. After discussion, it was decided to get the reports urgently and release the compensation amount without delay.

2) Review of atrocity cases registered, investigated and disposed;

The members stressed the need for the prosecutors to be sensitive to the importance of these issues. It is found that several cases are ending in acquittal. Therefore, the prosecution and investigation wings need to work together. Joint training programmes

property of Sri Purusottam Majhi of village Selehatta of Wisingha Block. It was felt inconceivable Prima fact that the tractor driver would attempt harassment without any involvement of the tractor owner. It was decided that RDC., N., Sambalpur would conduct a field enquiry and furnish a detailed report. In the case of demolition of boundary wall of Sri Khired Kumar Sethy of Kalpana Area, Bhubaneswar, it was decided that the General Administration Department would recheck the enquiry report submitted by Collector, Khurda.

8) Amendment of Rules: On the proposed of amendment to section 4 of POA Act., 1989 for ~~punishment~~ punishing public servants for negligence of duty under the provisions of the Act., it was reported that the matter is being examined by the ST & SC Development. Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that public servants should be more alert and should act more efficiently in discharging their duties for implementation of the provisions of POA/PCRI Act.

Hon'ble Chief Minister desired to hold the next meeting of the Committee before the next budget session of the OLA as well as the Parliament.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members present.

Sd/-G.V.V.Sarma
Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
ST & SC Development Deptt.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL HIGH POWER
VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25.11.2005 AT 11.30 AM.

Sl.No Name of the Members

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1. Parsuram Majhi, MP (Lok Sabha)
2. Mohan Jena, MP (Lok Sabha)
3. Chaitanya Prasad Majhi, MLA.
4. Jugendra Behera, MLA.
5. Bharat Paik, MLA.
6. Mohan Charan Majhi, MLA.
7. Baidhar Mallick, MLA.
8. Bishnu Das, MLA.
9. Jyodhan Majhi, MLA.
10. Shri Ajit Kumar Tripathy,
Development Commissioner & Addl. Chief Secretary
11. D.K.Sahu, Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Law Department.
12. A.Mishra, Addl. D.G.P., HRPC., Cuttack.
13. Suchit Das, D.G.P.
14. Shri G.V.V.Sarma,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.,
ST & SC Development Department.
15. K.C.Mchanty, Director, Panchayati Raj Department.
16. M.Mishra, Addl. secretary to Govt.,
Revenue Department.

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