

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE TRIBES ADVISORY  
COUNCIL HELD ON 30.10.02 AT 11.00 A. M. IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
CONFERENCE HALL OF THE SECRETARIAT BUILDINGS.**

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1.1 The meeting was Chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. List of Members participating is appended in Annexure-I. A list of others present is at Annexure-II.

1.2 Welcoming the members of the Tribes Advisory Council & other invitees, Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterated the commitment of the Government to the development of the STs of the State and to secure for them their rightful entitlements in every sphere. He informed the members that the financial powers relating to technical sanction and administrative approval of development works delegated to the field functionaries have been enhanced recently to facilitate speedy implementation. He also informed the Council that a Special Project named Orissa Tribal Empowerment & Livelihood Programme (OTELP) for the integrated development of tribal communities in 30 blocks of Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri and Nowrangpur districts is going to be launched soon with the support of IFAD, DFID and the World Food Programme and that negotiations with the funding agencies are in the final stages. Hon'ble Minister, ST & SC Development stated that the Department is vigorously pursuing the inclusion of the left out Tribes and left out synonyms of the Scheduled Tribes in the proposed Constitution (ST) Amendment Order. He called upon all members to participate in the deliberations and offer their valuable suggestions.

2. DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA: \_\_

2.1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the meeting of the Tribes Advisory Council held on 3.5.2002.

The proceedings of the meeting of the TAC held on 3.5.2002 were confirmed.

2.2. Follow-up action taken on the proceedings of the meeting of the TAC held on 3.5.2002:

2.2.1 (Item-4)(a) & 4(b): In the course of discussion, members of the Tribes Advisory Council suggested that inclusion of the different tribes recommended by Government in the past in the Constitution (ST) Order, should be pursued with the GoI.

Principal Secretary ST & SC Dev. explained that after bifurcation of the Ministry into Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs, all papers have been again supplied to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for their consideration of the proposals and the matter is being pursued.

2.2.2 (Item-6): It was felt that the Constitution of the Committee to recommend about the use of the Tribal Languages in school curriculum, as medium of instruction should be expedited. A view also emerged that emphasis should be on rapid spread of education and the universalisation of primary education.

2.3. INCLUSION OF THE BHATARA, JHODIA, ORAM, URAON, DORA AND ANATI DORA/ENATI DORA COMMUNITIES IN THE CONSTITUTION (ST) ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE STATE OF ORISSA.

2.3.1 The proposal for inclusion of Bhatara, Jhodia, Oram. Uraon. Dora, Anati Dora & Enati Dora communities in the Constitution (ST) Order in respect of the State of Orissa were discussed in detail.

After threadbare discussions, the Council unanimously agreed to the proposal of inclusion of the Bhatara, Jhodia, Jhodia Paroja, Oram, Uraon, Anati Dora and Enati Dora communities in the Constitution (ST) Order in respect of the State of Orissa.

As regards the proposal for inclusion of "Dora" community in the Constitution (ST) Order of the State, it was decided that an indepth study on the ethnic status of the community should be made by the SCSTRTI.

It was also suggested that while ethnographic studies are conducted by the SCSTRTI in respect of any community, information about the status of such community in the neighbouring States should be ascertained.

2.3.2. Several members of the Council expressed concern about possible deprivation of some tribal communities like Paika Bhuyan in Keonjhar and Angul and Oraon Mudi / Mudi in Sundargarh etc. from the benefits as they have not found place in the Constitution (ST) Order for the State, and suggested that such communities should be recommended to the Govt. of India for inclusion in the Constitution (ST) Order of 1950 in respect of the State of Orissa. The Director, STSCRTI was requested to conduct studies these communities and submit his report for consideration of the Council in their next meeting.

#### **2. 4. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

2.4.1. Many Members raised the issue of reservation in the appointment of G.P. Secretaries. It was noted that each G.P. appoints its own Secretary and since there is no common cadre, reservation is not possible. It was felt that Gram Panchayats in Tribal Areas, which have predominant Tribal representation, should be able to protect the

interest of the tribal population and appoint their Secretaries from among the local tribal people. It was agreed that GPs should have full freedom to appoint their Secretaries and there should not be any official control or intervention.

2.4.2. Some Members drew the attention of the Council to the difficulties in construction of R.D. / Gram Panchayat roads wherever it passed through forest land. In some cases, construction of roads duly sanctioned by the appropriate authorities have been obstructed by the forest Officers even though there is no standing tree on the recorded forest land. As a result, many remote villages continue to remain unconnected and unapproachable. Forest Department was advised to examine these issues in consultation with the R.D. and P.R. Departments and evolve a solution.

3. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.