

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT, M&BCW DEPARTMENT
BHUBANESWAR

No.STSCD-TPR-COMMT-0004-2014/ 9662 /SSD; Dated. 23rd April 2025

From,

Shri Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt.

To,

The All Members,
Tribes Advisory Council

Sub: Proceedings of the meeting of the Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024.

Madam/Sir,


I am to enclose herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Tribes Advisory Council held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha on 31.12.2024 at 4:00 PM in the Chief Minister's Conference Hall of the Lokseva Bhawan for favour of kind information.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Secretary to Govt.

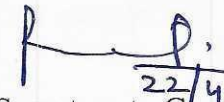
Memo No. 9663 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to the Personal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor/ Addl. Chief Secretary to Chief Minister / Private Secretary to Minister, ST & SC Dev. and M & BCW for kind information of the Hon'ble Governor, the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Minister respectively.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

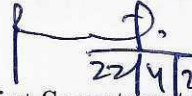
Memo No. 9664 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025

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Joint Secretary to Govt.


Memo No. 9665 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to all Principal Secretaries to Govt./ all Commissioner-cum-Secretaries to Govt./ EIC-cum-Secretary to Govt. Works Dept./ D.G. Police for favour of information and necessary action.


22/4/2025
Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 9666 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to the Director and Regional Head, National Commission for STs, At: N/1-297, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


22/4/2025
Joint Secretary to Govt.


Memo No. 9667 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to the PS to the Principal Secretary to Govt., ST & SC Dev. Dept./ JEA to Director (ST)/ JEA to Director (SC Welfare)/ JEA to Director, OBC/All other Officers of the ST & SC Dev. Dept., for information and necessary action..


22/4/2025
Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 9668 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy with copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to the Director, SCSTRTI/ PD. OPELIP/ Member Secretary, ATLC/ MD, TDCCOL/ M.D. OSFDC/ G.M. TRIFED/ G.M. NAFED for information and necessary action.


22/4/2025
Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 9669 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy along copy of the proceedings of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to all Desk Officers/Section Officers of the ST & SC Dev. Dept. for information and necessary action.


22/4/2025
Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 96670 /SSD; Date. 23.04.2025.

Copy along copy of the proceeding of the Meeting of Tribes Advisory Council held on 31.12.2024 forwarded to Sri Sujit Mukherjee, Special Officer, Statistics to incorporate the proceeding in the website of this Department.


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Joint Secretary to Govt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE "TRIBES ADVISORY COUNCIL" HELD ON 31.12.2024 AT 04.00 PM IN THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE HALL OF LOKSEVA BHAWAN

1. The meeting of the Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha on 31.12.2024 AT 04.00 PM in the Chief Minister's Conference Hall of Lokseva Bhawan. The list of members and officers present in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.
2. Hon'ble Minister, ST & SC Development, M&BCW, Odisha welcomed address to all the new members of the Council reconstituted on 28th November, 2024 after formation of new Government. He extended his gratitude towards Hon'ble Chief Minister cum Chairman TAC for convening the TAC meeting soon after its reconstitution. He appealed to all the Members of TAC to participate in the meeting actively and discuss all the issues concerning with tribal development, protection of their civil rights including PESA rule and amendment of Reg 2 of 1956. He also welcomed Hon'ble Minister, PR & DW, Odisha who attended the TAC meeting as Special Invitee.
3. Initiating the discussion, Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized that the State Government is committed to protect the interests of the Tribal people and to ensure justice in all the fields for a holistic development in the lives of tribal people of Odisha. Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed upon the need to ensure that the people belonging to Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste receive justice under ORV Act.
4. Deliberating on tribal education Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized that education is the key to achieve socio-economic upliftment. He underscored the proactive action of incumbent Government to fill up 2629 nos. vacant posts of teachers in ST & SC Development, M&BCW Department run Sevashrams, Ashram Schools, High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools. He mentioned that in order to motivate the tribal students towards education and to reduce dropout rate at secondary & higher secondary level, a new initiative named "Madho Singh Hatha Kharcha Yojana" is going to be launched by the State Government on 5th Jan, 2025 under which an initiative of Rs.5000 will be credited to the accounts of Tribal students studying in class 9th and 11th in all Government Schools & Government Aided schools. Furthermore, steps are being taken to convert 705 schools into model schools under the Shaheed Lakhman Nayak School Transformation Programme.


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5. Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister for announcing Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Nyaya Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) Gram Utkarsh Yojana in 2023-24 on 15th Nov 2023 on the day of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas with an objective to saturate 1679 nos. of PVTG villages covering 13 PVTGs in Odisha which will provide critical infrastructure like rural connectivity, electrification, health and nutrition, educational infrastructure, mobile connectivity etc. to those villages.

6. Further, he highlighted the Union Government led by Hon'ble PM on 2nd October 2024 announced the launching of Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan(DA-JGUA) to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Bhagawan Birsa Munda with a vision to saturate the critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, livelihood. In Odisha, the initiative will cover 27 districts, 234 blocks and 7667 tribal majority villages.

7. In his speech, Hon'ble CM underscored the role of present Government in augmenting the economic status and promotion of livelihood of Tribal people under Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission(MMJJM). Under the MMJJM Scheme, farm, off-farm and non-farm activities are being undertaken involving tribal people in cluster approach under 23 ITDAs, 121 TSP Blocks and 2591 villages.

8. Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction in the progress of land rights to ST people under FRA Act. Under this programme 4,61,013 Individual Forest Right, 8162 Community Forest Right and 9 Habitat Rights to nine PVTGs have been distributed.

9. The Principal Secretary ST & SC Dev., M&BCW Department Odisha with permission of Chair gave a detailed presentation on the agenda items.

10. Thereafter, discussion was held agenda wise and following decisions were taken.

Agenda No.1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the Tribal Advisory Council meeting held on 11.07.2023.

The proceedings of the last TAC meeting except the decisions taken under agenda No.4 with regard to Amendment of Regulation 2 of 1956 were confirmed.

Agenda No.-2: Compliance on the decisions taken in the last Tribal Advisory Council meeting held on 11.07.2023.

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The Action taken report on the decision taken in the last TAC meeting (except under Agenda-4) held on 11.07.2023 was placed before the council and after detailed discussion the same was approved.

Agenda No.3: Post facto approval of the proposal of inclusion of Mundari Language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

The Council was apprised that the State Govt. had approved the proposal for inclusion of Mundari language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India and the proposal has already been sent to Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide letter no.3108 dtd. 8.2.2024 to consider for inclusion of Mundari Language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India for preservation, promotion and propagation of Mundari language and culture.

The TAC accorded post facto approval for inclusion of Mundari Language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India and recommended to start a study and research by SCSTRTI for other tribal languages for suitable consideration in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India.

Agenda No.4: Proposal for Amendment of Reg 2 of 1956.

During the last TAC meeting held on 11.07.2023 the TAC had approved the amendment proposal in the Regulation 2 of 1956 by substituting sub section (1) of the section 3 of Odisha scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable property (by Scheduled Tribes) by allowing a member of Scheduled Tribe for transfer of immovable property situated within a scheduled area by a member of a Scheduled Tribe by way of gift or exchange for public proposes and mortgage or lease executed in favour of any public financial institution for securing loan granted by such institution for the propose of agriculture, construction of residential home, higher studies of children, self-employment, business or establishment of small scale industry or transfer in favour of a person not belonging to Scheduled Tribe for the above propose with a prior permission in writing by sub collector.

The State Cabinet in its last meeting held on 14.11.2023 had approved the proposal for amendment of the Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by Scheduled Tribe) Regulation 2 of 1956 based on recommendation of TAC meeting held on 11.07.2023. However, the state cabinet in its meeting dtd.29.01.2024 approved the proposal for withdrawal of cabinet decision dtd.14.11.2023 for amendment of the Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by Scheduled Tribe) Regulation 2 of 1956.

After a thorough discussion by the member of TAC, it was decided to reverse the decision of last TAC held on 11.07.2023 for amendment of Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by Scheduled Tribe) Regulation 2 of 1956. It


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was decided to constitute a subcommittee comprised of members of TAC to explore alternative mechanism in the coming days to facilitate loans for the tribal people for essential purposes such as marriage, higher education, and business initiatives. The subcommittee will also explore inclusion of other tribal speaking languages in the 8th schedule of Constitution of India.

Agenda No.5: Framing of State specific PESA rule

The council felt the draft PESA rule for Odisha prepared by PR & DW Department needs further discussion and consultation. The TAC proposed for organising a state level workshop involving tribal representatives from blocks, districts, urban/rural local bodies for conducting extensive discussion on various aspects contained in draft PESA Rule. After factoring in suggestions and appropriate modification, if any, it will be taken up in next Council meeting in detail.

Other Issues:

1. The State currently provides 12% reservation for ST Students to pursue medical and engineering courses in state run academic institutions, whereas the reservation for ST in Govt. services at present is 22.5%. The TAC felt it is necessary to rationalise this anomaly and decided to take up this issue in the next TAC meeting.
2. The Council decided to undertake study and research to remove difficulties in inclusion of various communities in the ST list of Odisha due to similar phonetic variation. The Council decided to take up all pending inclusion applications and undertake detailed systematic study & research to facilitate the eligible categories in the ST list.
3. TAC stressed upon to take up expeditious action to fill up the vacant posts lying in all Departments of Government of Odisha. Special recruitment drive needs to be taken up by all the Departments for filling up of the ST/SC vacant posts.
4. Hon'ble Minister, PR & DW, Odisha suggested for taking necessary actions on the following issues:
 - a) Identification of left out PVTG villages so that PVTG people can be benefitted under the PM-JANMAN and other Schemes /Programme.


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b) Special initiatives need to be taken on teaching and learning activities in Odia language in Rayagada district.

5. Upgradation of Ashrama School to High School and High School to Higher Secondary School need to be done considering the necessity and feasibility.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Chairman and all the participants.

By Order of Chief Minister-cum-Chairman, Odisha


Principal Secretary to Govt.

ANNEXURE-I

MEMBERS & OFFICERS PRESENT IN THE TRIBES ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC) MEETING HELD ON 31.12.2025 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CONFERENCE HALL, LOKSEVA BHAWAN

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE MEMBERS/OFFICERS	DESIGNATION
1.	SHRI MOHAN CHARAN MAJHI, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, ODISHA	CHAIRMAN, TAC
2.	SHRI NITYANANDA GOND, HON'BLE MINISTER, ST & SC DEVELOPMENT, MINORITIES & BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, ODISHA	DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, TAC
3.	SHRI RABI NARAYAN NAIK, HON'BLE MINISTER, PANCHAYATI RAJ & DRINKING WATER, ODISHA	SPECIAL INVITEE
4.	SHRI ANANTA NAYAK, MP, KEONJHAR	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
5.	SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI, MP, NABARANGPUR	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
5.	DR. FAKIR MOHAN NAIK, MLA, TELKOI	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
6.	SHRI AKHILA CHANDRA NAIK, MLA, PATNA	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
7.	SHRI BHADAV HANSDAH, MLA, SARASKANA	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
8.	SHRI JALEN NAIK, MLA, RAIRANGPUR	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
9.	MISS SANJALI MURMU, MLA, BANGIRIPOSHI	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
10.	SHRI PADMA CHARAN HAIBURU, MLA, KARANJIA	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
11.	SHRI GOURI SHANKAR MAJHI, MLA, NABARANGPUR	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
12.	SHRI CHAKRAMANI KANHAR, MLA, BALIGUDA	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
13.	SHRI UMA CHARAN MALLICK, MLA, PHULBANI	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
14.	SHRI SATYAJEET GAMANGO, MLA, GUNUPUR	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
15.	SHRI NILAMADHAB HIKAKA, MLA, BISSAM CUTTACK	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
16.	SHRI RUPU BHATRA, MLA, KOTPAD	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC
17.	SMT. KUSUM TETE, EX-MLA	HON'BLE MEMBER, TAC

18.	SHRI MANOJ AHUJA, IAS	CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA
19.	SHRI SATYABRATA SAHU, IAS	ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT., HOME DEPARTMENT
20.	SHRI SURENDRA KUMAR, IAS	ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT., GA & PG DEPARTMENT
21.	SHRI Y.B. KHURANIA, IPS	DGP (POLICE), HOME DEPARTMENT
22.	SHRI DEORANJAN KUMAR SINGH, IAS	ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT., REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
23.	SHRI SASWATA MISHRA, IAS	PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT., FINANCE DEPARTMENT
24.	SHRI SANJEEB KUMAR MISHRA, IAS	PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT., ST & SC DEV., M AND BCW DEPARTMENT-CUM-SECRETARY, TAC
25.	SHRI MANAS RANJAN BARIK	PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT., LAW DEPARTMENT
26.	SMT. SHALINI PANDIT, IAS	COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY TO GOVT., SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT & DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SHAKTI
27.	MS. ASWATHY S., IAS	COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY TO GOVT., HEALTH & FW DEPARTMENT
28.	GUHA POONAM TAPAS KUMAR, IAS	COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY TO GOVT., H, T & H DEPARTMENT & EXCISE DEPARTMENT
29.	S.K. MEENA, IAS	DIRECTOR, SIRD & PR, PR & DW DEPARTMENT
30.	SHRI PREM CHANDRA CHAUDHARY, IAS	DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA
31.	DR. POMA TUDU, IAS	DIRECTOR, ST, ST & SC DEV., M AND BCW DEPARTMENT