

**Minutes of the First meeting of the State Council for Development of Scheduled Castes and  
Scheduled Tribes**

**26-02-2013**

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The First meeting of the State Council for Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (hereinafter referred as State Council) was held at 5.00 P.M on 26-02-13 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister. The list of the Ministers, Officials and Non-officials who have participated in the meeting is appended.

The Chief Minister, initiating the discussions stated that the path breaking initiative of SCSP and TSP Bill was passed in a specially convened sessions of both houses of legislature. His Excellency Governor has given the Assent to the Bill and it became an Act on 24-01-2013. Subsequently, in exercise of powers conferred by the Act, orders constituting the State Council for Development of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) headed by Chief Minister and (13) other Ministers as Members; and the Nodal Agencies headed by the Social Welfare Minister and Tribal Welfare Minister have been issued. Orders relating to accounting of 7.0% and 3.0% of scheme cost in case of Non-divisible infrastructure works were also issued on 23-02-2013.

The Chief Minister stated that the SCSP/TSP Act has been brought out to ensure accelerated development of the SCs and STs with emphasis on achieving equality. He said that focus will be on economic, educational, health, employment and human development with dignity and promoting equity among SCs and STs by earmarking a portion in proportion of population and proper spending of funds meant for development, welfare of SCs and STs. The Act also ensures effective Institutional mechanism for the implementation of SCSP and TSP.

The Chief Minister has also stated that with the Act, better targeting, increased benefits, focused implementation and monitoring with transparency besides additional funds for SCs and STs will be achieved.

The Principal Secretary, Planning Department and convener of the State Council outlined the chronology of the actions taken since the constitution of the Cabinet Sub-Committee and also presented a road map for implementation of the intent of the statutory provisions to promote equity, social justice and poverty. The Principal Secretary Social Welfare and the Principal Secretary Tribal Welfare, the convener of the respective Nodal Agency, presented the department wise budget allocation proposals under SCSP and TSP respectively. The copy of these three presentations is filed for record. Following are the agenda item wise decisions taken.

## **Agenda 2- Approval of the budget of SCSP/TSP**

Plan Size of 2012-13 i.e. Rs 48934.90 crore has been taken as the base for arriving at the SCSP and TSP outlay for 2013-14 which will be revised as per proviso of section 3 of the Act according to the budget approved by the legislature. Following the present available population ratio of SC and ST i.e 16.2% for SCSP and 6.6% for TSP for the year 2013-14, the budget proposed for SCSP is Rs.7927.45 crores and the proposed budget for TSP is Rs.3230.00 crores on the BE of 2012-13. The difference in SCSP and TSP due to the final outlay of 2013-14 will be shown separately in the Annual Plan and will be placed before the State Council for consideration

### **Resolution -**

1. The Rs.7927.45 crore as the budget for SCSP and Rs.3230.00 crore as the budget for TSP is approved on the BE of 2012-13 subject to modification as per the actual of 2013-14.
2. The Nodal Agencies are directed to prepare separate documents for SCSP and TSP to be presented along with the Annual Budget in the Assembly.
3. Chief Minister emphasized to make efforts to see/ ensure funds are spent as per gap identified / analysis of poverty studies as well as impact of existing schemes.

### **Agenda 3- SCSP/TSP fund allocation proposal of nodal agencies**

The meetings of the Nodal Agencies of the SCSP and TSP were held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2013 respectively, to discuss department wise budget proposals for the schemes proposed under the SCSP and TSP including the schemes proposed for accounting of 7% and 3% of scheme cost and departments will go on during the year and finalized by the Nodal Agencies in case of non-divisible infrastructure works. As a result of the detailed exercise, the 64 departments would not have allocation either under SCSP or TSP or both.

#### **Resolution-**

1. The proposal of Nodal Agency for SCSP for allocation of Rs. 7927.45 crore to 26 departments is approved.
2. The proposal of Nodal Agency for TSP for allocation of Rs 3230 crore to 43 departments is approved

#### **Agenda 4- Procedure for scheme approval**

After detailed discussion on the proposals and the observations of the member following directions are given to the respective Nodal Agencies and the departments as mentioned to finalize the procedure for scheme approval.

#### **Resolution**

1. Identification of the Gaps- The gap analysis of the deprivation on various social and economic parameters shall be conducted by the Nodal Agencies and should be presented in the next meeting of the State Council. Various available data sets, including the household survey conducted by the Rural Development department for 12 lakh houses, can be used. The result of gap analysis should be presented during the next meeting of State Council for better targeting of the poor.
2. Rural Development department to take up the survey for remaining mandals to identify the poor and poorest of the poor and also should share the data with other departments implementing the schemes of SCs and STs
3. An analysis on investment sufficient for bringing a household above poverty line and should be presented in the next meeting of the State Council by the respective Nodal Agencies.
4. Detailed baseline surveys should be conducted by the Nodal Agencies.
5. Expenditure capacity of the implementing departments should be assessed and suggest ways to improve it to take up the proposed schemes
6. Identification of schemes to bridge the gap and justification of schemes and allocation to bridge the gap-individual, household, habitat and infrastructure. Poverty to be targeted to bring it to lower than or equal to state average, Social parameters of health, nutrition and education to be included as poverty targeting.
7. New schemes to follow the Cabinet route or the procedures in vogue.
8. Schemes to be aligned with overall State Agenda or Priorities of the Government, At least one third of the investment should be in infrastructure
9. The date of commencement and date of completion should be specified for each scheme proposed.
10. District-wise and social group wise investment requirement should be worked out for improving the education, Health and Skill development on priority basis
11. A checklist to be devised

### **Agenda 5- Organizational set-up**

It was agreed to set up a monitoring mechanism at state/District and sub-district level for monitoring of the individual beneficiaries on economic/ health/nutrition/ sanitation/education related issues. Additionally as per the section 21 of the Act, Sub-Plan Support Unit in selected departments are to be established for proper follow up and one point coordination of SCSP/TSP. A system for periodical evaluation of the outcome of the investment and realization of the objective should also be conducted by the respective Nodal Agencies to verify the reach of benefits to the targeted beneficiaries and its impact..

#### **Resolution**

1. Nodal Agencies should immediately set up the District Monitoring Committee (Section 22(1)) under District Collector
2. Nodal Agencies should immediately set up the Research Center at CESS (section 20)
3. Nodal Agencies should immediately set up the Administrative and Technical Support Units at Nodal Departments (section 20)
4. It is agreed to establish 8 Sub Plan Support Units in for following departments/group of departments. These Units are to be setup for proper planning, monitoring, evaluation, research coordination etc by deputing the regular staff from departments and/or contracted staff. The Special Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary are requested to take necessary action accordingly.
  - i. Rural Development,
  - ii. Housing,
  - iii. Agriculture (one for entire sector),
  - iv. Education(one for entire sector),
  - v. Drinking Water,
  - vi. One for health, women and child development sector,
  - vii. Roads (one for entire sector including PR and R&B) and
  - viii. Planning Department

## Agenda 6- Other Items

Following additional decisions were also taken.

1. To initiate the necessary actions to attract the GOI institutional lending and examining issue of Government guarantees for obtaining the loans from GOI Financial Institutions for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
2. Strategy to complete the incomplete houses in time bound manner should be furnished by the Housing Department during the next meeting of State Council. -
3. Revival of LIDCAP by strengthening the existing leather park at Nellore to create employment
4. Hon'ble Chief Minister suggested to prepare the clarifications on the possible doubts/queries in the form of Frequent Asked Questions(FAQ) for better targeting and implementation of the Schemes intended under SCSP and TSP.

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