



D.O. No. 20012/11/2024- DWBDNCs

June 26, 2024

*Dear Chief Secretary,*

As you are aware that Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MOSJE) has constituted a Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC) which operates the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) for the welfare and development of 'de-notified, nomadic and semi nomadic communities (DNTs)'. It was launched on 16-02-2022 by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. This scheme has four components – (a) free coaching; (b) health insurance; (c) facilitation of livelihood initiatives at community level; and (d) financial assistance for construction of houses.

2. To enable delivery of above benefits to DNT communities under SEED and also under other central/state schemes for DNTs, it is necessary to develop a proper database of DNT communities in every State/UT and issue DNT certificates to every eligible person belonging to these communities, in a time bound manner after verification of credentials and other requirements. In this regard, D.O. letter dated 22-6-2022 (copy enclosed) from my predecessor may also be referred to.

3. A number of States/UTs are not issuing DNT certificates. For ensuring proper documentation and creation of data base for delivery of benefits under SEED and Centre/State Schemes, the following are suggested :

**(i) Issuance of DNT certificates:** The process of application/issuance of DNT certificate should be citizen friendly and steps may be taken to digitize. It is suggested that on moving to digitization, a online system be developed where eligible person from DNT community be asked to submit with complete record of data in electronic form (with all required documents) at designated service centres. These centres upload the application with photo and other necessary documents and forward it to designated authority for issuing DNT certificate. No physical interface may be allowed between applicant and certificate issuing authority, at any stage of this process. If there is any deficiency in application, applicant

gets intimation digitally through service centres. A timeline be prescribed for every stage of this process from the time of application to the issuance of DNT certificates.

**(ii) Content of DNT certificates:** To facilitate release of benefits and to avoid creation of multiple databases in respect of one DNT applicant, the DNT certificates should have detailed information including photo, name of father and mother, date of birth, residence, Aadhar card number, name of community (SC, ST, OBC, Others). The certificate should also include whether the applicant community is recognized by the State Government as de-notified or nomadic or semi-nomadic community by way of an Order.

4. I shall be grateful if you could personally look into the matter regarding development and welfare of DNTs and direct the concerned officers accordingly.

*With regards.*

Yours sincerely,



( Amit Yadav )

Enclosure: As above

To

**All Chief Secretaries of State /UT Governments**



D.O.No. JB-11014/2/2020-DWBDNC-Pt.111.

Date: 22.6.2022

Dear Chief Secretary

As you are aware that Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has constituted a Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC). These communities emerge as one of the most vulnerable and neglected communities across the country and normally live in hard-to-reach places. Most of them do not own land and live in tents, jhuggies, katcha or semi-pucca houses.

2. In spite of their poverty and low-income, they are deprived of access to entitlement and legal rights like possession of official documents that includes BPL card, Ration card, Aadhaar card, Caste certificate, Voter ID card etc. Possession of these documents is vital for accessing any services and benefits for development programmes of State and / or Central Government.

3. Government of India is committed to providing these basic rights to these more deprived communities of the society and accordingly, a Scheme namely, Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) has been launched on 16.02.2022 by Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Scheme has following four components:-

- i) To provide coaching of good quality for DNT candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations.
- ii) To provide health insurance of DNT Communities.
- iii) To facilitate livelihoods initiative at community level to build and strengthen small clusters of DNT/NT/SNT Communities institutions.
- iv) To provide financial assistance for construction of houses to members of the DNT Communities.

4. In order to ensure that the benefit of the scheme reaches to the real deserving beneficiaries we need to develop a proper database and till that time some adhoc arrangements to have the details of target groups. In this

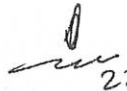
connection the list of DNT/NT/SNT communities in your State, as listed by Idade Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities, is enclosed. You are requested to ensure that caste certificate to people of these communities is issued in a time bound manner after verification of credentials and other requirements. This is needed for them to make use of the benefits under the SEED Scheme.

6. I shall be grateful if you could personally look into the matter and direct the officers accordingly. Your cooperation will go a long way in the overall development of DNT/NT/SNT Communities.

**With regards,**

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

  
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(R.Subrahmanyam)

**To**

**Chief Secretaries of State/UT Governments**