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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

D.O. No. BC-20012/73/2024-DWBDNC

December 30, 2024

Dear Chief Secretary,

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) has constituted a Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC) which is implementing the 'Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)' for welfare and development of 'De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic communities (DNTs). The SEED scheme was launched on 16-02-2022 and it has four components - (a) free coaching; (b) health insurance; (c) livelihood and (d) housing. A high-level review of SEED Scheme has highlighted following three areas of concern: (i) non issuance of DNT certificates by various states/UTs; (ii) non formation of district level grievance redressal committee for DNTs; and (iii) need for land allotment to enable housing schemes for houseless DNTs in various states/UTs. The list of DNT communities is enclosed.

2. In the absence of issuance of DNT certificate to eligible persons belonging to these communities, they are unable to avail various schemes and programs of Central and State Government. To ensure the delivery of benefits under SEED and other schemes of DNT communities, it is necessary to develop a proper database of DNT communities in every State/UT. In this regard, earlier letters dated 22-6-2022 and dated 26-6-2024 (copies enclosed) may kindly be referred to. At present, issuance of DNT certificates is being done by only seven States.

3. Further to their socio-economic conditions, DNTs face challenges of harassment, exploitation and discrimination. In this regard, your kind attention is invited to a letter dated 22.02.2015 (copy enclosed) sent by Secretary, SJ&E wherein it was requested that a 'District Level Grievance Redressal Committee for DNTs' to be chaired by the DC/DM or other appropriate authority may be set up on similar lines as Grievance Redressal Committees for protection and welfare of

SCs and STs. It is requested that your State/UT may immediately set up such district level committees for DNTs.

4. A majority of the members of DNT communities are landless, both in urban and rural areas. To provide housing to them under rural and urban housing schemes of Central/State Government, possession of land is a pre-requisite. In view of above, you are requested to make land available to DNTs for housing in your State/UT.

5. May I request you to prepare an effective and time bound action plan on above mentioned issues for development and welfare of DNTs, at the earliest.

With regards and best wishes for 2025.

Yours sincerely,


(Amit Yadav)

Enclosure: As above

To,
Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs

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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


22/6
(R.Subrahmanyam)

To
Chief Secretaries of State/UT Governments

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February 22, 2015

347/1416
D.O. No. 16014/02/2016-BC-III
You would be aware that the Government of India has constituted the National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) vide Notification dated 05/01/2015 (copy enclosed) interalia, to study the socio-economic condition of these communities and evaluate various welfare programmes being implemented by the State Governments and suggest appropriate measures in respect of these communities for action by the Central Government and the State Governments.

2. During the visits of the Commission to different States and the areas inhabited by these communities, large numbers of grievances about land, housing, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, education, livelihood, ration card, voter ID etc. are raised by these communities and the agencies working for them. Many State Governments have formulated policies and are implementing programmes for the welfare of the SCs, STs and OBCs. However, the De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNT) who in fact form the lower rung of these groups, do not have necessary access to the benefits of such welfare programmes and policies and forums of grievance redressal.

3. You would please appreciate that there is a need to create a system whereby the grievances can be heard and redressed and attempts can be made to extend the benefits of welfare programmes which are already under implementation. This will go a long way in bringing them into the mainstream of socio-economic development. Since NCDNT will take some more time to finalize and submit its report, it is felt that a mechanism should be developed to form committees at the district level to coordinate and resolve issues of the DNTs including their grievances. These district-level grievance redressal Committees can be formed under the chairmanship of District Collectors/ District Magistrates, which would meet periodically to review and act upon the grievances. These Committees may also draw attention of the State Government and the Government of India on various issues for actions and recommendations, which will form significant inputs for the Commission.

4. Therefore, I would appreciate if you could personally look into the matter so that appropriate action is initiated to form District-Level Committees in every district of your State for reviewing and acting upon the grievances of the DNT communities.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

(Anita Agnihotri)

Chief Secretaries of States/Union Territories

✓ Copy to Shri H.K. Das, Member Secretary, NCDNT.

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R. Subrahmanyam, IAS
Secretary



Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
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D.O.No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC
18th August, 2020

Dear Colleague,

You may be 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.

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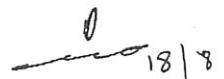
3. Government of India is committed to providing these basic rights to these deprived communities and also to conduct a survey of such households in your State, through the State Government. The survey is proposed to be a household survey of the DNTs identified in your State (List enclosed), covering demographic profile, socio-economic status. The formats of this survey and the modalities would be finalized in consultation with the State Governments.

4. I will be grateful if you entrust the responsibility of conducting this survey of the DNT communities (List enclosed) in your State/UT to a Department or Organization so that the database can be built up before 31st Dec 2020. The cost for the data collection can be met by the Central Government.

5. I will be grateful for intimating the details of the Department / Organization and the Nodal officer so as to coordinate for expeditious conduct of this survey. Shri Ashish Rawat, IFS, CEO, DWBDNC will be in further contact with you in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(R. Subrahmanyam)

To
Chief Secretaries of State/UT Governments

Enclosure : As above