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**Minutes of the meeting held on 10.07.2015 to review the progress of the scheme "Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP".**

A meeting was held on 10.07.2015 in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to review and monitor implementation of the scheme "Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP". This was chaired by the Secretary (TA). The list of participants is at annex. Secretaries (Tribal Development) of respective States participated through Video Conferencing.

2. At the outset, JS (MKP) welcomed the participants of the States and explained the purpose of the meeting. Secretary, Tribal Affairs maintained that co-ordination between the Tribal/ Welfare Ministries of the concerned states and the implementing agency was very essential for better implementation of the scheme. The scheme had not been formulated to improve management of MFP trade but it intended to provide social security net to the MFP gatherers with whom, lies the right to collect and dispose the MFP according to the FRA. After brief introduction, discussion started through video conferencing.

**3. Videoconferencing with States nodal department;**

The states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Telangana and Odisha participated through video conference and discussed the status of implementation and other relevant issues about the scheme. All the states intimated that process of notifying the Tribal/ welfare department of the state as nodal department was complete. Chhattisgarh, MP, Gujarat and Odisha informed that their state had constituted the District and state level Monitoring committees and meeting would be held on regular basis. Maharashtra told that proposal in this regard was already with the Minister in the state and final decision is expected in two months. Telangana informed that denationalization of MFP was recommended during Tribes Advisory Council's meeting and decision is expected shortly. Secretary, Cooperative Department (Govt. of Jharkhand) told that the process was on in the state and notification would be made soon. He however, submitted that the MSP fixed by the Ministry i.r.o. lac was too high and market price was almost half of the same. Given the limited resources, the state was not in a position to buy the complete stock. He also told that in many places, tribal do not come to market for the

disposal of MFP collected but go on taking other things in exchange of MFP. Other states also expressed the same sentiment. They maintained that lots of people had taken to lac cultivation in the past few years, hence collection was high. The European crisis had affected export hence market was flooded with lac without use.

4. ED, TRIFED told that review of MSP is not possible after seeing market trend of one or two seasons. JS, MoTA told that review of MSP would be taken in appropriate time. He added that since market rate of most of the MFP had been on higher side, states may utilize the revolving fund for purchase of lac. However, in longer run, state will have to focus on value addition and related activities for better results. He requested the state agencies to immediately send proposal for seeking the remaining share of the revolving fund.

The meeting then took following issues for discussion and decision:

5. **Discussions and decisions:**

Issues	Deliberations	Decisions
1. Modernisation of Haats.	The proposals from the States of Odisha and Maharashtra were approved during last year. The proposals from other States are awaited.	Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, MP and Rajasthan to send proposal within 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015
2. Data Base for MFP collector.	Managing Directors State agencies of Jharkhand, MP, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Gujarat informed that they had started the process.	Jharkhand to share the sample of card issued to the gatherers with all the states.
3. Value addition activities.	It was mentioned that Value addition activities lead to substantial increase in income of gatherers.	Gujarat and Odisha to send a note on the subject to the Ministry within 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015
4. Strategy for large scale production of honey, especially for	Gujarat and Jharkhand suggested that this may be discussed with Central Bee Research Training Institute. .	Jharkhand to see such possibility in tribal areas and work out a scheme for cultivation of Honey in tribal



export		areas by seeking technical expertise from Central Bee Research and Training Institute Pune.
5.Revolving Funds	Jharkhand, MP, Gujarat and Odisha have not received their full share. Odisha has submitted proposal for remaining fund. There will be no revolving fund from 2016-17 onwards as per the scheme.	Fund to Odisha to be released by the Ministry at the earliest. Remaining states to submit their proposal within one months
6.Capacity Building of Gram Sabha/Panchayat	State representatives expressed the view that some type of training is required for capacity building of people in addition to training provided by TRIFED. This training can be arranged by State agency.	State agencies may submit proposal for organizing training to gram sabha members under the head "Capacity Building of Gram Sabha/Panchayat"of the scheme.
7.Monitoring	TRIFED suggested submission of implementation report by state agencies on monthly basis. After discussion with states, it was agreed that report will be submitted to the Ministry through TRIFED on quarterly basis.	In order to maintain uniformity of the repot TRIFED would send a common format to all the States after getting it approved from the Ministry within this month.

6. **The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.**

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List of Participants

Ministry of Tribal Affairs:

- 1) Shri Arun Jha, Secretary- In chair
- 2) Shri Manoj Kumar Pingua, Joint Secretary
- 3) Shri S. Das, Director (IFD)
- 4) Ms. Nivedita, Deputy Secretary (CP&R)
- 5) Shri P.K. Sahoo, Under Secretary (CP&R)
- 6) Shri Rajeev Kumar, Section Officer (CP&R)
- 7) Shri R.K. Singh, Consultant

TRIFED, Delhi

- 1) Shri G. Ramesh Kumar, Managing Director (I/C)
- 2) Shri S.K. Gulaiya, Executive Director
- 3) Shri Amit Bhatnagar, DGM

States/ Implementing Agencies:

- 1) Shri S. Nanda, Managing Director, TDCCOL Odisha
- 2) Shri Ajay Mahapatra, Managing Director, OFDC, Odisha
- 3) Shri Dinesh Mishra, Managing Director, GSFDC Vadodara, Gujarat
- 4) Dr. A.K. Bisaria, AMD, MP MFP FED, Bhopal
- 5) Shri B.L. Saran, Managing Director, CGMFPFED, Naya Raipur.
- 6) Shri B.R. Jadav, Managing Director, MSCTDC, Nasik.
- 7) Shri N.S. Mandle, General Manager, MSCTDC, Nasik.
- 8) Shri R.S. Pandey, Managing Director, JHAMCOFED, Ranchi.
- 9) Shri S.N. Ram, Managing Director, JASCOLAMPF.
- 10) Shri Liaquat Hussain, General Manager, RTADCF, Rajasthan.
- 11) Dr. Ashok Kumar, G. Manager GCC, A.P
- 12) Dr. L.K. Ramanandan, Divisional Manager, GCC, Telangana.

Video Conferencing:

- 1) Shri Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Ranchi, Govt. of Jharkhand.
- 2) Ms. G.D. Aurna, Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Telangana.
- 3) Shri K. Murugan, Secretary, ST & SC Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
- 4) Shri Raghu Prasad, Director, SC & ST Dev. Department of Odisha.
- 5) Shri L.G. Dhoke, Dy. Secretary, Tribal development Department, Govt., of Maharashtra.

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