

**Minutes of the District Level Review Meeting conducted by  
Shri Vadapalli Ramchander, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for  
Scheduled Castes, New Delhi on 06.11.2024 at 1000 Hrs for Chennai District.**

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District Level Review Meeting was conducted by the Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Castes on 06.11.2024 with the District Higher Officials. Shri V Kranthi, PS to Hon'ble Member, NCSC, New Delhi, Dr. S. Ravivarman, Director, Shri N. Suresh, Research Officer, Shri S. Lister, Senior Investigator, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, State Office, Chennai attended the meeting. Shri T. Anand, IAS, Director of Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Smt Rashmi Siddharth Zagade IAS, District Collector, Chennai, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head quarter Chennai, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights, District Revenue Officer, Assistant Manager, Industry and Commerce, Assistant Executive Engineer, Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board, District Adidraavidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, District Manager, Tamilnadu Adidraavidar and Housing Corporation, Personnel Assistant to Chief Educational Officer, Sales Officer of Indian Oil Corporation, Assistant Sales Officer, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Territory Manger Bharath Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Lead Bank Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, participated in the meeting.

The District Collector, Chennai has welcomed the Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Castes and other Officials.

The District Collector of Chennai delivered a power point presentation that highlighted the points in the filled-in questioners one by one.

The Hon'ble Member inquired about the minor drop out in student enrolment for the academic year 2024-2025 compared to previous academic years. The District Collector said that student enrolments in the current academic year are around 5,000 lower than in previous years. In the Chennai district, variables such as the transient character of migrant parents have a significant impact on student admission.

The District Collector stated that the government conducts annual awareness rallies in all Taluk and Corporation zones in the Chennai District. She explained the people who moved from Chennai during pandemic period are now returning. This is reason for drop out.

At this point, the Hon'ble Member directed the District Collector to provide the commission with information regarding the RTE implementation in the Chennai district.

While reviewing the assignment of houses for SCs, the Hon'ble Member inquired about the allotment of houses for the Scheduled Castes, specifically why the percentage is so low in 2023-24. The official concerned department stated that the availability of land is less in Chennai District for the construction under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) in Chennai City.

The Hon'ble Member encouraged the district administration to develop a high-rise structure on government land due to a lack of land in Chennai. The District Collector mentioned that the Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board is developing a multi-storey building in three locations in Chennai for all people including SC. Further, the Hon'ble Member directed the Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board to provide more tenements to Scheduled Caste beneficiaries.

As the Chennai District is an urban area, the District Collector, Chennai stated that schemes like National Rural Health Mission, Land allocation Regulation of Residential and Agriculture land possessed by the Scheduled castes beneficiaries, and MNREGA are not applicable for Chennai district.

The Hon'ble Member reviewed government-sponsored MSME loan schemes such as NEEDS, UYEGP, PMEGP, AABCS, TAHDCO, PM Svandi, and Mudra loans, as well as the status of Education loans and PMJDY accounts for SC beneficiaries in the district. The District Collector and related departments presented the Hon'ble Member with an overview of all Central and State Government schemes.

The Hon'ble Member has instructed to strengthen the opportunities for growth of the SC community and has also questioned with LDM about the application of CIBIL Score to Government schemes, particularly PM Svanidhi Schemes.

The LDM clarified that generally the banks would not see the CIBIL scores for PM Svandi scheme. As far other loans, the banks lend loans to the based on CIBIL scores of more than 700. The Maximum CIBIL score is 900. The Annal Ambedkar Business Champion Scheme (AABCS) is being implemented by the Tamil Nadu government using state government funds solely for the benefit of SC/ST communities. This scheme provides a subsidy of 35% of the project cost. The bank has sanctioned 29 beneficiaries under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champion scheme, out of an annual target of 52, as informed to the Commission. The Hon'ble Member appreciated the scheme and the performance of Annal Ambedkar Business Champion Scheme in Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Member questioned the "nil" performance of the NEEDS Schemes in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25. The bank authorities informed the Hon'ble Member that the interest subvention in AABCS is 6%, but it is 3% in the NEEDS program. As a result, SC/ST candidates are converted from the NEEDS scheme to the AABCS plan. Furthermore, during the current fiscal year, 20 SC candidates received loan approval under the PMEGP plan.

The District Manager, Tamil Nadu Adi-Dravidar Housing Development Corporation (TAHDCCO) informed that the PM-AJAY Scheme is being implemented in the district. Further, informed about the CM ARISE scheme implemented by TAHDCCO to promote self-employment among youth to support SC/ST Communities.

The Director of Adi-Dravidar Welfare informed that the Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department presently runs 21 hostels for SC/ST Students in the Chennai district, including 2 Schools, 3 ITIs, and 16 College Hostels, with 9 hostels for girls and 12 hostels for boys. According to Government Orders, a Selection Committee conducts student admissions to these hostels annually, and the biometric system for student attendance was introduced in the current academic year.

The Director informed the Hon'ble Member about the pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for students amount of Scholarship is credited directly to students' bank accounts via Adhar-based Direct Transfer Payment (DTP). College Hostel students receive ₹13,500, while day scholars receive ₹7,000 annually. The tuition fee is also granted to SC/ST students in accordance with the fee structures established by the government.

The Hon'ble Member queried the oil companies to provide details of the persons benefited under the PM Ujjwala Scheme in Chennai District. The Officials of oil companies (IOCL, BPCL & HPCL) stated that there are no specific statistics available for Chennai District right now, however the requested information will be provided to the Commission.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Member directed the officials of IOCL, BPCL & HPCL to put forth a concerted effort to implement the scheme, as well as emphasized that each gas agency ensures a prominently displayed advertisement board about the scheme at every office / agency in the district, and instructed the District Collector to confirm this. Furthermore, it was directed by the Hon'ble Member that the details on gas agencies and the petrol bunk dealers run by the SC/ST in Chennai district are to be furnished by oil companies to the National Commission. The District Collector was instructed to collect and submit the required information.

The Hon'ble Member inquired about the Additional Rehabilitation measures provided under the Prevention of Atrocities Rules, as well as the Monetary Relief provided to the victim families of the deceased. The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Social Justice & Human Rights replied that as per the SCs / STs (PoA) Amendment Rules 2016, the victim families are being provided with a pension, employment, house and other relief.

After detailed interaction with the police department, the Hon'ble Member directed the District Administration to furnish a report on the details of Additional Rehabilitation measures extended to the atrocity victims such as disbursement of second instalment of monetary relief, pension, Govt. employment, House site patta, Agriculture land, Free Education to the Children of the Victim.

The Hon'ble Member inquired about the details of the Government employment provided by the District Administration. The District Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer has informed that two individuals from the atrocity victim family, are currently employed in the Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare office. The Hon'ble Member queried about the allotment of houses to the family of the victims. The District Collector informed that there is no free land available in Chennai District, instead the district administration is taking action to provide free house allotments to the family of the victims in the government-constructed flats.

The review meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the District Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Chennai.

**Actionable Points :**

1. The details on gas agencies and the petrol bunk dealers run by the SC/ST in Chennai district are to be furnished by IOCL, BPCL & HPCL to the National Commission. The District Collector was instructed to collect and submit the required information.
2. The District Collector, Chennai has to provide the commission on the information regarding the RTE implementation in the Chennai District.
3. To provide details of the SCs / STs persons benefited under the PM Ujjwala Scheme in Chennai District.

4. To provide the details on gas agencies and the petrol bunk dealers run by the SC/ST in Chennai District.
5. The Hon'ble Member asked the District Administration to furnish a report on the details of Additional Rehabilitation measures extended to the atrocity victims such as disbursement of second instalment of monitory relief, pension, Govt. employment, House site patta, Agriculture land, Free Education to the Children of the Victim.

  
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