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Government of India

National Commission for Scheduled Castes

(A Constitutional Body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India)
{Jurisdiction: West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim & A&N Islands }

Minutes of the meeting held on 22.11.2024 on the review of the implementation of safeguards provided to Scheduled Castes by the Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (APICOL).

A Meeting was held on 22.11.2024, at 1200 hours, at ITC, Bhubaneswar on the review of the implementation of safeguards provided to Scheduled Castes by the Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (APICOL).

2. The meeting was attended by the Director and Senior Officers of the Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (APICOL). The list of the participants is enclosed as **Annexure I**. The Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (APICOL) does not have any SC/ST Employees Welfare Association.

3. The meeting was scheduled on 21.11.2024 at 1600 hours but due to the absence of the Director and other Senior Officers the meeting was rescheduled to 22.11.2024 at 1200 hours based on the request of the Director, APICOL. The Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited briefed the Commission about APICOL and the reply to the Questionnaire for review of PSUs (copy enclosed as **Annexure II**).

4. The Commission sought clarification w.r.t. the questionnaire submitted by APICOL as being Nil. The Director, APICOL, informed that there are a total of 38 officials in APICOL and all officials are on deputation and deployment basis except for two official. The Commission directed the APICOL to furnish point wise information/clarification w.r.t. questionnaire within 15 days.

5. The Commission directed APICOL to submit the following information:

- How many applications were received from SCs in the last three years?
- How many applications were rejected in the last three years?
- In how many applications subsidies were given to SCs in the last three years?

6. The APICOL informed the Commission that the SC entrepreneurs are facing difficulties in sanctioning of bank loan under MKUY. Banks are

seeking land as primary collateral for sanctioning of loan. Since collateral is on land hence, bank loan becomes difficult for SCs as land of SCs cannot be mortgaged. The APICOL submitted that if the State Government can create a corpus fund then that can be used as collateral for bank loan for SCs for establishing their enterprises under MKUY.

7. The Hon'ble Member directed the NCSC, State Office, Kolkata, to write a letter to the State Government recommending the State Government to create a corpus fund that can be used as collateral for bank loan by SC beneficiaries who are eligible under the scheme.

8. The APICOL further informed the Commission that the SC entrepreneurs are facing difficulties in getting bankable DPR at their locality. In this regard, APICOL is providing customized bankable DPR as per approved cost norm. APICOL is also in the process of empanelment of consultant for providing bankable DPR as per approved rate in their locality.

9. The Commission directed APICOL that assistance and handholding support may be provided to SC beneficiaries so that DPR is not cancelled and SCs are able to avail benefit under the scheme.

10. The Commission has directed that an Action Taken Report is to be submitted by the Department within 15 days.


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Member

Annexure I

Officers of NCSC:

1. Ms. Sonali Dutta, Director, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata
2. Shri Sharad Kumar Garg, PS to Hon'ble Member, NCSC, Hqrs., New Delhi
3. Mrs. Puloma Basu, Senior Investigator, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata
4. Shri Ramesh Kumar, LDC, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata

Officers of Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. Prem Chandra Chaudhary	Director
2.	Dr. Girish Ch. Kar	Deputy Director
3.	Sh. Tarini Prasad Behera	Manager Finance
4.	Sh. Chinmaya Behera	Asst. Agriculture Officer
5.	Sh. Preetimonhan Mishra	