

Change in the Policy of formulation
and implementation of Tribal Sub-plan
according to New Gujarat pattern.

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT
TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION NO.TAP/1092/1928/CHH
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Preamble: The State Government has been implementing the Tribal Sub-plan as a part of its obligation to implement the directive principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution of India. The present Tribal Sub-plan strategy was initiated early in the year 1975-76 with the commencement of the Fifth Five Year Plan. The Tribal Sub-plan is mainly an area development plan. Scheduled areas of heavy tribal concentration were formed into special development projects i.e. ITDPs. Tribal Sub-plans were formulated for each of these projects every year. With a view to have full control and separate accounting of the investments made by all departments, outlays were proposed under one demand for all sectors and these were mainly for infrastructure development programmes. Later on from the year 1986 the plan objectives were altered to cover family oriented programmes also, under which expenditure was incurred for individual beneficiary schemes these were implemented also for tribals outside the Scheduled areas and were included in the Tribal Sub-plan. Thus the expenditure incurred on the development schemes included that for the tribals in the scheduled areas as also that for tribals outside the scheduled areas and both formed part of the Tribal Sub-plan.

2. The objectives of Tribal Sub-plan are:

- (i) to narrow the gap between the level of development of scheduled areas and other areas of the State.
- (ii) to improve the standard and quality of life of tribals.
- (iii) to tackle important problems facing the tribals and eliminate their exploitation.
- (iv) to speed up the process of their social and economic development; and
- (v) to ensure a reasonable share of the fruits of the State's planned economic and social development efforts, for the tribals through equitable distribution of the plan expenditure in Scheduled areas and for the development of tribals and outside Scheduled areas.

3. Under Government Resolution of the Tribal Development Department No. TAP/1092/1928/CHH dated 14.3.1996 a Secretaries' committee was appointed to study the Maharashtra pattern of Scheduled Tribe Development. This Committee presented its report to Government in the month of October, 1996. The Committee has recommended certain fundamental changes in the present process and methodology followed for implementing the Tribal Sub-plan. Some of the important recommendations are as follows:

- (i) The new pattern of Maharashtra Tribal Development should be adopted in Gujarat from the year 1997-98 i.e. from the first year of the Ninth

Five Year Plan and all recommendations of the Sukhtankar Committee appointed by Maharashtra Government be implemented in toto. The Secretaries Committee also recommended that a planning cell should be created in the Tribal Development Department consisting of a Deputy Secretary alongwith suitable staff to undertake new work of planning of Tribal Sub-plan.

(ii) It further recommended that the field officers of the Tribal Development Department should be adequately acquainted and trained for enabling them to prepare the plan.

(iii) It also recommended that larger outlays preferably 80% should be earmarked for district level schemes.

(iv) It also recommended that the State Government should earmark funds equivalent in proportion to the population of the scheduled tribe in the State.

Government Resolution:

(1) The report of the Secretaries Committee was submitted to the cabinet for consideration. After detailed consideration of the report, the Govt. decided to earmark 17.57% of the outlay of the State's Annual Development Plan every year for Tribal Sub-plan. This decision is to be implemented with effect from the current year i.e. 1997-98 during which according to the above share of outlay for tribal development, Rs.790.65 crores are required to be allocated and hence

an additional Rs.301.63 crores are to be reappropriated in the current year over and above the present outlay of Rs. 489.02 crores. This, however, will be subject to full utilisation of the present outlay and preparedness to absorb more funds during the current year.

- (2) The Planning Department shall allocate a definite amount which will be not less than 17.57% of total State plan outlay every year for the Tribal Sub-plan.
- (3) The responsibility to finalise the sectoral, sub sectoral outlays and schematic outlines and outlays under the Tribal Sub-plan will be that of the Tribal Development Department who will undertake this exercise in consultation with each Administrative Department.
- (4) After deciding the inter-sectoral, sub-sectoral and schematic outlays under Tribal Sub-plan, the Tribal Development Department shall communicate the break up of outlays to be provided for Tribal Sub-plan to all concerned Administrative Department.
- (5) The Tribal Development Department after discussion with all the concerned Administrative Departments should ensure that the schemes proposed to be included in the Tribal Sub-plan are in a real sense useful for the tribals. According to this policy decision powers as to which of the schemes should be included in the

Tribal Sub-plan would hereafter vest in the Tribal Development Department.

(6) The percentage of outlays to be provided for Tribal Development under the Tribal Sub-plan for Tribals in I.T.D.P. AREAS (i.e. the Tribal talukas, MADA pockets and clusters) and for those tribals outside the Tribal area (i.e. rest of the State) should be around 90% and 10% respectively.

(7) Maximum number of schemes under the Tribal Sub-plan should be for implementation at district level and out of the total outlay 80% or more should be made available for such schemes. The District Annual Plan is finally sanctioned by the Planning Department. On the same lines the District Annual Tribal Sub-plan should be finally sanctioned by the Commissioner, Tribal Development.

(8) As indicated in the above paragraphs the Tribal Development Department should take necessary steps for inclusion of all sector-wise development programmes and all outlays provided for Tribal Sub-plan and finalise the process of formulation of State's Tribal Sub-plan. The Tribal Development Department will also take steps to present before the Legislative Assembly the consolidated demands for inclusion of all outlays in the Budget Estimates. The condition of non-divertibility of Tribal Sub-plan funds as it exists now would continue hereafter also.

5. This Resolution issues with the concurrence of

GAD (Planning) as per their U.O.R. No.1467 dated 14.8.97
and Finance Department as per their U.O.R. No.4367 dated
19.8.1997.

By order & in the name of the Governor of
Gujarat.

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Chief Secretary
Government of Gujarat.

To

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