

TOUR REPORT

In order to commence my official tour to the State of Andhra Pradesh, I started from Delhi on 8th January, 2011 by air to Hyderabad.

I had meeting with representatives of S.T. Employees Welfare Associations at Hyderabad who represented their problems in the service matter like backlog, non-implementation of the Rules of Reservations, Promotions and transfers etc. The main issue was of the recognition of separate S.T. Employees Welfare Association by respective managements of the Public Sector Undertakings (P.S.U.s). Earlier it was a joint SC/ST Employees Welfare Associations. But considering the need to focus and concentrate on the S.T. Employees' specific problems, many representations were made demanding recognition for these separate S.T. Employees Associations. The managements had turned down this demand quoting the D.O.P.T.'s circular which prohibits such recognition based on particular caste, creed and religion etc. Still I am of the opinion that due facilities are to be provided to the S.T. Employees Welfare Associations which were earlier available to the joint SC/ST Employees Welfare Associations. The issue need to be taken with the respective P.S.U.'s Managements.

On 9th January, 2011, I attended one programme organized by N.G.O. working in the field of up-liftment of Scheduled Tribes with special reference to Education and Health.

On 10th January, 2011, I hold a review meeting with the management of Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL), Hyderabad. The main issue was of the implementation of Rules of Reservation for S.T.s. I instructed the management to take necessary steps to fill up the vacant post with the S.T. candidates immediately and to adopt transparent mechanism in case of dealing with promotion and transfer matters. It was noticed that inspite of having sufficient number of S.T. candidates available, many of the posts were lying vacant. Timely holding of the meetings of the Departmental Promotion Committees (D.P.C.s) is necessary to sort out the pending promotional issues. Inordinate delay in attending such service matters lead to create great discontent among the S.T. Employees which is not at all justified.

On 11th January, 2011, I hold a review meeting with the management of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), Hyderabad. Here also the main issue was of the implementation of Rules of Reservation for S.T.s. I instructed the management to take necessary steps to fill up the vacant post with the S.T. candidates immediately and to adopt transparent mechanism in case of dealing with promotion and transfer matters.

On 12th January, 2011, I met local Tribal Leaders from the State of Andhra Pradesh to discuss the problems of Scheduled Tribes in the respective districts. All

of the leaders were not satisfied with the prevailing conditions of the S.T.s especially in the rural part of the state. They were demanding Educational, Health and developmental facilities as well as effective implementation of the welfare schemes of State and Central Government. The benefit should reach upto the ultimate genuine beneficiary in the S. T. community.

On 13th January, 2011, I hold a review meeting with the management of Electronic Corporation India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad. The main point of discussion during the whole meeting was that of the implementation of Rules of Reservation for S.T.s. I instructed the management to take necessary steps to fill up the vacant post with the S.T. candidates immediately and to adopt transparent mechanism in case of dealing with promotion and transfer matters.

On 14th January, 2011 I did attend one prize distribution programme organized by one social organization to the meritorious S.T. students from different educational streams like Science, Commerce etc.

On 15th January, 2011, I had meeting with S.T. Employees Association representing different P.S.U.s based at Hyderabad and other places of Andhra Pradesh. The representation was made for filling up the backlog of S.T. quota on different levels and recognition of separate S.T. Employees Welfare Association by the respective managements of P.S.U.s. I did assure them to take all these issue at the appropriate level in order to sort it out in future. In this way this official tour was concluded after getting feedback from various S.T. representatives as well as from Govt. Departments/ P.S.U.s. On the same day I started by rail to Solapur in the Sate of Maharashtra in the second phase of my official tour.

On 16th January, 2011, I attended one cultural programme at Pandharpur organized by local Tribals as well as visited one Ashram School run by one N.G.O. funded by State Govt. of Maharashtra. After interacting with the S.T. students it was noticed that there was ample scope for an improvement in the quality of education in the Ashram Schools to bring it at par with the education imparted in the well known private schools. On the same day I started by rail from Solapur to Hyderabad in the late evening. I came back to Delhi by air on completion of my official tour.

This report is hereby submitted for your kind perusal and necessary action.

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