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பண்டைய பழங்குடியினர் PVTG துணைத் திட்டம் 2018 – 2019

திட்டமிடல் பற்றியக் கலந்துரையாடல்

அன்புடையீர்,

சமூகக்கண்காணிப்பகம் - தமிழ்நாடு மற்றும் பாலம் அமைப்புகளின் வணக்கங்கள்.
சமூக மாற்றத்திற்கான தங்களது மேலான சேவையைப் பாராட்டுகிறோம்.

சமூகக்கண்காணிப்பகம் மற்றும் பாலம் அமைப்புகள் பட்டியலின மற்றும் பழங்குடியின மக்களின் பார்வையில் தமிழக அரசின் வரவு – செலவுத் திட்டத்தினை (BUDGET) ஆய்வு செய்து, அதனை மக்களிடமும், மக்கள் அமைப்புக்களிடமும் மற்றும் தமிழக அரசு துறைகளிடமும் எடுத்துச் சென்று பட்டியலின மற்றும் பழங்குடியின மக்களின் மறுக்கப்பட்ட உரிமைகளை வலியுறுத்தி குரல் கொடுத்து வந்துள்ளனர். மேலும், இம் மக்களின் மேம்பாட்டுக்கான மாற்றுத் திட்டங்களைப் பரிந்துரைத்து வருகிறோம்.

இதன் தொடர்ச்சியாக வருகின்ற ஆண்டின் 2018–2019 தமிழக அரசின் வரவு – செலவுத் திட்டத்தில் (BUDGET) பழங்குடி துணைத் திட்டத்திற்கான முன்வரைவு தயாரிக்கின்றோம். (Tribel Sub Plan–TSP) மேலும், கோரிக்கைகளை பட்டியலிடுகின்றோம். இதனையொட்டி மக்கள் (PVTG) அமைப்புக்களோடு கலந்துரையாடல் வருகின்ற 8,9 பிப்ரவரி 2018 (வியாழன், வெள்ளி) அன்று சென்னை தியான ஆசிரமத்தில் (Dhyana Ashram) நடைபெற உள்ளது. (25.மாதா கோவில் சாலை, சாந்தோம், சென்னை-4) இக் கூட்டத்தில் பழங்குடியின இயக்குனரும், பட்டியலின-பழங்குடியின அரசு செயலரும் கலந்து கொள்கிறார்கள்.

இந்தக் கலந்துரையாடலில் தாங்கள் கலந்து கொள்ளுமாறு தோழமையுடன் அழைக்கின்றோம். மேலும் தங்களது வருகையை உறுதி செய்ய வேண்டுகிறோம்.

பண்டைய பழங்குடியினர் PVTG துணைத் திட்டம் 2018 – 2019 திட்டமிடல்

பற்றியக் கலந்துரையாடல்

இடம்: தியான ஆசிரமம் (Dhyana Ashram), 25, மாதா கோவில்

சாலை, சாந்தோம், சென்னை-4

நாள்: 8,9 பிப்ரவரி 2018

நேரம்: காலை 10 மணி முதல் மதியம் 5 மணி வரை.

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**MINUTES OF CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION ON
PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS (PVTG) IN
TAMIL NADU**

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Dhyana Ashram, Santhome, Chennai

Successive such dialogues amongst the Tamilnadu PVTG tribal representatives have helped formulate more relevant schemes under PVTG Government of India 100% funding schemes.

These efforts have enabled the six PVTGs (Thodar, Kothar, Paniyar, Kurumbar, Irular, Kaatunayakkar) to form collectives for themselves and also to plan for themselves. These dialogues also have drawn officials face to face with them for more direct exchanges of respective stands.

This year's dialogue revealed autonomous efforts taken by each of these six groups (Only Kaattunayakkar's presence missing). Their endeavor encompassed local study, conceptualization of growth-inducing schemes, clarity of expression and rejection of stigmatizing and stymieing schemes routinely floated by administrative minds - all without any assistance of mind and matter by the administration.

The participants were thankful to Thiru. Ritto Cyriac, IFS for his long interaction with them.

There was assertion in the shift in formulation of PVTG schemes.

- 1) Shedding of petty schemes like provision of singular cattle, fowl, honey combs, sprayer, backyard poultry, manual agricultural implements, mainstream group houses and so on and so forth.
- 2) Designing entrepreneurial economic activities.
- 3) Reckoning the land-base already available with tribals and plan for maximizing land-use.

- 4) Instead of superimposing impractical mainstream schemes always do independent micro-level planning severally for several geophysical conditions for different ethnic demography.
- 5) Involving tribes themselves in implementation.

Thiru. Ritto Cyriac gave an account of the progress being made in according Forest Rights under 2006 FRA (Forest Rights Act). He also promised to involve tribals in administrative and planning processes in a more proactive way.

While 3300 titles have so far been issued, he appealed to the tribals to take more and more initiative to secure their land rights, since his role as Director of Tribal Development is only that of a facilitator.

TRC (Tribal Research Centre) has now been entrusted with the baseline study Government of India has ordered. A plea was made to Director to engage tribals in the survey.

Programmes Highlighted by the Participants

I. BHARATHAN – Mulluk kurumbar Ph: 9442675455

- a) Regaining indigenous paddy cultivation. The following rice varieties were being organically cultivated by Mulluk Kurumbar for ages - தொண்டி, வாழிச்சை, மண்ணுவெளியன், குட்டி வெளியன், முள்ளம் குஞ்சூன், சன்னா. Introduction of mainstream paddy varieties forced on them by Departmental extension machinery, spelt a doom to local varieties which survive barely. An area of about 150 acres of land in Mulluk Kurumbar's possession could be taken up for this organic cultivation of native rice.
- b) About 20 nurseries of Kurumilaghu (Pepper), Coffee and Paakku (areca nut) could be established. There is a viable market for these saplings. A tie-up with Horticulture Department could be made for purchase backup.

II. MALLESH – Irular, Krishnagiri. Ph: 9443931857

- a) The area inhabited by Irulars produces plentiful Puli (tamarind) of world fame. Urigam Puli has a brand value. However only the forest department so far has been leasing out this valuable MFP (Minor Forest Produce) to mainstream predators. With the enforcement of 2006 FRA, MFP ownership shifts to the tribals extinguishing any sort of interception or control by the forest department. A scheme should be drawn for establishing a collection, storage, processing and sale centre to be run by Irular Forest Rights Committees.
- b) An area of 20 – 50 acres owned by Irulars could be brought under cluster rose cultivation. Subsidies available under the Horticulture Department can be tied up for green house cultivation

III. NEEJI SARAWATHY – Kothar. Ph: 9159535647

- a) Last year's PVTG provided for establishment of modern Pattarai (Welding workshop). However the funds provided was not sufficient to erect complete set of machineries. Therefore supplementary funds should be provided under PVTG for running these Pattarais (Welding workshop) in a comprehensive manner.
- b) Six out of Seven Kokkaals (Kothar habitations) produce plentiful vegetables. In order to transport these vegetables to nearby markets one pick-up van (ceiling covered) to each of these 6 Kokkaals can be provided. Six women entrepreneurs could be selected and the vehicles registered in their names. This will fetch a reasonable income to these families as well as enhance the income of other farmers.

IV. MANIKANDAN – Thodar. Ph: 9488367942

- a) There is a symbiotic relationship betwixt Thodars, their buffalos and their Mandhus – the grass lands. One sustaining the other as well as drawing sustenance from each other. Mandhus provide grass to buffalos which in turn provide organic manure to the grass. Thodars nurture and worship buffalos which in turn provide rich milk to Thodars. Thodar buffalos are sturdy creatures well acclimatized to the cold and wet conditions of Ooty hills. Each one of the 14 clans of Thodar could be provided one native buffalo farm (about 10 animals) with proper pits for manure or bio-gas and the cost of buffalos. Cattle sheds should be erected by the beneficiaries only. Designs and materials should be left to them according to local spacing available.
- b) Two pick-up vans for sending Thodar children to school can be provided. Two point – to - point routes from mandhus to schools can be taken-up first. About 25 children from each of these mandhus go to same schools. Cost of a Tourist traveler with window-glasses and doors for protection from the cold and one year fuel cost (to be provided for 5 continuous years) should be built into the project cost. Other maintenance and driver-caretaker salaries can be collected from the children.

V. SIVALINGAM – Irular, Ooty. Ph: 7639039889

- a) A detailed working plan for cultivation of Milagu (Pepper) in the 2500 acres of lands possessed by Irulars in Kothagiri can be drawn over a period of 5 years. Each year about 500 acres can be covered.

VI. MANI – Aaluk Kurumbar. Ph: 9442971293

- a) Aaluk Kurumbar are experts in cane works. At Gudalur, Ooty, Kothagiri and Mettupalayam workshed - cum-shop should be provided to Aaluk Kurumbar for marketing their products.

- b) 5 grocery shops should be provided. Buildings can be provided under PVTG (best would be to take on lease premises in existing market places.) and tie-up Stand-up or Needs financing programs.
- c) Aaluk kurumbar have about 250 acres of land. A cluster horticultural development project should be drawn up to put these lands to maximum use.
- d) Silk cotton is available in Aaluk kurumbar areas. One or two Forest Rights Committees can be financially assisted to gather silk cotton, process and sell it.
- e) At least 100 houses need to be provided to these families.

VII. RAVI – Irular, Thiruvannamalai. Ph: 9789251279

- a) Irulars at Keelpennathur have around 300 acres of land. At least 10 tiller/mini tractors may be provided to Irulars.

VIII. IRULAPOO SELVAKUMAR – Irular, Ariyaloor. Ph: 9443807426

- a) Irulars have sizeable Lands in Mahimaipuram near Jayangondam. (leased land for Irulars' use) The tenure of these lands may be settled permanently for the Irulars and 'Senganthal Poo' cultivation encouraged.

IX. BELLAN – Paniyar. Ph: 9443807426

- a) Nearly 30 years back lands were given to Paniars in Kappaala .About 10 dairy units (minimum 5 Milch animals) can be provided to Paniyars at Kappaala.
- b) At Gudalur and Pandaloor Paniyar will need at least 100 houses.
- c) 2 Paniyars may be helped to run travel services at Erumaadu. Two passenger vans can be provided.

X) SUDAROLI SUNDARAM – Irular, Thindivanam. Ph: 9443091444

- a) He thanked the Government for sanctioning exclusive set of manpower to the Directorate of Tribal Development which was set up nearly 18 years back. 100 odd posts at the levels of Thasildar, RI, Surveyor and OA have been sanctioned. He made a fervent plea for appointing only Tribals to these posts instead of getting them on deputation from Revenue Department.
- b) Government of India is allocating around Rs. 300 crores for 75 PVTGs all over India. Tamilnadu's share for 6 PVTGs should be atleast Rs.25 to 30 crores. Tamilnadu government should ensure this much of allocation from GOI every year.

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**Civil Society Consultation on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in
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