

Minutes of Meeting of the 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand, with Padma Sri, Sri Asok Bhagat, Secretary, Vikas Bharti on 08.09. 2024 in the Office of Vikas Bharti, Bariatu, Ranchi.

1. Sri Bhagat said that the resource base of the Gram Panchayat may be expanded by
 - i. Proper management and development of Common Property Resources (CPR) (like village ponds, trees etc.) of Gram Sabha/ Gram Panchayats and the revenue generated from them should be made their Own Source of Revenue (OSR).
 - ii. Ensuring their rights to collect royalty from minor minerals
 - iii. Part of the royalty of the major minerals should be shared with the mining-affected villages/ Panchayats
2. Sri. A. P. Singh, the Chairman of the commission, commented that DMFT is made available to the district. The use and impact of the same need to be brought into the public domain by state/ district authorities.
3. The ways of countering corruption and maintaining transparency at the level of panchayat were also discussed in the meeting. He said that transparency is the key to the success of local self-government. He said that one good thing that has happened because of the panchayat is that the implementation of schemes and selection of beneficiaries, which earlier were done clandestinely at the level of the blocks, have stopped. They are now done by panchayats, which are more accessible to the villagers. By making the villagers more aware, conscious and organised, the panchayats can be made more transparent and corruption-free. If Gram Sabha is held properly, the panchayats will become more responsible and accountable.
4. The method of ensuring information, education and communication (IEC) should be an integral part of a scheme. One of the limitations of a scheme is the lack of knowledge about it among both the people and the government officials (*karamchhari*). This has hindered the proper implementation of the schemes. These days, new technology like maintenance of MIS, GPS tagging, etc., is required for the implementation of a scheme. Therefore, proper training for both the beneficiary and government officials is required for their proper implementation.
5. Proper training of the Mukhiyas is also required for proper and efficient functioning of the Gram Panchayats. They must be trained for proper financial management.
6. Sri. A. P. Singh, the Chairman of the commission, has also requested Sri Bhagat's view on FRA 2006.
 - i. It was mentioned that a careful view may be taken after studying the impact of the schemes so far.

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- ii. He was requested to provide a write-up on the monitoring mechanism and transparency.
 - iii. A write-up about the training component of different stakeholders and functionaries of schemes that are more relevant and Flagship at the GP level.
7. Delay in payment of wages in MGNREGA has defeated the purpose for which it was created. Sri Bhagat said that he would prepare and submit a note on how to check it.
8. For the education of the students of the PVTG community, he suggested that residential schools should be set up in the urban areas/district headquarters. He talked about the education being imparted to the students of the PVTG community by Vikas Barti.
- i. The work done by Vikas Bharti and Bharat Seva Sangh for the education of the children of Birhor community (a PVTG community) was also discussed in the meeting.
 - ii. The Department of ST, SC, OBC and Minority Welfare and the Department of School Education and Literacy are running schools and are responsible for the same. They may have knowledge of many other models of schools for the PVTG community in the state and the country. Both departments are requested to study them collectively and suggest the best implementable model.
 - iii. The 5th SFC vide letter number 136/वि. अ. dated 16.08.2024 has already requested the Secretary, Department of ST, SC, OBC and Minority Welfare to submit a comprehensive report on PVTG.
 - iv. As mentioned in para 8 (iii) the authorities may update the Secretary, Department of ST, SC, OBC and Minority Welfare with their findings.

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