

Consultation Meeting Organized by SFC, Jharkhand  
Minutes of the Meeting (MoM)

**Date:** 20th September, 2024

**Venue:** Project Bhawan Conference Hall, Dhurwa (Ranchi)

**Participants:**

- **SFC Members:** Mr. A.P. Singh, I.A.S. (Chairman, SFC, Jharkhand), Dr. Harishwar Dayal (Member, SFC, Jharkhand), Mr. Nitish Kumar, I.A.S. (Member Secretary, SFC).
- **CSO Representatives:** Premi Shankar, Saurav Dutta, Sukanta Sarkar (PRADAN), Dhiraj Horo (PHIA Foundation), Krishnakant (Abhivyakti Foundation, Giridih), Jawahar Mehta (Vikas Sahyog Kendra, Palamu), Mithilesh Kumar (Multi Art Association, Latehar), Vivek Roy (VBNet Foundation), Nandlal Bakshi (TSRD), Kuldeep Chik Baraik (National Coalition for Natural Farming-Jharkhand Chapter), Md. Safin Ali (Karra Society for Rural Action, Khunti), Amitava Ghosh (Kalamandir, East Singhbhum), Rajen Kumar (SGVV)

**Key Points Discussed:**

1. **Opening Remarks:**

The Chairman of the 5<sup>th</sup> SFC, Jharkhand initiated the meeting with his opening remarks about the objective of the 5<sup>th</sup> SFC along with its Terms of Reference (ToR), status of SFC in Jharkhand and expectation from the CSOs.

2. A broad based presentation of issues for the CSOs was made by Sukanta Sarkar on behalf of the CSO forum. The brief and relevant points are as follows:

3. **Suggestions made by the Members of CSO Forum:**

- i. Identification of a few Gram Panchayats (GPs) as model GPs. **Actionable area:** SFC members requested a detailed concept note from CSO forum.
- ii. Integration of SFC funds into the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), similar to the Central Finance Commission (CFC) fund.
- iii. Encouraging GPs to generate own revenue (OSR) by collecting property tax and providing services like marriage registration and issuing caste certificates.
- iv. Panchayat mapping for field-level support and handholding by CSOs.
- v. Transfer of minor resources to GP/Gram Sabha (GS).
- vi. Promotion of **natural farming** within GP. The SFC may consider it for its recommendations.
- vii. Completion of PRI member capacity building within six months post-elections, aligning with the national capacity-building framework.
- viii. Exploring public financing options for GPs, including CSR/DMFT contributions. **Actionable area:** Dhiraj Horo from PHIA to share a concept note or experiences through the CSO forum.
- ix. Submission of a detailed note on the Jan Man Yojana for CFA areas. **Actionable area:** Krishnakant Ji to prepare and submit the note.

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4. **Next Steps:**

An elaborate discussion on the highlighted points could not take place due to sudden organisation of Press Briefing by the Department of Cabinet & Vigilance and arrival of few member were also delayed duto VVIP movement. It was agreed to organize a follow-up meeting with the CSO forum to delve deeper into these topics at a different venue.

5. **Conclusion:**

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the active participation of all attendees.

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CC: Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi for kind information and necessary action please.

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