



## Social Watch-Tamil Nadu

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**நாள்: 11 சனவரி 2019 (வெள்ளி)**

**நேரம்: காலை 10 முதல் மாலை 05.30 வரை**

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நேரம்	தலைப்பு
10.00 AM – 11.30 AM	பட்டியல் இனத் துணைத் திட்டம்
11.30 AM – 12.00 NOON	இடைவேளை
12.00 NOON – 01.30 PM	போஸ்ட் மெட்ரிக் கல்வி உதவித் தொகை
01.30 PM – 02.30 PM	இடைவேளை
02.30 PM – 04.00 PM	பட்டியல் இனத் துறைத் திட்டங்கள் சீராய்வு
04.00 PM – 05.30 PM	தென்னிந்திய கூட்டமைப்பின் பரிந்துரைகள்

**STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ON  
SCHEDULED CASTE SUB PLAN (SCSP)**

**DATE**

**11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**VENUE**

**ASHA NIVAS SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE,  
NUNGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI**

**ORGANIZED BY**

**SOCIAL WATCH -TAMIL NADU,  
PAALAM, HRDF, AKAM**

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## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Rtd) welcomed the gathering and invited them to join the second day discussion on Scheduled Caste Sub Plan. Ms. Kamatchi staff at Social watch – Tamil Nadu shared about late.Fr. Manu the Director of Social Watch-Tamil Nadu who passed away on 17.11.2018. A few minutes of silence was observed as a mark of respect for Fr. Manu before starting the discussion for the day.

Dr. Gandhi introduced Ms. Fathima, Ms. Deepa Mala – Head, Development Initiatives, CII, Ms.Esther–Action Aid

### ***Ms. Esther - Action aid***

- Ms. Esther had been working in this field of SC/ST services for a very long time. She has been working along with many organisations as partners where various advocacy efforts and SC sub plan was initiated in Northern districts of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. With all the efforts the SC sub plan is going on well in Pondicherry. She also expressed about the bond she have with Social Watch-Tamil Nadu through the years. The biggest challenge in working for the SC/ST is monitoring whether the money that has been allotted and the schemes benefits the people.
- Reservation in private sector for the SC was the demand which was given way before but nobody listened to the petitions given. With the experience of working with people all over Chennai around 70-80% in Perumbakkam, Chemmanchery, Kodambakkam, Navalur are SC people. The individuals rescued as survivors, Government Corporation cleaning workers are mostly from SC. In our society all tough jobs and challenges are faced by the SC. Their lives are still in dark and there is no empowerment. We need to know our rights to fight for it. The efforts of organisations regarding the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan should reach the people and benefit them for their welfare.

## ***Mr. Navaneetha Sivakumar – Confederation of Indian Affirmative Industries***

- The Confederation of Indian Affirmative Industries is participating in the SC/ST sub plan for the third time. The CIA was started in 2016 in Tamil Nadu and then in Telangana and Karnataka, their major activities include workers federation for people belonging to SC/ST. In the last two years the CIA has taken efforts in providing around 10 Crores for the SC/ST people through the government schemes from Government Banks.
- Needs Scheme which provides financial support of Rupees one Crore to the first generation entrepreneurs for individuals from all communities. Due to the efforts of CIA and Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Rtd) the individual loan has been increased to 5 crores from this year for the individuals belonging to SC/ST community.
- In Karnataka Rs 10 crores is provided as an individual Loan under Ambedkar Corporation for a particular ST community. Similarly in Tamil Nadu under TAHDCORs.7.5 Lakhs is the highest loan given as an individual loan for the Scheduled Caste people.
- The CIA has placed 3 Requests to the Government, According to the public procurement policy whatever products the government buy should be bought 20% from small scale industries that is MSME's and 80% from large scale industries. In India 45% are small scale industries and they are contributing effectively to the Indian economy.
- In 2012 the Government has stated that 4% of products should be bought from SC individuals run industries from the 20 % of MSME. But till now the SC community has not even attained 0.2% in that 4% allotted.
- In order to create awareness regarding the schemes and policies available for the Scheduled Caste people, the Central Government has started a SC hub. The hub also links the SC/ST people with government services to sell their products.
- The Tamil Nadu governments has announced MSME scheme in its policy note that 25% should be received from small scale industries but did not mention the SC sub target 4%. Before it is released as GO that the organisations need to pressurize and receive 4% for the SC/ST.
- A State level SC hub should be started to benefit the SC people.
- A detailed explanation about the Credit Guarantee trust funds, Stand up India Scheme, Debt Swap Scheme, Samruddhi Scheme and National SC financial development Corporation was given.

- Discussion on how TADHCO loan is not being provided to all those who apply was put forth by the members of the meeting. Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Rtd) clarified the doubts pertaining to TADHCO loan and other schemes.
- The idea of forming more organisations like CIA was put forth. The representatives from various SC/ST organisations were encouraged to take a list of people who have got loan from individuals for higher interest and link them with Social Watch-Tamil Nadu and CIA.
- Discussion- SC women are not able to repay the debts and this concern can be addressed by the Tamil Nadu rural transformation project which will be established in 126 blocks and 25 districts.

***Mr. Bharathan- AKAM Organisation- Post Matric Scholarship***

- The Post Matric Scholarship was initiated by Dr. Ambedkar in the year 1943 and in 1953 it came into existence as an Act. In Tamil Nadu the Post Matric Scholarship was brought in by Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Rtd) in the year 2012.
- Then in 2011 – 2012 - 2,76,000 completed their higher studies, today in 2018 - 8,37,000 students are pursuing their higher studies and 1,50,000 students are pursuing BE and Polytechnic.
- The main objective of AKAM is to bring out 50,000 engineers per year. In a year 1,80,000 SC students appear for the 12<sup>th</sup> board exams and around 67,000 clear the exams with Maths, Biology group.
- The Budget for Post Matric Scholarship through the years is as follows, 2012- Rs.300 crores, 2017-2018-Rs.1570crores, 2018-19-Rs.1576 crores.
- Mr. Bharathan explained the special features of the Post Matric Scholarship briefly to the gathering. Every student should be aware of the Post Matric Scholarship and demand for their rights. Whatever is the fee amount it should be granted by the Government for the studies of the students. The Fee Fixation Committee should decide the fee structure. The scholarship for various studies like BSc, BA/MA, and MBBS differs accordingly.
- The colleges only should apply for scholarships. State level monitoring committee should be formed to monitor the implementation of the scheme
- Until last year for a student studying in other state, scholarship should be applied in their own state but from this year onwards the scholarship can be applied in the same state where they are doing their higher studies.

- A Memorandum to be presented to all the parties contesting for elections with regards to SC /ST provisions
- 4% sub target in MSME, Post Matric scholarship money allotted for a particular year should be given in that year itself.
- The SC organisations can get the materials about various provisions and schemes on education and financial support for the SC/ST. It is important to talk about reservations rather than just discriminating and practicing untouchability.

***Fr. John Kumar- Director- Social Watch-Tamil Nadu***

- Fr. John Kumar explained about the different perspectives and views of Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Rtd). The SC individuals should find their strength and grow in it. Education and Reservation is the need of the hour and we should focus on receiving it from the government. Reservation allotment for education, economy and electoral postings were drafted during the time of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar itself. The Special Component plan drafted in 1980 was left unseen until Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi rediscovered it and briefed of it.
- There is money allotted to SC as a part of various schemes, but we have not asked for our money. As the money is not been utilized properly it is diverted for other things. Meetings conducted by the SC organisations should talk more about the allocations provided for SC.
- The copies of plans of SC was listed in detail by Social Watch-Tamil Nadu and given to the individuals attended in the meeting. The budget allotments are still on paper but it is not utilised yet. Social Watch-Tamil Nadu has given trainings regarding budget allotments and utilisations in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi.
- We need representatives in the parliament and Judiciary to speak up for the rights of SC.

***Lunch Break: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM***

- Post lunch the members from various SC/ST organisations were asked to introduce themselves to the gathering and the activities carried out by their organisation. Every organisation shared their services and success stories of them.
- The representatives of organisations gave Rs.100 to Social Watch-Tamil Nadu for receiving all the materials regarding budget allocations, Schemes of SC.

- Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi suggested every organisation to pick up a scheme and observe how it is implemented in their area.
- Schedule Caste must be changed to Scheduled Class
- For the manual scavengers, their nature of work reduces their life time so the retiring age of them should be reduced to 40 years. Till 40 years let them work for salary, after which till age 58 their salary amount should be given to them as pension.

*The new schemes suggested for the 500 crores as a part of the SC Sub plan are as follows,*

- ❖ New college for SC
- ❖ Free Education for all SC
- ❖ Start an Industrial society for increasing employment
- ❖ Provide financial support to organisations offering education services to SC/ST children
- ❖ Separate specialized banks for SC to apply for loans
- ❖ Permanent Position for cleaning workers
- ❖ A Judicial Body with SC lawyers should be formed.
- ❖ Tractors can be provided to the SC village Panchayat
- ❖ Vocational Training for female children
- ❖ TADHCO loans investing on buses for SC drivers to increase employment and entrepreneurship
- All the above ideas were discussed, the pros and cons were listed by Dr. Gandhi .New plans and Schemes has to be planned for a better empowered living of individuals of SC community

### **Vote of Thanks**

Dr. R. Christodas Gandhi thanked all the members who attended the meeting and encouraged them to continue their active participation in providing services for the SC/ST community people.

Tea and Snacks was served for all the members who attended the meeting

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