# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2021

## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR DE-NOTIFIED AND NOMADIC TRIBES 1208. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

#### Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a new National Commission for the Neglected De-Notified and Nomadic Tribal Groups across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the welfare proposal prepared by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations made by National Commission for De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT);
- (d) whether there is any proposal to give them benefits of welfare schemes at par with those of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

#### **ANSWER**

### MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

- (a): The Ministry, vide Gazette Notification dated 12.02.2014 had constituted National Commission for De-Notified and Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) for the period of 3 years from the date of Notification.
- (b): Government has so far launched following welfare schemes for the benefits to DNTs:
  - i. Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs Boys and Girls.
  - ii. Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme of construction of Hostels for DNTs Boys and Girls.
- (c) to (f): A Development and Welfare Board for De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNCs) has been constituted on 21.02.2019 and a Committee has also been set up by the NITI Aayog to complete the process of identification of the De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DNCs). The survey work of identification of DNT Communities and placing them in a category of SC/ST/OBC is also under process in NITI Ayog and Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI). Also, the Department has approved a special

scheme namely "Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNT Communities (SEED)" for welfare of this community having following four components:-

- (i) To provide coaching of good quality for DNT candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations.
- (ii) To provide Health Insurance to them.
- (iii) To facilitate livelihood initiative at community level; and
- (iv) To provide financial assistance for construction of houses for members of these communities.

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