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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts, having been authorised by the Committee to present this Report, on their behalf, present the Forty Fourth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 40th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (1998-2000).

The Report was considered and finalised by the Committee at the meeting held on 22nd January, 2014.

Thiruvananthapuram,
28th January, 2014.

DR. T. M. THOMAS ISAAC,
Chairman,
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REPORT

This Report deals with the action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 40th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (1998-2000).

The Fortieth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (1998-2000) was presented to the House on 1st February, 1999. The Report contained 25 recommendations relating to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Development Department. The Government were addressed on 11th February 1999, to furnish action taken statements on the recommendations and the final reply was received on 18th April, 2011.

The Committee examined the Government replies at its meetings held on 12th April, 2005, 18th November, 2008 and on 15th May, 2012.

The Committee was not satisfied with the reply received from Government on Para Nos. 6, 7, 8, 45, 49 & 50 and decided to pursue it further. These recommendations, Government reply and the further recommendations of the Committee are incorporated in Chapter I of this report.

The Committee decided not to pursue further action on the remaining recommendations. These recommendations and the statement of action taken by Government are incorporated in Chapter II of this Report.

CHAPTER I

RECOMMENDATION, IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY AND WHICH REQUIRES REITERATION

SC/ST DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 1, Para No. 6)

1.1 The most disappointing fact noticed by the Committee was that though the schemes formulated by Government to construct suitable houses for SC/ST families had been in force from 1957-58 onwards, the SC/ST Development Department was not aware of the actual number of landless houseless SC/ST families in the State even after a lapse of 40 years.

Action Taken

1.2 The figure 1.5 lakhs is given as the number of SC houseless and landless families in the State. The number of landless houseless Scheduled Caste families is less than that when the rehabilitation scheme for houseless and

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landless SC families was introduced in the State during 1989-90, the target fixed was 22000 families. As per a quick survey conducted by the SCP promoters the number of landless and houseless SC families in the State as on 31-3-2001 was about 54000 families.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 3, Para No. 8)

1.3 The Committee is alarmed at the inept administrative set-up prevailing in these Departments and wonders how they had implemented the various welfare measures for the benefit of these communities till date in the absence of clear data on their numerical strength and their socio economic status.

Action Taken

1.4 No systematic survey has been conducted on the numerical strength category wise details of SCs. However Govt. are implementing various welfare and development programmes for the benefit of these categories on the basis of the details collected from time to time.

Further Recommendation

1.5 The Committee pointed out that the SC/ST Development Department would not have conducted a survey of their own regarding the SC/ST population in the State. But during census all such details would be collected. Hence the reply furnished by the Department against the recommendation of the Committee is not acceptable. Therefore the Committee further recommends that the SC/ST Development Department should work out their own statistics regarding the numerical strength & SC/ST families in the State, relying on the census details.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 20, Para No. 45)

1.6 The Committee made it clear that if the Department had sincere commitment towards the project, it would not have allowed Nirmithi Kendra to allot the houses to the beneficiaries in such a wretched condition with leaking roofs and unplastered walls.

Action Taken

1.7 Now the houses are constructed by the beneficiaries themselves and the scheme is implemented through the local bodies.

Further Recommendation

1.8 The Committee pointed out that the reply furnished by the Government was not for the observations made by the Committee. The Committee viewed with serious concern the evasive attitude of the Department in furnishing replies to the observations of the Committee. The Committee, therefore, desires that the reason for allotting the houses constructed by Nirmithi Kendra without ensuring their durability should be intimated to the Committee. The Committee also desires to be furnished with the details of the persons responsible for this.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 24, Para No. 49)

1.9 The Committee should be informed of the present condition of the incomplete houses left over by different agencies. The details regarding the amount allotted to them, amount spent and unspent balance left with them may also be furnished to the Committee.

Action Taken

1.10 The details of allotted, spent and unspent balance of the amount which was given to the various agencies are being collected and furnished separately.

Further details called for by the Committee

1.11 The Committee observe that the reply furnished is not complete and desires that the details called for by the Committee be furnished at the earliest.

Reply furnished by Government

1.12 The details of construction of houses at low cost under "Rehabilitation of Landless and Houseless Scheme" in 1989 in various districts are:

1. *Thiruvananthapuram* :—Kilimanoor Block, Pulimath Grama Panchayat, Panduvila Ambedkar Colony—Amount given is ₹ 1,00,000 for 10 houses of which 8 houses have been completed and the work done is of low quality with leakage, poor ventilation etc.

2. *Kollam*:—No external agencies were entrusted with construction work hence no incomplete houses were reported.

3. *Alappuzha*:—No external agency was entrusted with the construction work under this scheme.

4. *Pathanamthitta* :—No houses are left incomplete and no agency was entrusted to implement the scheme.

5. *Kottayam* :—No work regarding house construction had been assigned to any external agencies. Hence no incomplete houses were left over by these agencies.

6. *Ernakulam* :—42 cents of land was purchased for the implementation of house construction scheme, for 10 beneficiaries and the work was entrusted to COSTFORD. Construction of 8 houses with only structure erection were completed. The work of remaining 2 houses were not even started. The Scheme was not revised and the half built houses are in deplorable condition. On enquiry it is revealed that out of the above 10 beneficiaries, 8 persons have been sanctioned housing scheme from local agencies and the whereabouts of 2 beneficiaries are not known.

Amount Paid

₹ 1,00,000

Amount refunded in the T.P. Account

Full amount plus an interest of ₹ 2,70,368

7. *Thrissur* :—Under this scheme, construction work was given to COSTFORD for ₹ 50,000 construction of 10 houses in the Kadavallur Grama Panchayat of Perumbilavu Village were incomplete. As per the evaluation of Block authority it was assessed that the work so far completed could be accounted for ₹ 12,418 and action is being taken for the recovery of remaining amount of ₹ 37,582.

8. *Palakkad* :—This scheme could not be implemented, since Nirmithi Kendra backed out from this scheme stating difficulty in undertaking construction work in scattered areas.

9. *Idukki* :—Neither COSTFORD nor Nirmithi were entrusted with the construction work of houses under this scheme.

10. *Malappuram* :—Under this Scheme construction work was given to COSTFORD for ₹ 3,00,000 for the construction of 30 houses. The work is completed for the allotted amount and there is no balance amount.

11. *Kozhikode* :—No external agency was entrusted with the construction work under this scheme.

12. *Wayanad* :—No incomplete houses were reported in this scheme.

13. *Kannur* :—No external agencies like Nirmithi or COSTFORD were entrusted with construction work hence no incomplete houses were reported.

14. *Kasaragod*:—In 1989-90, ₹ 1,00,000 is utilized for the construction of 10 houses in Peelikode Panchayat.

In 1990-91, ₹ 1,00,000 is utilized for the construction of 10 houses in Ajanoor Panchayat, ₹ 90,000 for the construction of 9 houses in Chenkala Panchayat and ₹ 1,00,000 for the construction of 10 houses in Puthoor Panchayat. Total amount utilized in Kasaragod District is ₹ 3,90,000.

Due to leakage of houses built in Peelikode Block again ₹ 1,500 was given to each occupant for repairing works.

Further Recommendation

1.13 The Committee recommends that Govt. should take immediate action for the completion of construction of houses and an enquiry should be conducted in respect of two houses in Ernakulam district and the fact be intimated.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 25, Para No. 50)

1.14 The Committee would like to know whether any evaluation had been done by the department on the impact of the schemes. If done what are their findings on the poor performance and causes for the short fall in achieving targets. The remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken for the rectification of the defects noticed hitherto should also be intimated to the Committee.

Action Taken

1.15 No such evaluation has been made so far. The Planning(C) Department was to conduct evaluation. Now that section has been transferred to the SCSTDD and that section is being geared to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the works of the department.

Further Recommendation

1.16 The Committee pointed out that the evaluation on the impact of various welfare schemes implemented by the SC/ST Development Department should have actually been done by the Planning Department. Even though a Government Order stating that concerned Section in Planning Department was transferred to SC/ST Development Department the order still remained on paper and no effective transfer has been done till date. The Committee therefore urges the Government to speed up the transfer process.

CHAPTER II

RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES
NOT DESIRE TO PURSUE ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPLIES
RECEIVED FROM SC/ST DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SC/ST DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Recommendation*(Sl. No. 2, Para No. 7)*

2.1 The gravity of this situation increases when we learn that even after the bifurcation of the erstwhile Harijan Welfare Department into 2 separate departments for Scheduled Caste Development and Scheduled Tribe Development, there is no improvement in the State of affairs.

Action Taken

2.2 In order to give houses to the houseless SC families, Government formulated a total housing scheme in the state. In view of the above decision a Swarna Jubilee Mythree Total Housing Scheme was formulated with the objective of providing livable houses to all houseless and landless SC families in the State from 1998-99. The scheme was being implemented with the active Co-operation of the KSHB and Grama Panchayats. To implement the scheme 17 Grama Panchayats during 1998-99 and 140 Grama Panchayats during 1999-2000 were selected. As the District Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram formulated a scheme for providing houses to all houseless and landless families in the name of 'Thanal' in Thiruvananthapuram District, no Grama Panchayat in Thiruvananthapuram District, was selected in 1999-2000 for the implementation of total housing scheme for SC families providing houses to all the houseless SC families of the remaining Grama Panchayats are under consideration of Government Progress of the houses sanctioned under the SJMHS Scheme is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Sanctioned</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Remaining to be completed</i>
1998-1999	3516	1906	1610
1999-2000 & 2000-2001	9132	2346	6786

The housing scheme is being implemented directly by the Department since 2001-2002.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 4, Para No. 9)

2.3 The Committee deprecate, the lackadaisical attitude shown hitherto by the department which was constituted to look after the welfare of the deprived class of the society and recommend that it should get up from the deep hibernation and be ready to tackle any ventures with keen interest and sincerity hereafter.

Action Taken

2.4 The SCDD is trying to extend the welfare and development activities formulated and implemented for SC's with almost care and sincerity. The opinion of the committee will be considered and earnest efforts made for implementation of all schemes to benefit the SC's to the maximum.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 5, Para No. 10)

2.5 The Committee should be informed of the outcome of the proposed detailed survey and desire to know whether the projected objectives in conducting such a comprehensive survey had been achieved. A copy of the survey report/list may be made available to the committee also.

Action Taken

2.6 A detailed survey has not been conducted in view of the opposition made by certain quarters of the SC community organizations.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 6, Para No. 16)

2.7 The Committee are convinced of the fact that the Head of Department are least bothered about the ailing administrative set-up prevailing in their departments. They have failed miserably to present before the committee the actual reason for the short fall in achieving the targets, the number of houses constructed, number of houses remaining incomplete at the end of each year, the total amount spent till date and the balance left with the department with regard to the integrated housing schemes. The Committee opined that the Heads of Department should be more vigilant and should see whether the programmes launched by them have attained the projected targets.

Action Taken

2.8 The actual reason for the shortfall in achieving the targets are that the rate of housing grant was not sufficient for a good durable house. Now works done are periodically monitored to ensure that targets are achieved.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 7, Para No. 17)

2.9 The Committee observed that in spite of clear instructions issued during June 1992, for the utilisation of interest accrued for implementing housing schemes, 2 district development Officers for SC had not utilised the interest of ₹ 7.55 lakhs for that purpose. The Committee desired to know whether any action had been taken against them for the non-compliance of the departmental instructions.

Action Taken

2.10 As ordered in G.O.(Ms.) No.21/92/SCSTDD dt. 19-6-1992 the interest accrued on the amount deposited in the TP account of Dist. Dev. Officers for SC, Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam have been utilised as follows:

Thiruvananthapuram District

250 beneficiaries were granted under the scheme viz., 'Rehabilitation of landless and houseless SC families' from 1989-90 to 1992-93. The interest for the deposit was ₹ 4,81,272 out of the above ₹ 4,80,000 has been given as balance amount of enhanced grant to 96 beneficiaries under the above scheme @ ₹ 5,000 which has been enhanced from ₹ 12,000 to ₹ 17,000 during 1995. Balance amount of ₹ 5,272 has been remitted in the treasury as per rules. From 1992-93 onwards no interest has been received from treasuries on TP Account.

Kollam District

328 beneficiaries were given grants under the scheme viz., 'Rehabilitation of landless and houseless SC families' from 1989-90 to 1992-93. The interest for the deposit was ₹ 2,38,325 has been utilised for giving balance amount of enhanced grant to those beneficiaries @ ₹ 5,000.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 8, Para No. 18)

2.11 The Committee may be informed of the total amount deposited in the Treasury Savings Bank account and interest accrued thereon up to 31st March, 1998. The Expenditure incurred from the accrued interest and the purpose for which it was utilised may also be furnished to the Committee.

Action Taken

2.12 The scheme for construction of houses is implemented through Block Panchayats from 2-10-1995 onwards. As such the funds for the scheme transferred to concerned Block Panchayats/Municipalities/Corporation. Hence no funds are kept under TSB account of the department.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 9, Para No. 19)

2.13 The Committee recommend that a thorough check up should be carried out to diagnose the actual weakness in the system and remedial action should be taken to revitalise ailing parts of the department in order to get more fruitful results in future.

Action Taken

2.14 Evaluation of Schemes is now being done.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 10, Para No. 28)

2.15 The Committee arrived at the conclusion that whatever had been done by the Department under the banner of 'Rehabilitation of landless/ houseless SC families' turned out to be a mere futile exercise. The Committee notice that the real cause sidelined by 'big shows' and one who waited eagerly for his dream house was virtually given 'a mud block' to live in for the rest of his life.

Action Taken

2.16 Guidelines have been issued for selection of beneficiaries which has now helped the real needy to have a house of their own.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 11, Para No. 29)

2.17 The Committee is shocked at the report that the works were awarded to the agencies without preparing any detailed estimate specifying quality/quantity of materials to be used and the requisite standard to be maintained in the construction. The only thing the agencies had to adhere was to maintain the plinth area of the houses as 156 sq.feet. The Committee want to know how the department expected to ensure quality and requisite standards in construction in the absence of specific stipulations in these regards.

Action Taken

2.18 As per G.O. (Ms.) 84/97/SCSTDD dt. 9-9-1997 Government have revised the rate of construction of houses to ₹ 35,000 and specifications have been made as each house will contain two living rooms one Varandha, latrine and kitchen at a plinth area of not less than 254 sq.ft. Moreover the beneficiary himself has to undertake construction works. This will ensure quality of materials and construction. At present the assistance given for construction of a house is 70,000.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 12, Para No. 30)

2.19 The Committee find that the Nirmithi Kendra an institution highly renowned for its innovative technique in habitat development and cost effective construction failed miserably to do justice to the poorest among the poor of its own country men. The work entrusted to them were either left incomplete or executed by reducing its plinth area to half of the approved plan.

Action Taken

2.20 The conclusion/recommendation of the Committee is very true that the house construction entrusted with Nirmithi Kendra in all over Kerala were not completed satisfactorily. Now the beneficiaries undertake the construction themselves.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 13, Para No. 31)

2.21 The Committee is worried at the pitiable condition noticed on the spot study of the houses built by Nirmithi Kendra for the SC families at Kilimanoor and the plight of the inhabitants who were adjusting their best to live in these houses which had no required space and had no provisions for light and air circulation.

Action Taken

2.22 The view of the Committee was given due consideration. Now the beneficiaries themselves undertake construction.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 14, Para No. 32)

2.23 The Committee recommends that immediate steps should be taken to

provide the houses with adequate windows and the weak walls should be strengthened. The Committee also recommends that basic necessities such as sanitation facilities, water supply, electrification, etc., should be provided to the houses at the earliest.

Action Taken

2.24 Now that the beneficiaries construct their own houses all this is taken care of.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 15, Para No. 33)

2.25 The report that 50 houses (10 each in 5 panchayats) have been swept away by a single flood in Kasaragod district appears to be an astonishing and hardly conceivable event to the Committee. The Committee considers this as a case of deliberate attempt to plunder Government money by crooked tactics and conspiracy. The Committee recommends that immediate action should be taken to probe into this affair and to realise an amount of ₹ 4.80 lakhs reported to have gone with the flood, and the culprits should be brought to book.

Action Taken

2.26 The responsible 3 officers have been punished by the Government that two yearly increments barred with cumulative effect. But now these persons have moved Hon'ble High Court for the decision. Hence the recommendation of the Committee to realise an amount of ₹ 4.8 lakhs will be considered after the verdict of the Hon'ble High Court is passed.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 16, Para No. 34)

2.27 The Committee deprecates the manner in which the vigilance case was dealt with by the department and deploras the haste and readiness displayed by the department in exonerating the then District Development Officer for SC (Kasaragod) and Taluk Development Officer (Hosdurg) who were found guilty by the Vigilance Department. The Committee wants to know why these delinquent officers were left scot free even after finalising the disciplinary proceedings against them.

Action Taken

2.28 The Vigilance Department failed to prove the allegation against the officer concerned and hence action could not be pursued further.

Recommendation*(Sl. No. 17, Para No. 35)*

2.29 A detailed report with regard to the work undertaken by COSTFORD may be made available to the Committee. The Committee want to know the present conditions of the 8 houses partially constructed by COSTFORD out of the 40 houses entrusted to them in Ernakulam District. The Committee likes to know whether they have refunded the amount towards liquidated damages/ unspent balance. If not, the action taken against them may also be intimated to the Committee.

Action Taken

2.30 The construction work of houses at low cost was entrusted to COSTFORD, Thrissur and an amount of ₹ 1,00,000 was drawn and disbursed to the agency for construction of 10 houses. The agency failed to execute the construction work for the reason that the plots were not accessible to vehicles. Hence an amount of ₹ 2,70,368 including Principal amount, interest and compensation was obtained form COSTFORD through the Tahsildar, Thrissur (Revenue Recovery) and the amount was deposited in a T.P. Account which was closed subsequently and the amount was surrendered to Government during 2002-2003.

Recommendation*(Sl. No. 18, Para No. 36)*

2.31 The Committee considers the “interest free Housing loan Scheme” as yet another failure. The total amount of loan assistance released, amount recovered and balance pending recovery should also be reported to the Committee.

Action Taken

2.32 A Scheme for payment of Housing loan started from 1989-90 onwards. Since then up to 3/1999 the STDD has sanctioned ₹ 10,10,000 as interest free loan out of which the department has recovered ₹ 51,484 (up to 3/1999).

Recommendation*(Sl. No. 19, Para No. 44)*

2.33 The Committee believe that if the Department had a technical wing to monitor/supervise the construction of the houses, much of the defects detected could have been got rectified during the course of construction itself.

Action Taken

2.34 The Scheduled Caste Development Department has no technical wing to supervise the construction of houses under various housing schemes. With the decentralised planning set-up, the housing scheme has been transferred to Local bodies. There are monitoring Committees at local body level to monitor/supervise the house construction works. Setting up of a technical wing for both Departments is under consideration.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 21, Para No. 46)

2.35 The Committee feels that whatever had been done by the STDD to mitigate the inhabitational problems connected with habitation of ST families, the desired objective end not been achieved due to the lack of foresight and absence of an efficient monitoring system to implement schemes accurately to the expectations envisaged in the targets.

Action Taken

2.36 A monitoring system is being evolved in the SC/STDD.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 22, Para No. 47)

2.37 The Committee desire to know whether the department had taken any action against the agencies, nominee, contractors and Nirmithi Kendra for not fulfilling the contractual obligations. If no action had been taken till date, the Committee recommend that stringent action should be taken against them for the severe lapses.

Action Taken

2.38 Department has taken action against nominees and contractors who have not fulfilled their contractual obligations. Revenue recovery proceedings have been taken against 3 persons in Kollam District, 4 persons in Palakkad District and 5 persons in Wayanad district. Since Nirmithi Kendras are organisations functioning under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors, the

Tribal Development Officer/Project Officers cannot take direct action against them. In the case of the houses at Attathode, the Tribal Development Officer had requested the District Collector and the Member Secretary, Nirmithi Kendra to rectify the defects of the completed houses and to complete the 3 incomplete houses. The District Collector demanded an additional One lakh Rupees for rectification and completion of houses and therefore recovery of amount was not possible.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 23, Para No. 48)

2.39 The Committee likes to know the total number of houses targetted for construction, actually constructed occupied by the beneficiaries and left as unoccupied by the beneficiaries due to lack of primary facilities.

Action Taken

2.40 The total number of houses targetted for construction of houses and completed are as follows under the integrated House Construction Scheme.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of houses sanctioned</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Remaining incomplete</i>
1989-90 to 1994-95	6388	6213	175
1995-96 to 1997-98	4246	3143	1103
Total	10634	9356	1278

Integrated housing scheme had been transferred to local bodies during the year 1995-96. Since then the department had given the amount to local bodies for implementing the scheme. But they do not report the physical progress of the scheme regularly.

(ii) Total No. of houses targetted for construction of house and completed as follows under the scheme 'Rehabilitation of landless and houseless SC families'.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Houses and Sites sanctioned</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Remaining incomplete</i>
1989-90 to 1994-95	5901	4349	1552
1995-96 to 1997-98	6600	6600	..
Total	12501	10549	1552

The Committee expressed doubt about the accuracy of the statistics furnished by the Govt.

Thiruvananthapuram,
28th January, 2014.

DR. T. M. THOMAS ISAAC,
Chairman,
Committee on Public Accounts.

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Para No.</i>	<i>Department concerned</i>	<i>Conclusion/Recommendation</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	1.5	SC/ST Development	The Committee pointed out that the SC/ST Development Department would not have conducted a survey of their own regarding the SC/ST population in the State. But during census all such details would be collected. Hence the reply furnished by the Department against the recommendation of the Committee is not acceptable. Therefore the Committee further recommends that the SC/ST Development Department should work out their own statistics regarding the numerical strength & SC/ST families in the State, relying on the census details.
2	1.8	„	The Committee pointed out that the reply furnished by the Government was not for the observations made by the Committee. The Committee viewed with serious concern the evasive attitude of the Department in furnishing replies to the observations of the Committee. The Committee, therefore, desires that the reason for allotting the houses constructed by Nirmithi Kendra without ensuring their durability should be intimated to the Committee. The Committee also desires to be furnished with the details of the persons responsible for this.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3	1.13	SC/ST Development	The Committee recommends that Govt. should take immediate action for the completion of construction of houses and an enquiry should be conducted in respect of two houses in Ernakulam district and the fact be intimated.
4	1.16	„	The Committee pointed out that the evaluation on the impact of various welfare schemes implemented by the SC/ST Development Department should have actually been done by the Planning Department. Even though a Government Order stating that concerned Section in Planning Department was transferred to SC/ST Development Department the order still remained on paper and no effective transfer has been done till date. The Committee therefore urges the Government to speed up the transfer process.