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## **INTRODUCTION**

I, Gangadhar Goud Vullolla, M.L.C. and Chairman of the Committee on Welfare of Backward Classes (2016-17), having been authorized by the Members of the Committee, present this Report on the implementation of various welfare schemes intended for the upliftment of Backward Class Communities in the State by Government Offices.

The Committee was constituted on 26<sup>th</sup> May,2016 and a Preliminary meeting was held on 09-06-2016. 13 sittings were held in all, including visits to Yadadri, Khammam and Sangareddy Districts of Telangana State and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and New Delhi during the period.

The Committee could confine itself to review the various Welfare Schemes and not implementation of Rule of Reservation in recruitments in Government Departments, as the process of bifurcation of the Employees was not completed.

I am thankful to the Members of the Committee for having attended to the meetings at Headquarters as well as in the Districts and also other States for their active participation and valuable suggestions.

The Report is prepared taking the information and material furnished to the Committee by the Departments concerned, with which the Committee held its meetings, into account.

The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation to the Principal Secretary, Commissioner and other Officials of Backward Classes Welfare Department, District Collectors of Yadadri, Khammam and Sangareddy for furnishing the required information and material within the stipulated time.

The Committee also acknowledges the valuable assistance rendered by the Secretary, Joint Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Staff of the Committee in documenting the material received from the Departments and preparing the Report.

The Report was considered and adopted at its meeting held on 02-03-2017.

A gist of the Recommendations of the Committee is appended to the Report.

Hyderabad,  
Date: 27-03-2017.

**GANGADHAR GOUD VULLOLLA**  
MLC and CHAIRMAN  
Committee on Welfare of Backward Classes  
(2016-17)

**PRELIMINARY MEETING AT HYDERABAD**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

Preliminary meeting of the Committee was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 in the Telangana Legislative Assembly Committee Hall, Hyderabad. Sri K.Swamy Goud, Hon'ble Chairman of Telangana Legislative Council, Sri T.Harish Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Legislative Affairs, Sri Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and other dignitaries were present. The Hon'ble Chairman, Telangana Legislative Council stated that the Committee has onerous responsibility to meet frequently with the Departments, monitor the Welfare Schemes being implemented for the welfare of Backward Classes in the State and ensure that the Backward Classes, who constitute more than 50 per cent of the State population, reap the benefits of various developmental activities taken up in the State.

Sri T.Harish Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Legislative Affairs had advised the Committee to visit B.C. Welfare Hostels in the State, if necessary outside the State also, to have the first hand information about their functioning and maintenance and make recommendations suitably and submit its report to the Legislature. Likewise, the Committee could also review the implementation of various welfare Schemes, viz., Kalyana Lakshmi, Mid- Day Meals, etc. intended for the upliftment of the community.

The Chairman, at the outset, expressed his thanks for appointing him as Chairman of the Committee. He assured that he would take the suggestions made by the Dignitaries, into consideration for carrying out the activities of the Committee regularly, review the Departments, visit Districts if necessary and submit a useful Report to the State Legislature. Then, the other Members of the Committee also spoke on the occasion.

The Secretary, Telangana Legislature Secretariat, while concluding the Meeting, sought the fullest cooperation of the Backward Classes Welfare Department during the meetings of the Committee duly submitting the required information as sought from time to time by it.

**MEETING AT SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA SWAMY  
DEVASTHANAM, YADADRI, NALGONDA DISTRICT**

The Committee visited Yadadri on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and met with the Executive Officer and other Officials of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, to examine the Rule of Reservation and other welfare schemes, intended for the Backward Classes, being implemented in Devasthanam.

The Executive Officer informed that since the Nalgonda District has predominantly the population of Backward Classes, Rule of Reservation was scrupulously being implemented in all categories of Posts. E.O. further stated even in the recruitment made on outsourcing basis also, candidates belong to B.Cs were appointed. Similarly as the developmental works have been taken up on a massive scale, the local people from Vaddera Community were engaged in construction related works.

The E.O. further elucidated that there were 33 employees of B.C.s as against the total 84 Ministerial Staff, and 77 B.C. employees against 121 of IV<sup>th</sup> Class Employees. As far as the Archakas were concerned, out of 69, 7 Archakas are from B.C. Community. Likewise, out of the total 38 NMRs working in the Temple, 23 are from B.C. Community. Thus, there were 117 B.C.employees against 274 of all Categories of Devasthanam.

The District Collector, Nalgonda District, who was also present in the meeting, assured that the Rule of Reservation for Backward Classes will be implemented in letter and spirit in future Recruitments also to be made by the Devasthanam.

Thereafter, the Committee met at 2.00 pm in the Office of the Mandal Praja Parishad, Yadadri Mandal and received representations from various Associations of Backward Classes.

It was represented that employment opportunities shall be provided to B.Cs in Yadadri Temple Development Authority also.

It was further represented that Bandara Caste shall again be included in B.C.(A) List.

The Committee was requested to see that a Book, containing the information about all the B.C. Welfare Schemes, is published by the Government, so as to create awareness among the people about them.

The Committee recommends to the Government that Skill Development Centres shall be opened at least each one at the Mandal Headquarters, duly selecting persons hailing from Caste-based Professions, impart training with the latest technical know- how and improve their talent in their respective professions.

The Committee further recommends that in the matter of providing water facility to Dhobighats, the expenditure towards Bore cost shall also be included in the Unit Cost. The Committee further recommends to take steps to relax the preconditions that Dhobighats shall have water and Electricity Connections, while sanctioning Dhobighats.

The Committee directed the District Collector, Nalgonda District to give wide publicity about the functioning of the B.C. Study Circle at Nalgonda and see that unemployed B.C. youth reap the benefits from it in securing jobs in various Sectors.

Then, the Committee, also met at R & B Guest House, Bhongir and received representations from several Backward Classes Associations.

It was represented that B.C. Sub Plan with Constitutional status be introduced on par with S.C. and S.T. Sub Plan in the State.

It was also represented that Rule of Reservation for B.C. Employees in promotions shall be implemented.

It was represented by the Washermen Community that financial assistance be provided for establishment of Dry Cleaning outlets and purchase of modern Washing Machines.

It was further represented that separate Federations for Munnuru Kapu, Perika, Mudiraj and Nomadic B.C. Castes, be established and loans disbursed to the poor people of those Castes.

The Committee was represented that B.C. Atrocity Act be enacted in lines with the SC and ST Atrocity Act in the State.

The Committee directed the District Collector, Nalgonda District to take the representations made by the Associations into consideration and take appropriate action against them in the larger interest of the B.C. Community.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF B.C. WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT AT HYDERABAD**

The Committee met at 11.00 am on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in the Committee Hall of Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad and reviewed the Welfare measures and developmental Schemes being implemented by the Department of B.C. Welfare.

The Special Chief Secretary, B.C.Welfare Department (FAC) explained at length the welfare and developmental activities being implemented for the upliftment of Backward Classes by the Department of B.C.Welfare in the State.

The Spl.C.S informed that an amount of Rs.2537.51 crores had been allocated under both Plan and Non-Plan for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 to the Department. He said that vide G.O.Ms.No.34, Orphans have also been included under Group 'A' in Backward Classes and with this, the total number of Communities in the Group increased to 44 and total communities in Backward Classes increased from 112 to 113.

While dealing with the functioning of Telangana State Backward Classes Employability Skill Development and Training Centre (TSBCESDTC), which was hitherto known as B.C.Study Circle, the Spl.C.S stated that in order to enable the unemployed educated among B.Cs to compete with others in various competitive examinations and to come out successfully, free coaching was being provided by the Study Circle. 10 TSBCESDTCs are at present working in the State he informed and added that during the year 2016-17, an amount of Rs.25.50 cr. was allocated in this regard.

The Managing Director, B.C. Corporation explained the welfare schemes being implemented by the Corporation. He said that the Government of Telangana envisioned the overall development of the Backward Classes in general and the unmarried girls belong to B.Cs. in particular and in pursuance of which, the Government introduced Kalyana Lakshmi for BC/EBC Girls on their marriage with

a view to alleviate financial distress in the family. Under the Scheme, the M.D. stated clearly that Rs.51,000/- at the time of marriage shall be granted to every BC/EBC Girls and during the current Financial Year, an amount of Rs.300 cr. was allocated.

As regards the B.C. Residential Schools, the Spl.C.S. mentioned that at present there were 13 Residential Schools for Boys and 10 for Girls, one of the Schools is exclusively earmarked for Fishermen. Apart from that, there were 13 B.C. Residential Junior Colleges (7 for Boys and 6 for Girls) and 1 B.C. Residential Degree College for Women are functioning under the control of the Society. He further stated that an amount of Rs.100 cr. was allocated for construction of Hostel Buildings during the year 2016-17 under Plan Budget and Rs.2.69 cr. was allocated under Minor Works/Maintenance under Non- Plan. The construction of 23, out of 33, Hostel buildings, was completed. He further dealt with the Scheme of Savithri Bhai Phule Abhyudaya Yojana, under which activities for Artisans, Small Business, Industry, Service and Transport Sectors would be financed and for which, the applicant's age must be between the years 21-55 and upto 60 years in the case of agriculture and allied sectors beneficiaries.

As regards the Dhobighats, the M.D., B.C. Finance Corporation stated that the Corporation would provide financial assistance to the members of Primary Co-operative Washermen Societies @ Rs.4,60,000/- for construction of each Unit and Rs.1.00 lakh for digging Bore well and the Government provides 100% subsidy therefor.

The Committee opined and directed the authorities to impart training for B.C. unemployed youth in the Study Circles for various competitive examinations throughout the year, irrespective of notifications issued in a year. It also recommended to initiate immediate steps to start functioning of B.C. Study Circle at Sangareddy.

The Committee directed to fill up the vacancies of Hostel Welfare Officers in all the Hostels without any further delay in order to maintain the Hostels perfectly clean, reduce the burden on the

existing Staff and in turn provide congenial atmosphere to the Boarders.

The Committee further instructed the Officials to see that the ongoing construction works of Hostel Buildings is completed within the scheduled time, without giving any room for cost escalation.

The Committee also suggested to enhance the monthly rentals of Hostel Buildings located in private buildings reasonably, like in Karnataka State, with a view to abate the embarrassing situation being faced by the Boarders from the owners of those rented Buildings.

The Committee strongly recommends to the Government to enhance the Hostel Mess Charges considerably, keeping the price rise of essential commodities in the open market in view.

The Committee further recommended that the old system of washing clothes manually by Washermen community should immediately be done away with and provide financial assistance for setting up of Dry Clean Outlets with high end Washing Machines.

The Committee also recommends to the Government to construct B.C. Bhavan at each District Headquarters, with a Subject expert and render career guidance to the Artisans to create awareness about their professional skills and eke out their livelihood on their own.

The Committee recommended that the B.C.Welfare Department has to address the concerned Embassies well before obtaining VISAs by the Students, who have been selected for financial assistance under Mahatma Jyothiba Phule B.C. Overseas Vidya Nidhi Scheme, informing that the Students are eligible for pursuing education abroad, at his/her own choice.

The Committee also recommended to immediately take up the repair works of all Hostel Buildings in the State and provide them with infrastructure facilities. The Committee directed the Department to complete the construction of B.C.Hostel Building in Khubeer Mandal of Adilabad District at the earliest.

The Committee recommends that the stitching of Uniforms pertaining to Hostel Boarders shall be entrusted to the Meru (Tailoring) Community only, with a view to providing livelihood to them.

The Committee finally recommended that the B.C. Welfare Department shall not only depend upon the State Budget allocations, but also avail the lending facility from the National Financial Institutions, such as National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) etc, for ensuring over all development of Backward Classes in Telangana State.

**VISIT TO CHITTOOR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH**

The Committee visited Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 to have a comparative study of Welfare activities being taken up for the B.C. Community in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The Committee met with the Officials of B.C. Welfare Department, Chittoor District, A.P. at Sri Padmavathi Guest House, Tirupathi on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and sought the information with regard to the Welfare Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh State. The Officials informed that their Government introduced B.C.Sub Plan having the Constitutional status and however, special allocations have not been made therefor. It was also informed that separate Federations for Nomadic B.C.Groups and Kapus have been set up in their State. It was also under consideration to set up another Federation for Ediga Community, they stated. The Loan amount to be sanctioned by the various Federations had been increased from Rs.15 to 30 lakhs, wherein, 50% will be loan component and 50% will be Subsidy Component, the Officials explained. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not so far taken any Central financial assistance from NBCFDC, NCDC etc., the Dist.B.C.Welfare Officer replied to a question. The Officials further told that there was a proposal to establish 53 B.C. Residential Schools in the State and merge all the B.C.Hostels with them.

**VISIT TO KHAMMAM DISTRICT AND MEETING WITH THE  
DISTRICT OFFICIALS**

The Committee visited Khammam District on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

The Committee, soon after reaching Khammam District Headquarters on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2016, received representations from various B.C. Community Associations at R & B Guest House, Khammam.

It was represented that only 13 people belong to B.C. have been sanctioned loans across the District and requested to see that all eligible applicants are sanctioned loan and subsidy components.

It was also represented that Rules governing the sanction of Financial assistance under Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme be relaxed for hassle free disbursement of the same.

Chairman for B.C. Commission and various Federations of B.C. Communities have to be forthwith appointed, it was submitted.

It was further represented to take steps to ensure Electricity connections to Hair Cutting Saloons are immediately given, without subjecting the Naibrahmins to harassment by the TRANSCO authorities.

The Committee was asked to recommend to the Government for enhancement of monthly honorarium for B.C. Lawyers from Rs.1000/- to Rs.5000/- , and also there be a special Coaching Centre for competitive examination for the recruitment of Junior Civil Judge Posts.

The Committee was also requested to recommend to the Government to construct a B.C. Community Bhavan in Khammam District.

The Committee, later met at TTDC Building with the District Officials of Khammam and reviewed various Welfare Schemes being implemented in the District for the welfare of B.C. Community.

The Committee directed the District Administration to notify the vacancy position of all B.C. Hostels in the District regularly and give propaganda as and when vacancies arose.

The Committee observed during the review meeting that there was very less percentage of A1 Grade in S.S.C. Examinations among the B.C. Hostel Students and exhorted to take appropriate steps to improve the pass percentage in A1 Grade.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF SRI SEETHA  
RAMACHANDRA SWAMY DEVASTHANAM, BHADRACHALAM**

The Committee met at 9.00 am on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at Chitrakuta Mandapam and reviewed the implementation of Rule of Reservation in recruitment of various Categories of the Devasthanam. The Executive Officer informed that there were 28 B.C. employees against 48 regular administrative employees working in the Devasthanam, out of 12, eight B.C. employees working on Part Time basis and there were 51 B.C. employees against 80 appointed on Outsourcing. Likewise, in the category of Nai Brahmins, out of 18, 16 employees are from B.C. Community.

The Committee observed that there was no proper representation in the category of Junior Assistant and therefore directed the E.O. to see that Rule of Reservation is strictly implemented in the future recruitment.

The Committee further recommended to allot 29% of Shops to B.C. Community in the Shopping Complex of the Devasthanam at Bhadrachalam.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF  
SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LTD., KOTHAGUDEM**

The Committee held meeting with the Officials of Singareni Collieries Co.Ltd., Kothagudem and reviewed the implementation of Rule of Reservation in the Recruitment as well as developmental activities taken up by the Company.

The General Manager, Welfare and Recruitment informed that the Rule of Reservation for B.C. Category in recruitments was being implemented in true letter and spirit of the Constitution of India in Singareni Collieries Company Ltd, and added that in BC-A Category, 3967 (6.86 against 7 %), in BC-B Category, 12,165 (21.06% against 10%), in BC-C Category, 591 (1.02 against 1%), in BC.-D Category, 13,466 (23.31 against 7%) and in BC-E Category, 474 (0.82% against 4%) employees are working in the Company. He assured the Committee that the shortfall in B.C.–E Category will be filled up in future recruitment.

The Committee also verified the Roster Books being maintained by the Company.

The Committee satisfied with the implementation of Rule of Reservation, more than the earmarked percentage of B.Cs in the recruitments made by the Company.

The Committee, however, recommends to take suitable measures to fill the shortfall in B.C.-E Category in future recruitment.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF HANDLOOMS AND  
TEXTILES DEPARTMENT**

The Committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in the Committee Hall of the Assembly Buildings with the Officials of Handlooms and Textiles Department to review the implementation various welfare Schemes intended for the welfare of Backward Classes being implemented by it.

The Director of Handlooms and Textiles disclosed that there were 82435 Handloom Weavers registered with the Department, which comprised of about 32002 Handloom Weavers under the Co-operative fold, while about 33829 were outside the fold of Cooperative Societies, who were engaged in Power loom industries. The Director, Handlooms & Textiles further stated that during the year 2016-17, eight more Clusters were proposed to be set up at Bhoodan Pochampally, Choutuppall, Koyyalagudem and Kuntlagudem (Nalgonda Dist.), Mattewada and Siddipet, while another two Clusters in Gadwal and Aragidda of Mahaboobnagar Districts and added that the budgetary estimates for those additional 8 Clusters were about Rs.957.770 lakhs, out of which, the share of Central Government was Rs.944.330 lakhs, while that of the beneficiary was Rs.13.540 lakhs. The "MUDRA" Scheme floated by the Govt. of India was adopted by the State Government and implemented by providing adequate and timely assistance from the Banks to the Weavers to meet their credit requirements.

The Committee advised the Department to purchase Cloth for School Uniforms from the Power looms, viz., from Siricilla, etc., rather than importing from neighboring States and bail out the Weavers of the State from out of the financial crunch.

The Committee also recommended to provide adequate marketing facility for the Handloom Products not only in the State but also out of the State by opening number of outlets in order to render helping hand to the poor Weavers.

The Committee further recommended to give wide publicity about the Financial Assistance Schemes being implemented by both the Central and State Governments in the Handloom Sector.

The Committee recommended to take necessary steps to revive and strengthen the defunct Societies in the State.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF TELANGANA STATE  
CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK (TSCAB)**

The Committee met at 4.00 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in the Committee Hall of the Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad and held discussions with the Officials of Telangana State Co-operative Apex Bank (TSCAB).

The Managing Director divulged that the TSCAB is rendering financial assistance under Long Term Crop Loans to the Backward Class Community and as regards the Artisans, the DCCBs, through Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies, nearly Rs.20 cr. Is being disbursed to them. He further informed that since the nationalized Banks were not coming forward to provide loans to B.C. Federations in the State, they were providing the same to the tune of Rs.15 lakhs as loan component per unit.

The Committee strongly recommended to give attention to the caste-based professions of B.C. Community on par with the agriculture sector, fix Targets as is being done in the case of Nationalised Banks in their SLBC Meetings and provide financial assistance, in consultation and cooperation with the B.C. Welfare Department, liberally to the Members of twelve B.C. Federations in the State.

The Committee also suggested to send proposals for obtaining loan amounts from the Central Financial Institutions, such as NBCFDC, NCDC etc. and provide financial assistance to the most Backward Class Communities, particularly Meru(Tailoring) and Nai Brahmin Communities for their development.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF PROHIBITION AND  
EXCISE DEPARTMENT**

The Committee met at 11.00 am. on 01.10.2016, in the Committee Hall of the Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad and held review meeting with the Officials of Prohibition and Excise Department. The Committee reviewed the implementation of several Welfare Schemes thoroughly being implemented by the Department, especially for the Toddy Tappers in the State.

The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department stated that, though the Dept. earn only Rs.15 cr. from the Toddy Tappers Societies, they give priority to the welfare of Toddy Tappers. The Department, under Haritha Haram Programme in the last year, planted six lakhs Palmyra Trees, and in the current year, 47.56 lakhs Palmyra and Date trees have been planted, he added. One D.F.O. has been drafted exclusively from Forest Department to Excise Department for supervising the Plantation Programme, the Commissioner informed.

The Commissioner further divulged that an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs towards Ex-gratia was being paid to the kith and kin of Toddy Tappers who died accidentally, Rs.50 thousand to those who got rendered permanently disabled and Rs.10 thousand to those who got rendered partially disabled, while engaged in the profession. 60 applications towards the deceased, 65 permanent disabled and 41 applications for partially disabled were pending for sanction of ex-gratia amount, and that they have already sent proposals for release of funds. He also brought to the notice of the Committee that prior to May, 2014, the Toddy Tappers Co-op Society was functioning as part and parcel of Excise Department and after that it was brought under the control of B.C. Welfare Department. The Commissioner suggested that a Developmental Wing in B.C. Welfare Department be created to take up innovative developmental schemes for B.C. Community at their end.

The Committee recommended to the Government to revive the Toddy Tappers Training Centre at Nandanam, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri District and make use of the machinery therein and impart

training with the latest technical know-how to the unemployed youth belong to Toddy Tappers Community, in order to encourage the profession on a massive scale and help the Toddy Tappers do stand on their own feet.

The Committee also recommended to pay Pensions to Members of "Tree for Tappers "(TFT ) also on par with TCS Members.

The Committee further recommended to allot 5 acres of land to the maximum extent possible to the ToddyTappers Societies for raising Palmyra and Date Trees for carrying out their profession and eke out their livelihood.

The Committee recommend to revive the system of collection of Two Samples for examining the quality of Toddy tapped.

The Committee also recommended to submit detailed project reports to the National Financial Institutions such as NBCDFC, NCDC, etc., interact with them frequently and get financial assistance on a large scale in order to improve the living standards of Toddy Tappers considerably in the State.

The Committee recommended to adopt and implement the Atal Bhima Yojana for the welfare of Toddy Tappers also in the event of their accidental deaths.

The Committee further recommended to revive the system of making Excise Superintendents as Functional Registrars in the interest of the Toddy Tappers.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF KHADI AND VILLAGE  
INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT**

The Committee met at 11.00 am on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 in the Committee Hall of the Assembly Buildings and held discussions with the Officials of Khadi and Village Industries Board.

The Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce informed that Khadi and Village Industries Board is providing margin money to the BC, SC, ST and Minorities under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme. 35 % of margin money of Project Cost was being given to BCs and this year an amount of Rs.221.89 lakhs was disbursed to the beneficiaries belong to B.C. community, he added.

The Commissioner divulged that the Dept. of Industries and Commerce had addressed the Central Government for diverting the unutilized funds of other States to the State of Telangana, as it was utilizing 100 % grants.

The Committee recommended to take up massive advertising campaign particularly in rural areas of the State to make aware of the welfare measures taken up by the Department for the upliftment of Backward Classes.

The Committee further recommended to allocate the funds to each district proportionately in the matter of implementing welfare schemes aimed at the amelioration of Backward Classes.

The Committee urged the Officials to initiate measures to get more funds under PMEGP programme to the State, citing the percentage of B.C. population of the new State.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF SOCIETY FOR  
ELIMINATION OF RURAL POVERTY (PANCHAYAT RAJ AND  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT)**

The Committee met on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and held discussions with the Officials of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, and reviewed the implementation of welfare measures being taken up by the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) in the State.

The Special Chief Secretary, PR & RD disclosed that the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) has been working in the State for the last 14 years, for elimination poverty among the rural artisans, particularly SC, ST and B.C. communities by way of providing financial assistance with lower interest rate than the nationalized Banks. He also stated that there were 46 lakhs of Members of Self-Help Groups, among them, 24,56,750, i.e. 54 % Members belong to B.Cs. He further stated that out of the total loans sanctioned to the SHG Members, 50% of the loans were availed by the Members belong to B.C. Community. As regards the implementation of STREE NIDHI, the Spl.C.S. informed that Rs.1.00 lakh was being given to each Member for rearing Sheep and thus ensuring improvement in the income of the rural unemployed youth.

The Committee exhorted the Department to send Detailed Project Reports to the Central Government in time and get the maximum financial help from them, which, in turn, will be beneficial to take up and implement welfare schemes for the upliftment of Backward Classes in the State.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF BACKWARD  
CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

The Committee met at 11.00 am. on 10th November, 2016 and held discussions with the Officials of Backward Classes Welfare and reviewed once again the welfare measures being Implemented educationally for the students of B.C. community in the State.

The In-charge Commissioner of B.C. Welfare asserted that the Department aimed at achieving the equality of opportunity in the matters of education and public employment for the Backward Classes. He also explained the various educational programmes, including the maintenance of Hostels and Residential Schools / Colleges in the State.

The Committee recommend to take appropriate steps to get the admissions for BC students in Corporate Colleges also and reimburse the tuition fee in toto.

The Committee further recommended to take steps to reimburse the tuition fee (RTF) fully to the B.C. students also on par with the SC/ST Students, who are pursuing their higher studies in other States

The Committee also recommended to enhance the Mess / Diet Charges for Boarders of B.C. Hostels, taking the abnormal increase in rates of essential commodities into account.

The Committee recommended the Government to recruit the required staff for B.C. Hostels at least on outsourcing basis in order to maintain them properly.

The Committee further recommended to ensure the Toilets in Hostels are made functional by providing running water facility.

The Committee urged the Department to avail the funds allocated fully for construction of new Hostel Buildings and abate payment of huge sums towards rents for private buildings.

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY,  
DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**

The Committee met at 11.00 am. on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 in the Committee Hall of the Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad, held discussions with the Officials of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department and reviewed the various developmental programmes and welfare schemes being implemented for the welfare of Backward Classes by it.

The Principal Secretary to Government explained the activities of the Department at length. The Department is looking after the Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development. The Government is giving Rs.4/- per litre to Milk Producers, who supply milk to Vijaya Dairy and an amount of Rs. 70 crores was paid under this account up to March, 2016, he told. He further stated that an amount of Rs. 400 crores was released under NCDC Programme for Sheep and Goat rearing in the State. Likewise, an amount of Rs.30 crores was released under 100% subsidy to the Fishermen, who hold valid licenses for fishing. The Prl. Secretary further disclosed that there was a grant of Rs.9 lakhs for construction of Community Hall for Inland Fishermen.

The Committee recommended to take steps to reduce the loan component to 20% and enhance the subsidy component from 20% to 40% under NCDC Programme, keeping the financial backwardness of Goat and Sheep farmers in the State, in view.

The Committee also recommended to conduct awareness programmes and Grama Sabhas in the remote areas of the State and popularize the Schemes intended for the welfare of Golla / Kurma Communities.

The Committee further recommended to set up number of Fodder Banks throughout the State to over come the scarcity of fodder for Sheep/Goats

The Committee recommended to take measures for amending the Co-op Society Registrations Act with regard to the reduction in number from 52 to at least 25, for enabling the Fishermen Co-op Societies to get registered and benefitted from umpteen welfare measures being taken up by the Department.

The Committee also recommended to clear the applications pending with the Department at the earliest for sanction of funds for construction of Community Halls for Fishermen in the State.

The Committee further recommended to the Government to enhance the ex-gratia to be paid to the Fishermen from Rs.2.00 to 5.00 lakhs.

The Committee also recommended to take measures to develop the Fish Seed Farm Centres at Sriram Sagar, Nizam Sagar etc. and see that the local fishermen benefitted from them.

The Committee strongly recommended to avail the funds available under NREGS for digging Fish Tanks and thus encourage the Pisciculture in the State on a grand scale and thereby provide employment opportunities to other than Fishermen Community also.

**VISIT TO SANGAREDDY DISTRICT**

The Committee visited Sangareddy District on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 to review the implementation of Rule of Reservation in Services and also Welfare Schemes and developmental programmes for Backward Classes in the District.

The Committee, soon after its arrival to Sangareddy District Headquarters, received representations from various B.C. Welfare Associations at Zilla Praja Parishad Meeting Hall.

It was represented that B.C. Industrial Policy be evolved and entrepreneurs from B.C. Community are encouraged by providing loans with 50% subsidy.

It was also represented to see that farmers belong to B.C. Community are given loans for the purpose of doing cultivation, supply of seeds, fertilizers and Insecticides also on subsidy basis.

It was further represented to enhance the Mess Charges for B.C. students to Rs.2000/ per month.

It was represented to allot 3 acres of land to each landless B.C. poor people and 5 acres of land to each TCS and TFT Societies for plantation of Palmyra and Date Trees, and an amount of Rs.5 lakhs shall be paid towards Ex-gratia and a Legislation protecting the profession of Toddy Tappers be enacted in the lines of SC/ST Atrocities Act.

It was represented to include Washermen Community also in the list of Scheduled Castes as is done in 18 other States. 20% reservation shall be given to Vadderas in every contract without insisting for EMD amount.

The Committee was further represented to give concessions in Electricity Tariff to Hair Cutting Saloons and get constructed Community Hall at each Mandal Headquarters for the Community.

The President of Mudhiraj Association of Sangareddy District represented to inter-change the Caste of Mudhiraj from BC-D to BC-A and assign the rights to their Community on the Orchards grow in forests in the State.

The Committee, then, held meeting with the District Officials at Collectorate, Sangareddy to review the implementation of developmental and welfare schemes aimed at the amelioration of B.C. community in the District.

The Dist. B.C. Welfare Officer explained the activities of the Department with regard to the Hostels and disbursement of Scholarships to B.C. students in the District. An amount of Rs.12 crores was released towards Post Matric Scholarships and utilized the entire amount. The District Collector stated that the repairs to various B.C. Hostels need to be carried out and for which an amount of Rs.75 lakhs was estimated.

The Committee expressed its dissatisfaction over the incompleteness of Dhobighats in the District and urged the Official to complete it at the earliest and make them available to the Washermen.

The Committee recommended to conduct awareness programmes and distribute Pamphlets about the applicability of Kalyan Lakshmi Scheme to BC and EBC Communities also and see that these Communities avail of the said Scheme.

The Committee directed the B.C. Welfare Officials to interact with the B.C. Associations frequently and have coordination for implementing several welfare schemes effectively and usefully.

The Committee recommended to complete the construction of B.C. Study Circle at Sangareddy at the earliest and start functioning it and enable the B.C. unemployed youth make use of it in time.

The Committee recommended to earmark and allot certain Shops to B.C. Communities in each Municipal Shopping Complex and Temple Complexes.

The Committee also recommended to provide appropriate share to B.C. Communities also in agriculture related Schemes such as Poly House, Horticulture etc.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Committee recommends to the Government to recruit more number of qualified B.C. candidates in both administrative and religious Posts in Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadadri, in the new Posts to be created in view of the ongoing development of the Temple.

2. The Committee also recommends to the Government to consider the implementation of Rule of Reservation even in the Outsourcing recruitment in the said Devasthanam.

3. The Committee recommends to the Government to consider Bandara Caste as Backward Class and include it in the List of B.C. Communities.

4. The Committee further recommends to the Government to exempt the pre-conditions of having Water and Electricity connections prior to sanctioning Dhobi Ghats to the beneficiaries.

5. The Committee also recommends to the Government to take suitable measures for obtaining hassle-free Loans by the beneficiaries from both Nationalized and Scheduled Banks under various State Sponsored Financial and Welfare Schemes.

6. The Committee recommends to the Government to impart coaching for various competitive examinations, duly appointing fully qualified faculty in all the B.C. Study Circles throughout the year, irrespective of the Recruitment Notifications issued.

7. The Committee further recommends to constitute a Career Guidance Cell in all B.C. Study Circles in the State for disseminating the information about the Overseas education as well as the employment opportunities in the State/Country available to the unemployed youth.

8. The Committee recommends to the Government to fill up the vacancies of Hostel Welfare Officers, Cooks, Kamatis, Watchmen etc. forthwith on regular basis, if not possible, either on contract or outsourcing method.

9. The Committee recommends to the Government to take steps to get constructed permanent buildings with the required infrastructure facilities across the State for housing B.C.Welfare Hostels in order to obviate paying huge rents on private buildings.

10. The Committee further recommends to the Government to initiate measures for increasing the Mess Charges in consonance with the market prices of essential commodities.

11. The Committee also recommends to the Government to take steps to see that Artisans belong to B.C. community are adapted to the latest technical know-how and in turn got assured income.

12. The Committee recommends to the Government to provide the latest branded Washing Machines to Washermen for carrying out their profession and see that they establish Dry Cleaner Shops in all Towns.

13. The Committee recommends to the Government to implement Mid Day Meals Scheme in Government Junior Colleges also in the State.

14. The Committee also recommends to the Government to sanction and release funds for construction of B.C. Community Halls across the State on par with SC/ST Community Halls.

15. The Committee further recommends to the Government to entrust the work of stitching of School Uniforms to MERU (Tailoring) Community, giving fillip to their Community.

16. The Committee recommends to the Government to make suitable amendments to the Co-operative Societies Act for the purpose of registering Backward Classes Co-operative Societies, having less than 10 Members also.

17. The Committee suggests to the Government to avail itself of financial assistance from the National Institutions, such as National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), etc., for the upliftment of Backward Classes Community.

18. The Committee further recommends to the Government to consider the proposal of adjustment of excess students of Pre-metric with B.C. High School Hostels.

19. The Committee also recommends to the Government to take steps forthwith to complete the construction of B.C. Hostel Building at Khubeer Mandal of Adilabad District.

20. The Committee recommends to the Government to take measures for achieving cent percent in A1 Grade in SSC examinations by the B.C. Hostel Students in Khammam District.

21. The Committee recommends to the Government to conduct awareness programmes and issue Pamphlets highlighting several Welfare Schemes being implemented in all the Districts by District administration, so as to enable the B.C. Community to reap the benefits from them.

22. The Committee recommends to the Government to enhance the stipend amount from Rs.1000/- to Rs.5000/- to the practicing Lawyers, belong to B.C. Community and also remove the maximum limit of four members for getting the said stipend.

23. The Committee recommends to the Government to purchase the cloth required for supply of Uniforms to the student

community from the Handloom weavers of Telangana State, instead from other States, with a view to provide impetus to the Handloom Sector.

24. The Committee recommends to the Government to send proposals for obtaining financial assistance under various Welfare Schemes intended for Handloom Weavers from the Central Government Institutions.

25. The Committee strongly recommends to the Government to provide marketing facilities to the Handloom products and see that Minimum Support Price is paid to the Handloom Weavers.

26. The Committee recommends to the Government to take steps to revive the de-funct Societies of Handloom Sector and strengthen them financially in the interest of the Community.

27. The Committee further recommends to the Government to see that the Co-operative Central Banks come forward for lending financial assistance to the Federations of Backward Classes.

28. The Committee recommends to the Government to take appropriate steps to obtain financial assistance from NBCFDC on a large scale for the welfare of various Artisans.

29. The Committee recommends to the Government to take steps for restoration of Toddy Tappers Finance Corporation with the Excise Department with a view to strengthening the Corporation economically potential, which, in turn, will be beneficial to the Toddy Tappers Community.

30. The Committee recommends to the Government to sanction Pensions to TFT (Tree for Tappers) Members also, on par with the Members of TCS by suitably amending the G.O.Ms.No.17.

31. The Committee recommends to the Government that 5 acres of Government land be allotted to each Toddy Tappers Society

(TCS) and Tree for Tapper (TFT) in small villages and 10 acres in big villages through Excise Department in pursuance of G.O.Ms.No.560.

32. The Committee further recommends to the Government to revive the Toddy Tappers Training Centre at Nandanam, Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri District and open such Training Centers at each District Headquarters to impart training in various professional related courses with the latest technical know-how to the Artisans

33. The Committee recommends to enhance the ex-gratia amount from Rs. 2.00 lakhs to 6.00 lakhs to be paid to the kith and kin of the deceased Toddy Tapper, who died in harness.

34. The Committee also recommends to restore the system of collecting two samples of Toddy for testing its purity.

35. The Committee suggests measures be taken to obtain financial aid on a large scale from the Central Financial Institutions, such as NCD, NBCFDC, etc. for improvement of the standards of living of the Toddy Tappers in the State.

36. The Committee also recommends to the Government to implement Atal Bheema Scheme to the Toddy Tappers also on par with Building Construction Workers.

37. The Committee recommends to the Government to restore the system of making the Excise Superintendents as Functional Registrars for effective supervision and implementation of welfare schemes intended for Toddy Tappers Community.

38. The Committee also suggests the Government to conduct massive advertising campaign programmes in the rural areas, so as to make the people of knowing the welfare Schemes being implemented for B.C. Community by Khadi and Village Industries Board.

39. The Committee further suggests to the Government, apart from the financial aid programmes of Khadi and Village Industries Board, to obtain financial aid from KVIC for the upliftment of B.C. community in the field of Cottage Industries.

40. The Committee recommends to the Government that Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) may be fully paid to the B.C. Students on par with SC/ST students.

41. The Committee recommends to the Government to reduce the loan component percentage from 60 to 25 and enhance the Subsidy Component percentage from 20 to 75 in the case of NCDC Loans to be given to Sheep/Goat farmers.

42. The Committee recommends to the Government to open more number of Fodder Banks in all the Districts for the livestock.

43. The Committee further recommends to the Government to take up the works of digging Fish Tanks under NREGS Programme, so as to provide employment to the youth from Fisheries Community in the State.

44. The Committee recommends to the Government to construct more number of Community Halls in all the Districts for the Fishermen Community, enabling them to carry out their traditional festivals and rituals.

45. The Committee also recommends to open more number of Fish Seed Production Centers, particularly under the command area of Sri Ram Sagar and Nizam Sagar Projects, etc. in order to encourage Pisciculture on a massive scale in the State.

46. The Committee recommends to the Government to see that the Nationalized Banks come forward voluntarily and liberally for lending to the weaker sections of the Society, particularly the Artisans, for carrying out their professional activities.

47. The Committee recommends to the Government to establish one B.C. Residential School at each Mandal level, keeping the B.C. population in the respective Districts, in view.

48. The Committee recommends to the Government to earmark certain Shops in Municipal Shopping Complexes and in Temple Complexes for Backward Class Communities.

49. The Committee recommends to the Government that Backward Classes may be given a greater share in the agricultural related programmes, like Poly House etc. taken up by Horticulture, where 90 per cent subsidy will be given by the Government.

50. The Committee further recommends to the Government to set up Most Backward Classes Finance Corporation for the upliftment of the MBCs in the State.

51. The Committee further recommends to the Government to introduce B.C. Sub-Plan in the lines of the SC/ST Sub-Plan forthwith.

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