

Setting up Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG)

Government of Gujarat
Tribal Development Department
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Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
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PREAMBLE:

Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat has recently announced CM's Ten Point Programme (Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana) which is aimed to improve the quality of employment opportunities along with social and civil infrastructure in the Integrated Tribal Development Project Areas. Among other goals, the Programme aims to double the income of these areas by involving various stakeholders. In addition to this, the CM's Ten Point Programme intends to provide high quality education to meritorious tribal students, provide quality health facilities, housing and electricity to all, ensure quality drinking water, irrigation and road infrastructure, and improve the urban habitations. For successful implementation of such an unprecedented Programme, it has been decided to create an autonomous society which can involve skilled professionals to carry out some of the key tasks directly.

To facilitate registration of such an autonomous society titled Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG), the State Government resolves as under.

RESOLUTION:

1. The State Government, after careful consideration, is pleased to resolve the setting up of "DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AGENCY OF GUJARAT (D-SAG)" as an Autonomous Body under the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950.
2. "D-SAG" shall function as an autonomous body to carry out various functions for implementation of development of social Infrastructure issues with the objective to increase human development index as under-
 - i. To examine the problems, formulate, approve, take effective steps and provide assistance for implementation of various schemes and programs for the rehabilitation or upliftment of the tribal community of the State;

- ii. To promote and upgrade skill and knowledge, education, training, quality control, technology up-gradation, income generation, and common facility centres for carrying out development of tribal areas community mobilization, micro planning, project management, documentation, technology up-gradation and extension, etc.;
- iii. To prepare, implement, facilitate, supervise or monitor scheme(s) such as floriculture, tissue culture, automatic plantation, irrigation and such other traditional or non-traditional practices suitable to tribal community and get these schemes implemented either independently or in co-operation with or assistance from any other state, national, international, bilateral or multilateral agency, with the national/state corporations, Financial Institutions, Nationalized Banks/Co-operative Banks, Departments of State or Central Government, private sector, co-operative societies, non-government organisations as well as various agencies for the economic development of these communities;
- iv. To raise grants, loans, advances or money on deposits or otherwise from Central / State Government including national level finance corporation or from national or international institutions, bilateral or multilateral aid-cum-development agencies, financial institutions, banks or co-operatives, private donors, local bodies, statutory organisations and such other institutions and agencies on such terms as may be considered appropriate and subject to guidelines or directions issued by the State Government from time to time;
- v. To act as the nodal agency for the State Government, to supplement activities related to grant concession loans and advances at such rates of interest to person/s or organisation belonging to tribal community subject to income and/or economic criteria as may be determined from time to time in accordance with the guidelines or schemes prescribed by the Central / State Government, their agency or by the Reserve Bank of India, either individually or in groups, whether directly or through some agency, in collaboration with the ministries or departments of the State / Central Government under relevant programs for economically and financially viable schemes and projects and therefore to act as channelising agency;
- vi. To examine problems, advise measures, formulate schemes, execute plan for rehabilitation, awareness generation, capacity building, education, employment opportunities, human resource development and removal of backwardness of the various tribal communities, monitor their outcomes and advise other agencies interested in the development of scheduled tribes or any other disadvantaged groups;

- vii. To evaluate and study the welfare schemes, protect constitutional rights and take up such other activities for the benefit of various tribal communities either directly, or with the existing agencies whether private, public or co-operative societies and including panchayats, banks, government agencies, local bodies, academic or research organisations, non-government organisations, or other relevant organizations engaged in the field;
- viii. To draw model plans for investment and production to be undertaken by the persons belonging to tribal community;
- ix. To provide finance to such organizations as the D-SAG may think fit on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed for the industrial, agricultural, trades, commerce, professions or other skills and such other activities, which are for the promotion and improvement of the economic condition of persons belonging these communities;
- x. To promote and undertake economic and development activities for the benefits of tribal community, their families and dependents;
- xi. To promote self-employment ventures for the benefits and/or rehabilitation of tribal community, their families and dependents;
- xii. To extend loans to students belonging to tribal community for pursuing quality schooling, professional or technical education of graduation or higher levels;
- xiii. To assist in the up-gradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of persons belonging to the tribal community or their families and dependents for proper and efficient management of manufacturing and/or service units;
- xiv. To assist and extend support or guarantees to self-employed individuals or groups of individuals belonging to tribal community including their dependents or units/co-operative set-up by them in procurement of raw materials, credit or other inputs and marketing of finished goods or services;
- xv. To assist the State level organizations, private undertakings, co-operative societies and non-government organizations dealing with the development of the tribal community by providing financial assistance or equity contribution and in obtaining commercial funding for refinancing;
- xvi. To work as an apex institution for co-ordination, evaluation, supervision, and monitoring the work of all corporations/boards/other bodies set up by the State Government and given the responsibility of assisting the tribal community for their economic development;
- xvii. To extend help, support and assist in furthering the government policies and programs for the development of tribal community and areas;

- xviii. To undertake finance and commercial obligations, transactions and operations of all kinds connected with the attainment of such pre-requisites including mortgage, charge of the property, giving guarantee, promissory note and to execute necessary contract, agreement and relevant documents as per the government policy;
- xix. To establish branches, offices or agencies of the D-SAG at any place in Gujarat and to discontinue the same with the prior approval of the Governing Body with the prior sanction of the State Government;
- xx. To undertake any activity essential for the human, social, educational and economic development of tribal community;
- xxi. To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount and negotiate promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques or other negotiable instruments;
- xxii. To invest the fund or the money entrusted in such security or in any such other manner as may from time to time be determined by the D-SAG from time to time and to sell or transpose such investments;
- xxiii. To purchase, take on lease, accept as gift, construct or otherwise acquire any land or property furniture & fixture, electrical, electronics, etc. wherever suitable, which may be necessary or useful for the D-SAG;
- xxiv. To make rules, regulations and bye-laws for the conduct of the affairs of the D-SAG and add, amend, vary or rescind them from time to time;
- xxv. To maintain a social and general welfare section for the purpose of implementing schemes or studying social conditions, customs, existence and causes of undesirable practices, superstitions, suggestion of reforms in social customs, sanitation, health, hygiene, infrastructure, or for development of cultural and allied activities amongst to the development of tribal community;
- xxvi. To take all such measures as are deemed fit to ensure that the government schemes for tribal community regarding housing, electricity, water, etc. are implemented effectively and to make efforts to design new schemes in this regard and get them implemented;
- xxvii. To formulate schemes for award of scholarships and imparting training to students and to develop, implement, review or evaluate existing and new schemes meant for this purpose;
- xxviii. To facilitate training from approved artisans and to arrange for award of scholarships for the purpose; and
- xxix. To do all other acts and things conducive for the attainment of the above object in most efficient manner possible and such other activities which are relevant to fulfill the objectives of the D-SAG.

3. Governing Body:

- i. The Governing Body shall consist of 10 Members and there shall not be at any time less than 5 members or more than 10 members;
- ii. The **Governing Body** shall consist of the following members:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
01	Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat.	Chairperson
02	Secretary (Tribal Development), Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Government of Gujarat.	Vice- Chairperson
03	Commissioner, Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member
04	Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member
05	Secretary (Economic Affairs), Finance Department Government of Gujarat.	Member
06	Principal Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member
07.	Secretary (Rural Development) Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Development Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member

- iii. The **First members** of the Governing Body shall be as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
01	Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat.	Chairperson
02	Secretary (Tribal Development), Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Government of Gujarat.	Vice- Chairperson

03	Commissioner Tribal Development Department Government of Gujarat	Member
04	Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member
05	Secretary (Economic Affairs), Finance Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
06	Principal Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
07.	Secretary (Rural Development) Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Development Department, Government of Gujarat.	Member

- iv. Remaining members may be appointed by the Governing Body from amongst the persons having background of management, finance, business, technical, administration, legal matters. However, the State Government may reconstitute the Governing Body at any time, if so required; and
- v. For registration of “Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG)”, Commissioner, Tribal Development Department will take further necessary action. The expenditure for registration and other miscellaneous expenses shall be booked under following Budget Heads: Demand No. 96, Sector-B-Social Services, Sub-sector (c) Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes Major Head 2225- Welfare of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Classes, Sub-major head 02-Welfare of Scheduled Tribes- Minor Head 796- Tribal Area Sub Plan Sub Head 90- BCK 224 Special Provision for SC, ST and OBC under Tribal Sub Plan.
4. This issue with the concurrence of Finance Department dated 30/12/2006 on this department file of even number.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat.

(M. V. Joshi)

Joint Secretary to Government of Gujarat
Tribal Development Department

To

1. The Secretary to the Governor of Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Sector 20, Gandhinagar;
2. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to the Chief Minister.
3. Personal Secretary to all the Ministers.
4. The General Administration Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
5. The Finance Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
6. All Administrative Department Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
7. The Commissioner, Tribal Development, Birsha-Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
8. All Project Administrators/Vigilance officers
9. The Accountant General, Rajcot/ Ahmedabad.
10. The Executive Director, Gujarat Tribal Development Corporation, Birsha-Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
11. All Department of Secretariat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
12. All Officers of this Department.
13. All Branches of this Department.
14. Select file.