CHAPTER V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

The Ministry of Labour should undertake a comprehensive survey of the 5.7 impact of economic reforms on the job opportunities on whole and particularly in the case of SCs and STs. All the States implementing tribal sub-plan(TSP) should allocate funds to 5.24 the TSP 3 percent more than the States ST population percentage in accordance with the recommendations of the working group set up at the time of formulation of Eighth Five Year Plan. The State Govts. need to monitor the progress of implementation of tribal sub-plan closely to ensure that the funds allocated are fully utilised and no diversion takes place from TSP to other sectors. Infrastructure development in tribal areas particularly in sectors of 5.35 transport, communication, power and vocational education should be given high priority. Conscious efforts are required to ensure that the benefits of liberalisation in terms of profit sharing and employment generation reached the tribal areas. While locating large projects in the tribal areas an adequate rehabilitation 5.35 package for the affected people should be prepared. In this connection, it is recommended that tribal should be made partners in these large development projects. Institutional finance should be made available to the STs and SCs on more 5.38 liberal terms and conditions and RBI and other financial institutions should maintain record of the information of flow of credit to the SCs and STs and Lead Bank publish the same on regular basis. Flow of credit to the SC/ST should be enhance under the priority sector advances of the Banks. Department of Agriculture and Co-operation should make efforts for 5.44 Dir (Agri) activating strengthening and broad basing the LAMPS at the same time ensure easy access of LAMPS to the tribals by simplifying procedure. 5.44 Exclusive rights for collection of MFP should be given to the tribals by the States wherever this has not been so far and TRIFIED should ensure better PCCF remuneration to the tribals for their produce. ICAR is required to direct its research activities to the tribal areas by taking 5.47 up research on crops grown by tribals, opening research centres in the tribal areas, developing comprehensive packages for the tribes practicing shifting Director

cultivation and transferring the agriculture technology to the STs.

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