

Tribal Studies Panel of the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the first round of meetings of the Working Groups set up by the Panel

The Indian Council of Social Science Research has set up a Panel on Tribal Studies to make a comprehensive study of the contemporary tribal situation in India and to examine the implications of alternative strategies of development, so that informed public opinion can be created for policy decisions and social action by various agencies at different levels. The list of the members of the Panel is furnished at Annexure I.

2. The Panel on Tribal Studies has set up four Working Groups as follows :

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| (1) Command over resources | Convener:
Dr. Bhupinder Singh |
| (2) Systems of self-management | Convener:
Justice D.M. Sen (Retd.) |
| (3) Issues in tribal movements | Convener:
Prof. Sachchidananda |
| (4) Tribal situation and paradigm of tribal development | Convener:
Dr. B.D. Sharma |

3. The four Working Groups met on May 8, 15, 10 and 11 respectively. The list of the members of the Working Groups and of those participating in the meetings is enclosed at Annexure II.

4. All the Working Groups decided that it would be useful if at the outset a rapid review of existing information on the different aspects of the tribal situation and of the interplay of the forces impinging on them, as available in various secondary sources, was consolidated and analysed, so that enquiries with specific focus could be instituted later on. In the light of this decision the Working Groups identified a number of problem areas and scholars who would prepare review papers in respect of those problem areas. The list is furnished at Annexure III.

5. The Working Groups counted on the social commitment of the intellectuals in general (academics and activists) to promote the cause of the tribals and various deprived sections of the