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Subject:- Constitution of Sub-Groups under the Working Group for the Development and Welfare of Scheduled Tribes during Ninth Five Year Plan.

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The Working Group for Development and Welfare of Scheduled Tribes during Ninth Five Year Plan in its meeting held on 21.3.96 have decided to constitute separate Sub-Groups to study, deliberate and report to Working Group on different issues involved in development of tribals and tribal areas. The following are the Sub-Groups:-

- i) Sub-Group for Tribal Development in Social Sectors
- ii) Sub-Group for Protective & Anti Exploitative Measures for STs.
- iii) Sub-Group for Infrastructural Development in Tribal Areas.
- iv) Sub-Group for Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)
- v) Sub-Group for People's Participation in the Context of Constitution 73rd Amendment and 74th Amendment Acts 1992.
- vi) Sub-Group on flow of economic benefits to STs.

2. The Composition of Sub-Groups on various subjects with their terms of reference is at annexure.

3. All the Sub-Groups while analysing the issues allotted to them shall give special attention to the problems of vulnerable groups especially the tribal women.

4. As and when deemed necessary, the Chairman of the Sub-Groups may invite representatives of various organisations of Central and State Governments to have their expert views on various issues of tribal development.