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From

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To

All Collectors/  
All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations

Sub: Survey of social and educational conditions of the people belonging to the Backward Classes in Odisha- Identification of Survey Centers – Guidelines thereof.

Ref: *This Commission Letter No. 105 dated 09.03.2021 and letter No.373/OSCBC, dated 06.03.2023.*

Madam/Sir,

This is regarding identification of survey centers for undertaking the survey of social and educational conditions of the people belonging to the Backward Classes in Odisha. This Commission has already issued guidelines vide letters referred above and has also supplied copies of compendium of instructions containing detailed instructions regarding identification of survey centers.

- It was earlier communicated that, for smooth facilitation of the survey process, Primary Schools/ Government institutions nearest to the Fair Price Shops (FPS) shall be identified as Survey Centers.
- Basing on the number of fair price shops and villages tagged, number of survey centres shall be decided.
- Where, the Fair Price Shop (FPS) is a Gram Panchayat (G.P.), the Collector shall engage adequate number of Enumerators (2 to 5) taking into account the number of villages tagged.
- Where, the FPS is being managed by the Private Dealer, one Enumerator per Survey Center shall be engaged.
- Detailed deliberations in this regard were also made during the training of District Nodal Officers/ Nodal Officers of M.Cs. held on 28.02.2023.

The spirit and intention of the afore-mentioned guidelines/ instructions was to motivate the people belonging to the Backward Classes in Odisha to come forward in large numbers and to take part in the survey. But it has come to the notice of the Commission that, despite repeated instructions/ guidelines/ deliberations, most of the Districts/ Municipal Corporations have not gone through the matter meticulously and identified the survey centres in a casual manner.

As such:

- a) In some districts more than one and upto five numbers of Survey Centers have been located in one G.P./ Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra (BNRGSK).
- b) Names of persons have been mentioned in the column meant for name of the Survey Center.
- c) Survey Centers have been located in Kotha Gharas etc.

To obviate further complications and to cater to the smooth movement and convenience of the citizens belonging to Backward Classes to the Survey Centers for greater participation in the survey process, the following instructions should be followed strictly and meticulously while finalizing the location of Survey Centers.

- i. Schools/ Government Institutions should be identified as Survey Centres for the villages tagged to a G.P. or ward of the ULB.
- ii. Where the Gram Panchayat is managing PDS for more than one village, one Survey Center may be located in that G.P. and rest other villages may be tagged to independent Survey Centers to be identified in the schools of that village or in the nearby Schools/ Government Institutions.
- iii. Villages nearby to the survey centers should be tagged to it.
- iv. Where the FPS is being managed by the Private Dealer, having more number of families/ Ration Card Holders belonging to more than one village, in that case, if required, one more Survey Center may be identified.
- v. Utmost care should be taken and due rationalization process should be adopted while modifying the location of Survey Centers/ number of Enumerators.
- vi. Under no circumstances the Survey Center can be located in any privately owned building and Kotha Gharas.
- vii. Geo Tagging of all the Survey Centers including newly identified Survey Centers shall be made through Mobile App using the link to be shared by the Commission.

In view of the above, all Collectors/ Commissioners of Municipal Corporations are once again impressed upon to take immediate steps for early identification of Survey Centers and tagging of Enumerators thereto on the basis of guidelines outlined above.

This exercise should be completed by 24.03.2023.

This may be accorded TOP PRIORITY.

Yours faithfully,

Member-Secretary  
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