

Report of the  
Study Team on  
Tribal Development Programmes

ORISSA

Committee on Plan Projects  
Planning Commission

## P R E F A C E

0.1 At the instance of the Planning Commission, the Committee on Plan Projects constituted in its Resolution No. COPP/Adm/16(1)/66 dated 26th October, 1966, (Annexure I), a Study Team on Tribal Development Programmes with the object of giving practical effect to the recommendations made in the Original Fourth Five Year Plan Draft Outline for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and for assisting State Governments in evolving concrete schemes of development specially adapted to the needs and conditions of tribal communities and areas. The Team, as originally constituted, consisted of Shri P. Shil as Chairman and Sarvashri L.M. Shrikant and B. Mehta as Members. Shri B. Mehta resigned the membership of the Team on February 2, 1967, and Shri T. Sivasankar was appointed as Member in his place.

0.2 The Resolution constituting the Study Team provides for the co-option of a member by the Study Team from each State in consultation with the Chief Minister of the State for the study of development programmes in respect of that State. For Orissa, Shri Ambalal Vyas, Honorary Rural Welfare Officer, Tribal and Rural Welfare Department, was initially co-opted as a member of the Study Team. However, the term of Shri Vyas as Honorary Rural Welfare Officer with the State Government expired while the study was under way, and, therefore Secretaries, Tribal and Rural Welfare Department, Shri A.N. Das and later Shri R.N. Das, were treated as co-opted members of the Study Team.

0.3 This report is based on an on-the-spot study of the various tribal development programmes undertaken in Orissa. The report was discussed with the State Government at the draft stage and their suggestions and comments have been duly taken into consideration while finalising it. The Study Team wishes to thank the State authorities for the facilities provided by them for the conduct of the study. Special mention needs to be made of the help given and the services rendered by Shri N. Das, Assistant Director and Shri S.P. Rout, Research Officer, Tribal Research Bureau, who not only collected and analysed the data on behalf of the Study Team but also assisted the Team in drafting the report.

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