

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT  
INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, (PTG-CHENCHU)

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To  
The Collector & District Magistrate,  
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Sir,

Sub:- ITDA (PTG-Chenchu), Srisailam - Submission of reply on Paper clipping "Chenchus on brink of starvation" Reg.

Ref: Paper clipping published in the Hindu on 30.4.2009  
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I invite kind attention to the reference cited above. I submit herewith reply on the paper clipping "Chenchus on brink of starvation" published in the Hindu on 30.4.2009.

The following facts are submitted for your perusal.

**1. IMR & MMR in Chenchus:**

	A.P	India	Chenchus	Remarks
IMR	53/1000 live births	56/1000 live births	70/1000 live births	1. Malnutrition due to continuous alcoholism. 2. Low caloric diet intake 3. Presence of iron deficiency anemia leading heart failure and Renal failure. 4. Low birth rate infants. 5. Pre-matured deliveries. 6. Grand multi parity. 7. Intro unlerine deaths, abortions due to Anemia and due to lack of medical facilities and transport non availability to certain interior Chenchu habitations and telephonic communication facility.
MMR	195/1.00 lakh live births	390/ 1.00 lakh live births	250/1.00 lakh live births	

**2. Incidence of Malaira:**

Malaria incidence has come down to nil in tribal area of Prakasam and Mahabubnagar districts due to continuous follow ups, early diagnosis and prompt treatment of fever cases with radical treatment. But, there are few cases identified in the Kurnool district during the last quarter.

5. Bairluty -1
6. Ahobilam - 1
7. Kottalacheruvu - 1
8. Velugodu - 2

1<sup>st</sup> round of spraying operations will be taken up in the month of May'09 and 2<sup>nd</sup> round in July'2009 for eradication of Malaria diseases in Tribal habitations.

### 3. Incidence of T.B:

In ITDA jurisdiction there are screening for T.B cases is done in ITDA jurisdiction and detected (81) T.B positive cases in the Chenchus and monthly nutritious food with following items are distributed to them for a period of 6 to 8 months.

6. Rice - 15 Kgs.
7. Eggs - 15 nos.
8. Dall - 2 Kgs.
9. Ragi malt - 2 Kgs.
10. Oil - 1 Kg.

The DOTs providers identified and further attached to the patients. The monthly follow up and review of the T.B patients is happening on the dates of 11<sup>th</sup> at Dornala, 12<sup>th</sup> at Atmakur and 15<sup>th</sup> at Achampet. From January to April, 9 T.B screening camps were conducted in the 3 districts and the no. of T.B patients identification is raised from the 30 to 81. The efforts regarding T.B screening and treatments are giving good and encouraging results.

### 4. AAY cards:

It is further submitted that there are 2036 chenchu families in 40 habitations of Kurnool District. Out of 2036 families about 1192 families having Anthyodya Annapurna Cards and remaining 844 having White Cards. Hence 1009 White Card householders require to convert from White Cards to Anthyodaya Annapurna Cards. Hence all 1009 White Cards may kindly be permitted to convert as Anthyodaya Annapurna Cards for the benefit of chenchus as they belong to poor S.T(PTG-Chenchu) community.

### 5. NREGS Programme :

- III) under NREGS programme, in the year 2008-09, 4,924 Chenchus were provided with employment 216.04 lakhs of expenditure was incurred. In the year 2009-10, till today 1441 no. of Chenchu households were provided with employment with 33.28 lakh expenditure.

For effective implementation of the NREGS programme among Chenchus, the Principal Secretary, Rural Development & Tribal Welfare have taken decision in PO's conference on 28-4-2009 of creating 3 Mandal Computer centres (MCC) at Srisailam, Dornala, Achampet and shifting Chenchu households job cards to these MCC under the control of Project Officer, ITDA. The NREGS funds will be directly given to Project Officer, ITDA for effective implementation of the programme. The Principal Secretary, Rural Development also instructed to identify Mates and works habitation wise and which is being submitted and the works in all habitations will be taken up within 15 days as per new guidelines.

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#### 6. Economic Support Scheme:

Following is the schemes taken up under sector wise under Economic Support Scheme for the last two years for the benefit of chenchus of 6 districts of this ITDA area.

Year	Sector	Physical	Financial(in lakhs)
2007-08 & 2009-10	Minor Irrigation(Bore Well with Submersible Motors)	129	52.15
	Horticulture	300	16.40
	Animal Husbandry	386	67.92
	ISB	134	25.02
	Total	949	161.49

Out of the above 949 beneficiaries 160 beneficiaries have been covered and expenditure incurred is Rs. 22.12 lakhs in Kurnool District.

#### 7. Land Purchase Programme:

Under Land Purchase Programme from 2003-04 to till to date purchased 1678.30 acres of agriculture land by spending Rs.4,42,48,639 for the benefit of 984 chenchus of six districts. Of which 450 acres of agriculture land was purchased with a cost of Rs.111.98 lakhs for the benefit of 283 chenchu families in Kurnool district.

#### 8. Agriculture

During 2007-8 and 2008-09 an amount of Rs. 95.33 lakhs was spent for the benefit of 2713 chenchu farmers to grow the crops @ 2 acres each by supplying seeds like paddy, redgram, groundnet, bajra, jowar, sunflower, cotton etc., of six districts. Of which an amount of Rs.5.62 lakhs was spent and purchased above mentioned seeds for the benefit of 280 beneficiaries of Kurnool District.

Kurnool District. District wise MFP procure purchases details are as follows.

District	MFP purchase cost (Rs.in lakhs)	procurement cost (Rs.in lakhs)	No. of MFP collectors
Mahabubnagar		54.55	502
Prakasam		37.90	390
Kurnool		30.00	649
Total		122.45	1541

There are about 1541 chenchus who are living in remote forest areas are living depending on collecting of minor forest produce in ITDA area. During 2008-09,1541 chenchus earned Rs.122.45 lakhs by collecting gum karaya, gum kondagogu, honey soatnuts, tamarind, pongamia seed, maredugaddalu, naxomica etc. . The average annual income of chenchu who depended on m.f.p is Rs. 7500/-.

#### 10.Chenchu Housing Programme:

##### i) IAY Houses

The district wise details of houses sanctioned, completed balance etc details from 2004-05 to 2007-2009 are furnished below.

District	No. of houses sanctioned	Completed	Balance
M'Nagar	470	236	234
Prakasam	1100	665	435
Kurnool	829	526	303
Guntur	540	540	495
Ranga Reddy.	196	97	99
Total	4594	2145	2449

##### ii) Bridge Loan:

The Managing Director, TRICOR, A.P. Hyderabad who is Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad has released an amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs for sanction of the same as bridge loan for completion of 1000 houses sanctioned under IAY @ Rs. 10000/- as the existing unit cost is not sufficient for construction of houses. So far an amount of Rs. 92.2 lakhs was spent for 922 houses @ Rs.10,000/- each in six districts of this ITDA area. In the above amount Rs. 16.10 lakhs was sanctioned as bridge loan to 161 beneficiaries @ Rs.10,000/- each for completion of their houses sanctioned under IAY.

##### iii) Indiramma houses:

Under this programme 32 houses are sanctioned to Kurnool District and the same are not yet started due to election code in the following villages. .

1. Nandikotkur, 2. Panyam, 3.Srisailam and 4. Sundipenta.

### 11. Pashukranti Programme:

Under this programme 359 beneficiaries were covered an amount of Rs. 68.90 lakhs was incurred with 50% Animal Husbandry subsidy from Animal Husbandry Department and 50% ITDA subsidy. Of which 45 Milch Animals units grounded for the benefit of chenchus of Kurnool District by spending Rs. 14.70 lakhs.

### 12. Janashree Bhima Yojana

Under this programme the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad has released an amount of Rs.75.26 lakhs in two phases i.e., during 2005-06 for Rs.60.00 lakhs and during 2006-07 for Rs.15.255 lakhs and the same amount was paid to LIC of India, Hyderabad to cover 15051 chenchus under Janashree Bhima Yojana scheme. Insurance paid @ Rs. 500/- to each beneficiary to cover chenchu beneficiary for 5 years period. ITDA(PTG-Chenchu), Srisailam is the nodal agency for chenchus. So far 503 chenchu legal heirs benefited by claiming insurance amount of Rs.125.82 lakhs in six districts of this ITDA area viz., Mahabubnagar, Prakasam, Kurnool, Guntur, Nalgonda and Ranga Reddy. For general death claimed Rs. 20,000/- or Rs.30,000/- by each claim holder. For accidental deaths an amount of Rs. 50,000/- was claimed by each claim holder. In Kurnool district so far 73 chenchus covered under this scheme and the legal heirs claimed insurance amount of Rs. 21.30 lakhs.

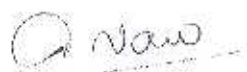
### 13. Women Self Help Groups:

District wise women Self Help Groups furnished below:

No.	District	No. of habitations covered	No. of house holds	No. of SHGs covered	CIF sanctioned For food security (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of Chenchu h.hs covered under food security MCP	CIF sanctioned For livelihoods (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of Chenchu h.hs covered under livelihoods MCP
1	Mahabubnagar	102	2516	164	35.57	1079	118.53	1079
2	Kurnool	26	1242	118	23.28	1168	57.25	596
3	Prakasam	58	2615	36	20.14	1067	94.30	1087
4	Guntur	46	1389	131	20.69	1063	65.57	598

I submit here with above comprehensive report on developmental activities taken up to chenchus for perusal.

Yours faithfully

  
PROJECT OFFICER.

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to Government, Tribal welfare Department AP., Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy Submitted to the Collector & District Magistrate, Mahaboobnagar, for Kind information further necessary action.