ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE HON BLE MEMBER OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HELD ON 15.4.2000 AT HYDERABAD.

III. On the minutes meeting held on 15.4.2000 all the district collectors in the State have been addressed while informing all the points with a request to give wide publicity and expedite identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers in the State Vide Ir. No. H2/2255/2000 dt. 22.4.2000.

As per the minutes the item bonded labour was included in the Janmabhoomi programme held from 1 st to 7th May 2000 and all the Dy. Directors (SW) and Collectors are requested to make survey on identification of bonded labourers while enclosing abstract on relevant G.Os. pamplet on bonded labour in Telugu and Methodology for identification of bonded labourers. There are 30,000 pamphlets and leaflets in Telugu were printed and distributed to the Nodal Officers of concerned district so as to distribute those pamplets in Gramsabhas at village level by the Nodal Officers. Still reports are awaited and they reminded telegraphically.

In response to the above this office had received reports from (2) districts i.e., from Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad. In Mahabubnagar the Dy Director has informed that the Co-operative Societies have been formed with the name Vettichakiri Vimuktha Seva Sahakara Sangham Ltd., with minimum No. of 13 persons each. The Deputy Director also informed that he would form 60 Cooperative Societies of bonded labourers. He had already finalized for 34 Societies. In these 34 Societies, there will be 850 bonded labour members. The issue was also discused with the Collector in detail. Collector had already taken all the possible steps for registration of all the Societies and issued that the entire exercise will be completed by 17.6.2000. He also assured that wage employment works on contract basis will be enstrusted to some of these Societies for there grateful employment. The Commissioner of Social Welfare has taken steps and addressed Registrar of Co-operative Societies Hyderabad for registration of Societies in Mahabubnagar District and he has also ordered the Joint Director concerned to visit the Mahabubnagar District to speedup the formation Co- operative Societies to the bonded labourers on 18.5.2000. The Joint Director has submitted an encouraging report in this regard. The Commissioner of Social Welfare has also made discussions on 12.6.2000 on formation of Co-operative Societies in Mahabubnagar District He has also addressed district collector Mahabubnagar by enclosing gist of discussions vide D.O.Ir. No. H2/1896/2000 dt. 13.6.2000. No. of Societies formed / ready for registrations.

As per the discussions with NHRC held on 15.4.2000 this office has submitted its report to the Government vide Ir. No. H2/2255/2000 dt. 13.6.2000 under intimation to the Spl. Rapporteur NHRC.

Regarding rehabilitation of 388 bonded labourers this office has sent a Fax Message dt. 13.6.2000 to the district Collectors, Rangareddy, Medak, Karimnagar and Mahabubagar to send action taken report to present before the NHRC by Fax.

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Regarding rehabilitation of 27 labourer of Tamilnadu working in Chittor district, the Collector Chittor reported that 17 of them were released and handed-over to Tamilnadu Officials, 3 of them had already left the place and 7 are continuing voluntarily at the same place.