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Title: Health Issues Faced by the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups: Causes and Solutions

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance			√	

Reviewer's Name: Dr Aamina

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

The paper, "**Health Issues Faced by the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups: Causes and Solutions,**" presents an in-depth analysis of the health and nutritional challenges encountered by PVTGs in India. The study effectively highlights the socio-economic vulnerabilities that contribute to their poor health conditions and examines the governmental initiatives aimed at addressing these concerns.

Strengths of the Paper

1. Relevance and Significance:

The study addresses a critical aspect of public health and social justice by focusing on PVTGs, a marginalized segment within the tribal population. Given the existing

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disparities in healthcare access and socio-economic development, this research is highly relevant to policy formulation and tribal welfare programs.

2. **Comprehensive Background and Contextualization:**

The paper provides a well-structured introduction to the concept of PVTGs, their unique characteristics, and the historical context behind their classification. The discussion on the Dhebar Commission's recommendations and the renaming of PTGs to PVTGs in 2006 establishes a strong foundation for understanding the subject matter.

3. **Thorough Examination of Health and Nutritional Challenges:**

The research effectively details the health concerns of PVTGs, including **malnutrition, anemia, micronutrient deficiencies, lack of sanitation, inadequate access to clean water, and traditional healthcare practices that may exacerbate illnesses**. The emphasis on maternal and child health issues, such as **infant mortality and birth defects due to maternal malnutrition**, further strengthens the study's significance in public health discourse.

4. **Constitutional and Policy Framework Analysis:**

The paper provides an insightful discussion on the constitutional provisions designed to safeguard PVTGs, including **protective discrimination, reservations in governance, and directive principles focused on health and nutrition**. The inclusion of the **Panchsheel policy** formulated by Pandit Nehru offers a historical perspective on tribal welfare policies and their guiding principles.

5. **Governmental Interventions and Welfare Measures:**

The research presents a well-rounded view of the initiatives undertaken by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and other governmental bodies to improve the health and living conditions of PVTGs. It highlights the challenges in implementing these policies, such as the **shortage of healthcare professionals in remote areas and inaccessibility of welfare programs** due to socio-economic barriers.

6. **Logical Structure and Clear Presentation:**

The paper follows a coherent structure, progressing from the conceptual background of PVTGs to their health challenges, legal protections, and governmental interventions. This logical flow enhances readability and comprehension.

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Conclusion

The study successfully brings attention to the **multifaceted health challenges** faced by PVTGs and the need for **sustained policy interventions** to improve their well-being. By combining historical, legal, and socio-economic perspectives, the paper provides a **comprehensive overview of the issue** while emphasizing the importance of equitable healthcare access. This research serves as an essential resource for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders involved in tribal welfare and public health.