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 National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

6th Floor, 'B' Wing, LokNayakBhawan
 Khan Market, New Delhi – 110003
 Dated:- 7th January, 2022

To

1. Shri Harsh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chairperson.
2. Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member

Sub: Minutes of 131st Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 17.12.2021 at 10:30 A.M.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that 131st Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held on 17.12.2021 at 10:30 A. M. in the Conference Room of NCST at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The Meeting was presided over by Shri Harsh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the Minutes of Meeting is enclosed for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

(S. P. Meena)

Deputy Director

Copy for necessary action to: a copy of the minutes of 131st Meeting of NCST is enclosed. The Action Taken Report in the matter may be intimated to Coordination Section by 21.01.2022.

- (i) Director (Admin)
- (ii) Director (SSW)
- (iii) Deputy Director (APCR)
- (iv) Deputy Director (ESDW)
- (v) Under Secretary (Admin & Estt.)
- (vi) Assistant Director (OL)

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5. Director / Deputy Director / Assistant Director / Research Officer and Office In-charge in Regional Office of NCST at Bhopal / Bhubaneswar / Jaipur / Raipur / Ranchi and Shillong.

(A copy of the minutes of the 131st Meeting of NCST is enclosed)



(File No. 1/7/2021-Coord.)

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(Minutes of the 131st Meeting held on 17.12.2021)

MINUTES OF THE 131st MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES HELD ON 17.12.2021 AT 10:30 AM

The 131st Meeting of the national Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) was held on 17.12.2021 at 10:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Shri Harsh Chouhan, Chairperson, NCST. The list of participants is at Annexure-I. The following agenda items were taken up for discussion and decisions as taken thereon are enumerated below:-

Agenda item No.- 131.01	(i) Confirmation of the Minutes of 129 th Meeting held on 31.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M.
	(ii) Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 130 th Meeting held on 01.11.2021 at 10:30 A.M.

Decision Taken: Minutes of the 129th Meeting of the Commission were confirmed unanimously.

The Commission also considered and approved the following Action Taken on the minutes of 130th Meeting of the Commission held on 01.11.2021. The details and Action Taken by the NCST are given below:

Sr. No.	Agenda Item No.	Subject	Action Taken Report
1	130.02	Revision of List of Scheduled Tribes (STs) notified under Article 342 of Constitution of India with respect to the State of Tamil Nadu.	The decision of the NCST has been communicated to Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No. NCST-02/0INC(TN)/1/2021-ESDW dated 22.11.2021.
2	130.03	Proposal for inclusion of 'Lohar' (लोहार) community in Scheduled Tribes of Bihar – reg.	The decision of the NCST has been communicated to Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No. NCST-16014(BR)/1/2020/RU-III dated 22.11.2021.

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3	130.04	Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for grievance redressal.	Included as an Agenda Item in 131 st Meeting of the Commission.
4	130.05	Clarification on De-reservation policy.	The matter has been taken up with DoPT
5	130.06	Setting up of a Library, Visitors' Room and Store-room in NCST, Lok Nayak Bhawan	The decision of the NCST has been communicated to the Executive Engineer (Civil), CPWD vide letter No. 1/5/NCST/2021-Admn. dated 29.11.2021.
6	130.07	Engagement of its own Panel of Legal Counsels to defend NCST cases in various Courts.	File is under submission. The procedure followed by other Constitutional Bodies like Election Commission of India and Union Public Service was enquired and on similar lines, a proposal is being processed.
7	130.08	Closure of cases in Regional Offices of NCST	The decision of NCST Headquarters has been communicated to all Regional Offices of NCST vide letter No. NCST-04/0Coord/7/2021-RMDC dated 17.11.2021.

Agenda Item No.- 131.02	Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) on Grievance Redressal.
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Decision Taken: The Commission approved the proposal. It was also decided to have an effective monitoring mechanism. In order to expedite handling of the grievances, Joint Secretary, NCST will hold a weekly meeting on every Monday to review the status of grievances including total number of grievances received during the week, number of grievances disposed during the week and any suggestions for improvement required for proper and fast handing of grievances.

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Agenda item No.- 131.03	Proposed Administrative Reforms.
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- (i) **Separate E-Office Portal for NCST:** The Commission approved the proposal of having a separate e-Office portal for NCST involving an estimated expenditure of Rs. 12,22,197/- for a period of five years from the date of initiating the programme.
- (ii) **Procurement of Desktop Computer & Printer for NCST, Hqrs. and Regional Office:** The Commission approved the proposal for procurement of 15 Desktop Computers & 13 Printers for NCST, Hqrs. and 10 Desktop Computer & 08 Printers for NCST's Regional Offices through GeM Portal involving an estimated expenditure of Rs. 29,28,000/-.

Agenda Item No.- 131.04	Creation of Telangana State Commission for Scheduled Tribes – Consent to the draft bill sent by the Govt. of Telangana.
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(File No. NCST-02/0POL(TS)/1/2021-ESDW)

Decision Taken: The Commission considered the proposal of the State Government of Telangana and agreed with the proposal. Accordingly, the decision of the Commission may be conveyed to the State Government.

Agenda Item No.- 131.05	Legal Aid, Assistance and consideration of plight of the under trial prisoners belonging to the Scheduled Tribes Community.
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(File No. NCST-02/0POL(DL)/2/2021-ESDW)

Decision Taken: The matter was discussed in detail and the Commission has taken serious note of the plight of undertrial prisoners belonging to Scheduled Tribes communities. It was decided to set up a Working Group to study the problem in detail. In this regard, factual information will be obtained from various States and Union Territories. Action will be taken by the Commission on the basis of the finding and recommendations of the Working Group.

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Agenda Item No.- 131.06	The Pain and plight of the Death Row Convicts and Life Convicts belonging to STs who are Languishing behind the bars after fourteen years of incarceration.
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(File No. NCST-02/0POL(DL)/1/2021-ESDW)

Decision Taken: The matter was discussed in detail and the Commission has taken note on the problems of death row convicts belonging to Scheduled Tribes communities. It was decided to form a Working Group to study the problems in depth. Information will also be obtained from various States and Union Territories. On the basis of the finding and recommendations of the Working Group, Commission will decide about the further course of action.

Agenda Item No.- 131.07	Discussion on Status of File Closure. (Closure of old case files in the Regional Offices & Headquarters of NCST).
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(File No. NCST-04/0Coord/7/2021-RMDC)

Decision Taken: The matter was discussed in detail and following decisions were taken:

- (i) Letters / Notices issued by NCST to the concerned authorities will be issued on letter head of the Commission whereas, the summons to be issued on pre-printed format of the Commission.
- (ii) Total number of old cases for which 15 days time was given to the petitioners to send reply/intimation whether they still want to pursue their case was 1006. 40 replies / intimation were received requesting the Commission to retain and continue their case. In the remaining cases i.e. 966, since no replies/intimations have been received from the petitioners, the Commission decided to close those cases.
- (iii) In the remaining old cases, letters should be sent to the petitioners as directed earlier. This process is to be completed latest by 10th January, 2022.

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Agenda Item No.- 131.08	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
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With the permission of the Chair, Hon'ble Member, Shri Ananta Nayak placed the following issues for consideration of the Commission:

(i) Availability of Research documents/data regarding Scheduled Tribes:

- (a) In order to focus on North Eastern Region of the Country, the Commission also propose to sign an Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) with the Special Center for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- (b) For the Commission to effectively advice the Centre and State Governments on socio-economic issues relating to Scheduled Tribes, proper data are essential. The Commission discussed the issue and decided to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bhoj University, to begin with, for carrying out the research on tribal issues.

In order to also focus on North Eastern Region of the country, the Commission also agreed to sign an MoU with the Special Centre for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

- (ii) Review of STC Funds:** The Commission decided to review the utilization of STC Funds of various Ministries / Departments of the Govt. of India.
- (iii) Amendment of Rules of Procedure, NCST, 2021:** Hon'ble Member, NCST proposed that Commission has felt the need of certain amendments in RoP. Accordingly, necessary action should be initiated to facilitate smooth functioning of the Commission.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Harsh Chouhan

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Annexure-I

131st MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
HELD ON 17.12.2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

PRESENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

S. No.	<u>NAME & DESIGNATION</u>
1.	Shri Harsh Chouhan, Chairperson
2.	Shri Ananta Nayak, Member
	<u>OFFICERS</u>
1.	Smt. Alka Tiwari, Secretary
2.	Shri K. Touthang, Joint Secretary
3.	Shri Surat Singh, Director (Admn.)
4.	Shri S. P. Meena, Deputy Director
5.	Shri R. K. Dubey, Deputy Director
6.	Shri Rajesh Kumar Verma, Under Secretary