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 राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग  
 National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 'B' Wing, LokNayakBhawan  
 Khan Market, New Delhi - 110003  
 Dated:- 24.08.2022

To

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

**Sub: Minutes of 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 18.08.2022 at 10:30 A.M.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held on 18.08.2022 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 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCST is enclosed. The Action Taken Report in the matter may be intimated to Coordination Section by 31.08.2022.

1. Director (Admin, SSW & APCR)
2. Deputy Director (ESDW & Coord.)
3. Under Secretary (Admin & Estt.)
4. Assistant Director (OL)
5. Assistant Director (APCR)
6. Assistant Director (RMDC)
7. RO (SSW)
8. RO (ESDW)

Copy for information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST
2. PS to Hon'ble Member, NCST
3. PSO to Secretary, NCST
4. PS to Joint Secretary, NCST
5. Director / Deputy Director / Assistant Director / Research Officer and Office In-charge in Regional Office of NCST at Bhopal / Bhubaneshwar / Jaipur / Raipur / Ranchi and Shillong.

(A copy of the minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCST is enclosed)

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**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**(Minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 18.08.2022 at 10:30 A.M.)**MINUTES OF THE 139<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES HELD ON 18.08.2022 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) was held on 18.08.2022 at 10:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Shri Harsh Chouhan, Hon'ble 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.- 138.01	(i) Confirmation of the Minutes of 137 <sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 17.06.2022 at 10:00 A.M.
	(ii) Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 138 <sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 05.07.2022 at 10:30 A.M.

**Decision Taken:** Minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission were confirmed unanimously.

The Commission also considered and approved the following Action Taken on the Minutes of 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 05.07.2022 at 10:30 A.M. The details and Action Taken by the NCST are given below:

Sr. No.	Agenda Item No.	Subject	Action Taken Report
1.	138.02	Proposal for revision of List of Scheduled Tribes (STs) notified under Article 342 of Constitution of India with respect to the State of Himachal Pradesh – reg.	The decision of the Commission has been communicated to the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No. NCST-02/0POL(HP)/1/2022/ESDW dated 12.07.2022.
2.	138.03	Filling up of the posts of Office Superintendent, on deputation basis, in the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) – reg.	A vacancy circular for filling up of the post was issued vide circular No. NCST-11011/2/2022-Estt. dated 19.07.2022 with 02.08.2022, as the last date of receipt of applications.

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3.	138.04	<b>Any other matter with the permission of the chair</b>  As and when the Commission decides to hold a Meeting, cases for closure will be placed before the Commission for approval. RMDC Section to prepare and compile the list of cases for closure.	Noted for compliance.
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<b>Agenda item No.- 139.02</b>	<b>Revision of List of Scheduled Tribes (STs) notified under Article 342 of Constitution of India with respect to the State of Karnataka- reg.</b>
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(File No. NCST-02/0POL(KR)/1/2022-ESDW)

**Decision Taken:** The Commission supported the proposal regarding revision of list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) notified under Article 342 of Constitution of India with respect to the State of Karnataka.

<b>Agenda item No.- 139.03</b>	<b>Filling Up of Posts Of Director, Assistant Director, Research Officer, Senior Investigator and Investigator in NCST On Deputation Basis.</b>
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**Decision Taken:** The Commission noted the status of the applications received in response to the vacancy circulars of NCST and interaction held on 17.08.2022 with two applicants for the post of Director and one application for the post of Sr. Investigator. For the remaining incomplete applications, the concerned Departments have been requested to make good the deficiencies by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022. The Commission noted and directed to complete the process at the earliest.

<b>Agenda item No.- 139.04</b>	<b>Status of Establishing New Regional Offices Of NCST.</b>
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**Decision Taken:** Presently, out of 10 Fifth Scheduled Area States, NCST Regional Offices are located only in 5 States and opening of new Regional Offices is required in uncovered States of Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh in order to protect the interest of tribal communities in these areas. Noting that opening of new offices is a time taking process and the fact that the proposal has been pending in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs since 2018, the Commission has decided to consider setting up Camp Offices in the remaining Fifth Scheduled States and other tribal areas where its presence is urgently required.

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<b>Agenda item No.- 139.05</b>	<b>Review of the pending cases including fresh receipts/ grievances received in the Commission.</b>
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**Decision Taken:** 144 cases (38 from Headquarters and 106 cases from Regional Offices) have been placed before the Commission for closure as these cases are either resolved or no further action is required. The Commission approved for closure of these 144 cases. All receipts pending for closure also to be placed before the Commission in its next meeting.

<b>Any Other Agenda item No.- 139.06</b>	<b>Any other Agenda item with the permission of chair.</b>
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The following Agenda Items were also placed before the Hon'ble Commission for consideration:

- दिनांक 14 नवम्बर, 2022 को भगवान बिरसा मुण्डा की जन्म जयन्ती को "जनजातीय गौरव दिवस" के रूप में मनाना।

**Decision Taken:** The Commission approved the proposal.

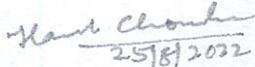
- आयोग द्वारा "जनजातीय गौरव दिवस" आयोजन करने के लिए विशेष बजट (Special Budget) की मांग हेतु।

**Decision Taken:** The Commission approved the proposal and directed to work out the budget requirement for organization of "जनजातीय गौरव दिवस" and send a proposal to Ministry of Tribal Affairs for necessary action.

- Frequent serious lapses in providing befitting protocol to the dignitaries of the Commission during the official visits to different states.**

**Decision Taken:** As and when the Commission decides to go for field investigation and spot visits to assess ground realities including review with District Authorities, the concerned State Governments are given detailed programmes in advance with the request to provide protocol and security arrangements befitting the status. Taking into consideration the threat perceptions where accused could sabotage the Commission's investigation, all such filed visits/investigations by NCST are to be treated as sensitive. Accordingly, the State Governments need to be sensitised on this issue, in particular, in view of the recent incidents of security lapses which resulted into gherao, violent attack and attempt to murder of Shri Ananta Nayak Hon'ble Member and accompanying officers of NCST during the visit in Keonjhar District of Odisha. The Commission has taken serious note of this incident and decided to take it up with concerned Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha and Director Generals of Police, Odisha where such incidents of breach of protocol have taken place. The matter also needs to be taken up with the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

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4. Hon'ble Member, NCST mentioned about the Mangarh massacre which took place on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1913, when a large British Force opened fire on a gathering of local Bhils in the Mangarh Hills on the border of Rajasthan and Gujarat after they refused to disperse. In this incident, more than 1500 Bhil tribals were killed. The social reformer Shri Govind Guru had launched a movement called "Bhagat Movement" in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century among Bhil tribes. Inspired by the Guru, the Bhils rose against oppressive policies of the British.

**Decision Taken:** The Commission recommends to take up the matter with the concerned authorities of Govt. of India for conservation and declaration of Mangarh Hills as the National Memorial in the remembrance of the sacrifice of more than 1500 Bhil tribals who laid down their lives in Mangarh massacre on 17 November 1913.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**139<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES  
HELD ON 18.08.2022 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**PRESENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b><u>NAME &amp; DESIGNATION</u></b>
1.	Shri Harsh Chouhan, Chairperson
2.	Shri Ananta Nayak, Member
	<b><u>OFFICERS</u></b>
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 Rajesh Kumar Verma, Under Secretary

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