



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
(A Constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

File No.- NCST-12036/3/2024-Cord

Dated: 31.12.2024

To,

1. Shri Antar Singh Arya, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST
2. Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member, NCST
3. Smt. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, NCST
4. Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST

Subject: Minutes of the 155th Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) held on 05.12.2024 at 11:30 A.M.- reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that the 155th Meeting of the Commission was held on 05.12.2024 at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room of the NCST under the Chairmanship of Shri Antar Singh Arya, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed for information and record.

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Kumar Dubey)
Deputy Director

Copy for necessary action: A copy of the minutes of the 155th meeting of the NCST is enclosed. Action taken report on the matter may be informed to the Coordination Section within **15 days**.

1. All Directors/ Dy. Director, NCST
2. All Regional Offices of NCST
3. All Wing Heads of NCST
4. Assistant Director (OL)- for Hindi Translation
5. NIC, NCST- for uploading on NCST website and WhatsApp group

Copy for information-

1. PS to Hon'ble Chairman, NCST
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Dr. Asha Lakra), NCST
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Nirupam Chakma), NCST
4. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jatothu Hussain), NCST
5. Sr. Principal PS to Secretary, NCST
6. PA to Joint Secretary, NCST
7. Director/ Deputy Director/ Research Officer and Office In-charge of Regional Offices of NCST- Bhopal/ Bhubaneswar/ Jaipur/ Raipur/ Ranchi and Shillong

(A copy of the minutes of the 155th meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is enclosed)

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
(Coordination Section)

(Minutes of the 155th Meeting of the Commission held on 05.12.2024 at 11:30 A.M.)

The 155th Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held on 05.12.2024 at 11:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chairman, Shri Antar Singh Arya. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson warmly welcomed Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, IAS, who joined the Commission as the new Secretary of NCST on November 11, 2024. The list of Hon'ble Members and Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed in *Annexure-I*.

The following Agenda Items were discussed and decided, which are listed below:

Agenda Item No.	Subject
155.01	Confirmation/ Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 154th Meeting held on 24.09.2024 at 02:30 PM.
	Decision: The Commission was appraised of the Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the 154 th Meeting of the Commission.

Agenda Item No.	Subject	Action Taken
154.01	Confirmation/ Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 153rd Meeting held on 24.06.2024 at 11:30 PM.	Confirmed
154.02	Details of 100 Days Action Plan of NCST	An O.M. has been circulated to O/o Hon'ble Chairperson and O/o Hon'ble Members to seek the Action Plan.
154.03	Suggestions on District Review/ State Review Questionnaire of the NCST	An O.M. alongwith the existing Questionnaires has been circulated to O/o Hon'ble Chairperson, O/o Hon'ble Members and All the Wings of NCST
154.04	Report by Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member on demographic change in the state of Jharkhand	The Report is being referred to the RGI and MHA as decided by the Commission for obtaining necessary data on demographic changes in Jharkhand. The formation of Working Group of Experts for study report on illegal transfer of tribal land by various means i.e. marriage, donation/gift etc., will be taken up subsequently.
154.05	Creation of two posts of Deputy Director (Pay level 11) and one post of Assistant Director (Pay level 10) by surrender of one post of Assistant Director (Programme) (Pay Level 10), one post of Law Officer (Pay Level 6), One post of Librarian-cum-Documentation Assistant (Pay Level 6), One post of Accountant (Pay level 5) and One post of Dispatch Rider (pay level 2).	The matter is under review.

154.06	Creation of 8 posts of CSS cadre i.e. one Under Secretary, 4 Section Officers and 3 ASOs, on the pattern of sanctioned strength of NCSC, for strengthening the functioning of NCST headquarters.	A proposal has been sent to Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 29.10.2024.
154.07	Miscellaneous Agenda Points- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complaint received from a group of organizations against National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) order dated June 19, 2024 proposing relocation of 64,801 families from 591 villages. Proper Sitting arrangement for Media / Social Media team. Review of Staff requirement of NCST. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action is being taken. Necessary action is being taken. A proposal for the opening of five additional regional offices of the NCST, along with the creation of 70 new posts, was submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA). However, this proposal was rejected, and the Ministry has advised to first fill the currently vacant posts.
154.08	Any other matters with the permission of the Chair. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quick Disposal of old cases pending in the Commission. Publication of quarterly newsletter of the Commission. 3. Procedure for approval of minutes of hearings and meetings held in the Commission. Uniformity in the Salary of legal advisor. Re-starting the Internship Programme in the Commission. Progress of the Supreme Court Internship Programme. Adequate vehicle arrangement for office use of the Honourable Chairman and Honourable Members of the Commission. Rules of Procedure of the Commission. Formation of Media and Publicity Section in the Commission. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Sittings/ Meetings are conducted by the Hon'ble Members to dispose-off the cases. The Wings are also disposing the cases by examining each case. Action is being taken The Minutes of Sittings are prepared within two days and submitted for approval of Hon'ble Members as per procedure. Necessary order has been issued. Action is being initiated. Hon'ble Chairperson wrote a DO letter on 4th Sept 2024 to Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs for allocation of funds. A bid has been processed on GeM and further action in this regard is under process. The agenda in 155th Meeting of the Commission has been dropped. Hence, no action is required at this stage. A Social Media Consultant has been engaged in NCST.

155.02	Report of Hon'ble Member (NC) in connection with the examination of the proposal for inclusion of "Saranja Kachari" in the list of Scheduled Tribes (Plains) of Assam State.
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	<p>Decision: The Commission adopts the Report submitted by Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member and supports the proposal for inclusion of Sarania Kachari as an independent entry in the ST list of Assam (Plains).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: RU-II)</i></p>
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155.03	<p>Constitution of team headed by Hon'ble Member for examination of following proposal received from MoTA for inclusion of communities in the ST list Chhattisgarh -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. "Amnait, Amneet and Amnit" as sub-entry under "Bhattra" notified at Sl. No. 06 in the STs list of Chhattisgarh. ii. Sonjharia (सोनझरिया), Sonjhara (सोनझरा), and Sonjhari (सोनझरी) Castes along with Sonjhari (सोन्झारी), sub-group of Gond, notified at serial number 16 in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh. iii. "Rautia" community in the Scheduled Tribes list of Chhattisgarh
	<p>Decision: It has been decided that a team headed by Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member, will do the field visits of the areas inhabited by the above-mentioned communities and submit a report in this regard before the Commission for the final decision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: RU-I & O/o Hon'ble Chairperson & Hon'ble Member (NC))</i></p>

155.04	<p>Regarding New office space of NCST, HQ at New Delhi</p>
	<p>Decision: The Commission has decided to authorize the task of expediting the search for a new office space for the NCST Headquarters to the Secretariat of NCST.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: Admin Section)</i></p>

155.05	<p>Organisation of Yuva Samvad in the month of January/February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi</p>
	<p>Decision: The Commission decided to organise Yuva Samvad in the month of January/February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. A committee has already been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member, NCST, to prepare the plan for the organisation of Yuva Samvad. The Committee will submit comprehensive blueprints of the program to the Hon'ble Chairperson at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: Coordination/ Admn. Section)</i></p>

155.06	<p>Celebration of Foundation Day of NCST on 19th Feb. 2025.</p>
	<p>Decision: It has been decided that the upcoming Foundation Day of NCST will be celebrated at the NCST Office premises at Lok Nayak Bhawan. Representatives from various other Constitutional/ Statutory bodies may be invited to the event, where an overview of NCST's work and achievements will be showcased.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: Coordination/ Admn. Section)</i></p>

155.07	<p>Any other matters with the permission of the Chair.</p>
1.	<p>Regarding the establishment of five Eklavya Model Residential Schools in every tribal block across the country.</p>

	<p>Decision: It was decided to recommend to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to establish 03 (Three) Eklavya Model Residential Schools in every tribal block across the country to provide quality educational facilities to the ST children in these blocks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: RU-I)</i></p>
2.	<p>Regarding the setting up of at least one Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in all tribal blocks.</p>
	<p>Decision: The Commission decided to recommend to the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India for establishment of at least one Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in each tribal block across the country, with a particular focus on the Northeastern region.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: RU-IV)</i></p>
3.	<p>Regarding updating the NCST Questionnaire sent by the Commission to various Authorities / Departments.</p>
	<p>Decision: A copy of the NCST questionnaire has been shared with the Hon'ble Members, all Wing Heads of NCST, and Heads of NCST Regional Offices for their views and comments. Additionally, it has been decided to request information from NITI Aayog & Ministry of Tribal Affairs on tribal welfare schemes run by the Government of India and from the Chief Secretaries of respective states regarding tribal development schemes of the concerned State.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: Coordination Section)</i></p>
4.	<p>Regarding reducing the number of officers/officials in the channel of submission of the NCSTGRAMS portal for the process of receipt of applications and issuance of letters by the Commission.</p>
	<p>Decision: It has been decided to retain the existing channel for file submissions on NCSTGRAM. However, for the issuance of Notices, the Hon'ble Chairperson and concerned Hon'ble Members may directly send the files to the concerned Wing Heads after approval to expedite the process of issuing notices to the authorities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: RMDC & O/o Hon'ble Chairperson & Hon'ble Members)</i></p>
5.	<p>Regarding ensuring Hearings/ Sittings as much as possible in the Commission's Regional Offices.</p>
	<p>Decision: It has been decided that the Secretariat of NCST shall ensure that the Hearings/Sittings of the Commission are conducted at the convenience of the Hon'ble Chairperson and Hon'ble Members in Regional Offices of NCST or any other appropriate place.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: O/o Hon'ble Chairperson & Hon'ble Members & Regional Offices)</i></p>
6.	<p>Regarding furniture and other seating arrangements in the Commission's Regional Offices.</p>
	<p>Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i></p>
7.	<p>Regarding connecting the NCST Regional Office's officers/ officials through video conferencing for meetings related to the review of cases</p>
	<p>Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary.</p>

	<i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
8.	Regarding the proposed State-level Review meetings in Mizoram, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Dadra Nagar Haveli (Union Territory) under the Commission's action plan for the next three months.
	Decision: It was decided to conduct one State-level review meeting, one Central Ministry review, and one PSE/PSU review each month as part of the Commission's action plan for the next three months. <i>(Action: O/o Hon'ble Chairperson & Members, Coordination & Concerned RU)</i>
9.	Regarding the preparation of a work plan for internships for tribal students in the Commission.
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
10.	Regarding ensuring the purchase of the latest computers, printers, and scanners for the utilisation of NCSTGRAM in the Commission's Regional Offices.
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Admn. Section & Regional Offices)</i>
11.	Regarding the disposal of computers older than five years, unusable furniture, and files of pre-2021 as per the Commission's guidelines, Finance Ministry, GFR, and other guidelines/orders.
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
12.	Regarding the disposal of unusable staff cars in the Commission Headquarters and its Regional Offices
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
13.	Regarding filling up all the vacant posts of Investigator, Lower Division Clerk, Upper Division Clerk, and other posts of the Commission whose cadre controlling office is the Commission
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
14.	Regarding the Workshop/ Seminar scheduled for the month of January 2025.
	Decision: The decision shall be taken subsequently by the Administration Section. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>
15.	Regarding the formation of a team of officers/employees to ensure the writing of the Commission's Annual Report within the next two months
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary.

	<i>(Action: O/o Hon'ble Chairperson & Admn. Section)</i>
16.	Regarding recommending all Central and State-level departments for the formation of separate SC/ ST Liaison Officers/ Employees Association.
	Decision: The matter will be placed before the Commission in the next meeting, if necessary. <i>(Action: Coordination Section)</i>
17.	Regarding the Commission's meetings with officers of NITI Aayog
	Decision: NITI Aayog will be requested to make a presentation before the Commission on the schemes of Govt. of India for the Tribal Development & Welfare. Additionally, during the discussion, the Secretary of NCST proposed that the Commission take up the matter of electrification of tribal houses under the newly launched PM – Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. This suggestion was agreed upon by the Commission. <i>(Action: Coordination Section and RU-II)</i>
18.	Regarding making Biometrics attendance compulsory for all employees of the Commission.
	Decision: Action shall be taken by the Administration section as per the extant rules. <i>(Action: Admn. Section)</i>

List of Participants-

1. Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member
2. Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member
3. Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member
4. Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, Secretary
5. Shri Surat Singh, Director
6. Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy, Director
7. Shri Rakesh Kumar Dubey, Dy. Director
8. Shri Manish Raj, Sr. Investigator