



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

(A Constitutional Commission set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution to investigate and monitor all matters relating to violation of rights and safeguards provided for STs.)

File No. 15/14/MC&F/2012/RU-III

Dated 20/12/2012

To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
Room No. F-281, Bhikaji Cama Place,  
August Kranti Bhawan,,  
New Delhi- 110066

**Sub: Comments on Cabinet Note-Extension of Purchase Preference Policy in respect of 102 medicines-regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 17011/13/2012-P&M dated 23/11/2012 forwarding a copy of the Draft Cabinet Note on the above subject for seeking comments of NCST on the Draft Cabinet Note and to say that the subject matter was discussed as Agenda Item No-V in the 40th Meeting of the Commission held on 17/12/2012.

2. Relevant Extracts from the Summary Record of the meeting of the Commission are enclosed for information and further necessary action. It is requested that information about action taken on the views and observations of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the subject matter, and the nature and the manner in which those views have been incorporated, may be forwarded to this Commission urgently for including the same in the Annual Report of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

  
(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.  
Deputy Director

Copy with enclosure forwarded for information to:-

1. The Secretary Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Pharmaceuticals Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, with their letter No. '50(9)/2010-PI-IV dated 24/08/2012 addressed to Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
2. SSA (NIC) for uploading on the Website of NCST
3. Assistant Director (Coordination)

  
(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.  
Deputy Director

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**Subject: Summary record of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission held at 11:30 AM on 17-12-2012**

The 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission was held at 11:30 AM on 17-12-2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission in Loknayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure. There were fourteen Agenda Items for discussion in the meeting. In addition, as desired by the Chairperson, NCST important administrative issues of immediate concern relating to functioning of the Commission were also taken up for discussion as additional Agenda item No. XV.

2. The decisions taken and the action points that emerged out of the discussions held in the meeting are given below:

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<b>Agenda Item V</b>	<b>Draft Cabinet Note-Extension of Purchase Preference Policy in respect of 102 medicines</b>
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12. Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No.17011/13/2012-P&M dated 29.10.2012 has forwarded the draft Cabinet Note prepared by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers on the subject. The proposal seeks approval for continuation of Purchase Preference Policy for Pharmaceutical Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for next 5 years which had expired with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2011. The Commission noted that the proposal envisages strengthening of the CPSEs for equitable participation in the pharma sector through purchase preference policy. The Commission while agreeing to the Note did not offer any comments in the matter.

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