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Government of India  
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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To

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**Sub:- Tribal Welfare Department – Amendment to Act 9 of 2003 regarding the constitution of Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Scheduled Tribes – constitution of two separate Commission for SCs & STs respectively – remarks/views - Reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. dated 09/05/2013 on the above subject and to convey the recommendations of the Commission for amendment to the Act for setting up the proposed State Commission for Scheduled Tribes with the following suggestions:-

- (a) The Chairman, Vice Chairman and other Members of the Commission may be appointed from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing and belonging to different professions and have had a record of dedicated service/ expertise to the cause of justice for the Scheduled Tribes and inspire confidence amongst the Scheduled Tribes by their very personality.
  - (b) At least one member in the Five Member Commission should be from amongst women. The posts of Chairman and Vice- Chairman may be redesignated as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively as these posts can be filled from male as well as female experts.
  - (c) The Chairperson shall be appointed from amongst eminent persons/ professionals belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.
  - (d) The Vice-Chairperson and all other Members out of whom at least two shall be appointed from amongst persons belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.
  - (e) In addition, at least one of the, two members (other than 3 STs) should be preferably a eminent researcher on the subject of Scheduled Tribes.
2. It is also requested that a copy of the Bill may also be forwarded to this Commission.
  3. This issues with the approval of the Commission

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Yours faithfully,

(K.D. Bhansor) Mrs.  
Deputy Director