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*Respected Ahluwalia ji,*

You are aware that the Constitution of India has made special provisions for upliftment and development of the Scheduled Tribe and also for safeguarding their rights. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, set up under Article 338A of the Constitution is vested with the duty, inter-alia, to investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the STs and to evaluate the working of such safeguards. In pursuance of its mandate, the Commission had a meeting with the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture on 30/10/2012 to review implementation of the Tribal Sup-Plan and safeguards provided for STs (Summary record of the proceedings of the meeting annexed). I am apprising you of certain important issues emerged from the meeting in the matter as under.

2. The Commission has noted that major Missions/ Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture are mostly demand-driven, which due to their design itself are likely to lose focus on the well defined Scheduled/ Tribal Areas, as State Govts. have no compulsion or incentive for taking up these programmes in inaccessible Scheduled/ Tribal Areas. The Commission, therefore, recommends that the Planning Commission should accordingly allocate funds to the Ministries/Depts. with TSP component in the implementation of all major Missions/ Schemes. The Commission is also of the view that considering the fragile economic conditions of the tribals, and their poor agricultural practices including single crop culture, there is an imperative need to incorporate a TSP component in the implementation of the major Missions/ Schemes also in order to meet the objective of inclusive growth, which should not be based merely on the population share, but rather on the extent of deprivation i.e. according to "problem share" and "need based". Further, the developmental support by the Central Govt. in Scheduled/ Tribal Areas should not be confined to the issue of directions only and the Ministries should also establish appropriate mechanism with setting up TSP Cell in each Department for monitoring effective utilization of funds allocated under TSP.

3. The Commission has also noted that the Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture had not specifically earmarked any allocation under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) as Planning Commission D.O. Letter No. N-11016/12(1)/2009-PC dated 15.12.2010..had not recommended any earmarking of funds for Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of the Deptt. However, the Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has informed the Commission that in respect of all individual beneficiary oriented schemes of the Deptt. State Government have been requested to earmark at least 8% of the allocated benefit for the beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Tribe. The Commission is of the view that the schemes, being run by the Deptt of AHD&F support the traditional way of living of tribals and hence, the Planning Commission need to review the directions contained in its letter dated 15.12.2010 for including Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries for earmarking of funds under TSP and annual preparation of TSP.

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4. I would request you to have the views of the Commission examined in the matter urgently and also action taken by the Planning Commission communicated to the Commission at the earliest.

With high regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: As above.

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