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**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.)

संख्या / No: Policy/5/DEV/MoMA/2012/RU-II

दिनांक / Date: 12/10/2012

To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Minority Affairs,  
11th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110001

**Sub:** Memorandum of Expenditure Finance Committee on restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programmes. – Proposal of Ministry of Minority Affairs.

**Ref: i)** MoMA letter F.No. 3/31/2012-PP dt 27/09/2012 seeking views/ comments of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above proposal.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with the letter cited above and to say that the above matter was discussed in detail in the meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, chaired by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 10/10/2012. Extracts from the Summary Record of the meeting, relating to the observations and views/ advice/ recommendation of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in the subject matter, are reproduced below for your information and necessary action. Summary Records of the meetings of the Commission are also available on the Website of the Commission (<http://ncst.nic.in>).

**Agenda Item-II** Memorandum of Expenditure Finance Committee on restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programmes. – Proposal of Ministry of Minority Affairs.

(5) The Commission was informed that the Ministry of Minority Affairs has sought views of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above proposal. The Commission noted that the Multi-sectoral Development Programmes (MSDP) was already being implemented in 90 Minority Concentration Districts for Socio-Economic Development of Minorities in the country. The programme was launched in 2008-09. On the basis of the recommendations of the 12th Plan working group on Empowerment of Minorities, the Ministry has proposed to modify the scheme with the main emphasis of shifting the unit area of planning from Minority Concentration District to Minority Concentration Block (MCBs) and town/ city and cluster of villages having substantial population of Minorities. Consequently, MSDP may be expanded to 196 Districts having 710 MCBs and Minority Concentration Towns/ Cities and Minority Village Clusters to be selected by the States during 12th Five Year Plan. Accordingly, the Memorandum for EFC has been prepared and sent to this Commission for views.

(6) The Commission agreed to the proposal contained in the Memorandum alongwith recommendation that the proposed Plan should adequately take care of Scheduled Tribes population among Minority Communities in each Unit of operation under the above scheme (MSDP)

2. As directed by the Commission it is requested that the Ministry of Minority Affairs may suitably incorporate in the proposal, the recommendations made by the Commission and also mentioning about having consulted the Commission in the matter as per the Cabinet Secretariat Instructions dated 16/02/2012.

3. It is requested that a copy of the Final Note and/ or Legislative proposal submitted to the EFC/ Cabinet for their consideration may be furnished to this Commission urgently. It is also requested that a Note spelling out the manner of acceptance / reasons for non-acceptance, if any, by the Government, of the views/ advice/ recommendation of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in the subject matter may also be forwarded to this Commission, for incorporating the same in the Annual Report of the Commission to be submitted to the President of India under the provision of Article 338A(5)(d) of the Constitution.

Yours faithfully,



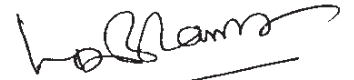
(Mrs. K. D. Bhansor)  
Deputy Director

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