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Dated: 25 April, 2017

To,

1. All Secretaries of Ministries/Departments
2. All Chief Secretaries to the States/UTs

Sub: Views/Comments of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on notes for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees/Empowered Group of Minister/Group of Ministers and other Policy documents.

Sir/Madam,

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has been set up with effect from 19th February, 2004 under Article 338A of the Constitution of which, enjoins upon the Commission to oversee the implementation of various safeguards provided to Scheduled Tribes under the Constitution or under any other law for time being in force or under any other order of the Government and to evaluate the working of such safeguards.

2. In terms of Clause (9) of article 338A of the Constitution, the Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Tribes. The Cabinet Secretariat vide OM No. 1/3/2/2012-Cab dated 16.2.2012 has issued instructions in which the sponsoring Ministries/Departments were advised to ensure that National Commission for Scheduled Tribes shall mandatorily be consulted by them before finalization of notes for the Cabinet and other Policy matters.

3. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) receives a number of Cabinet Notes and other policy documents from the various Ministries/Departments seeking comments of NCST, which are required to be analyzed/examined by the Secretariat of NCST, before placing the same in the meeting of Commission for views, of also petitions on various matters by aggrieved tribes/tribal bodies.

4. The Commission has now authorized the Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes to hold preliminary discussion/meetings with the concerned officers of line Ministries/Departments as well as Principal Secretaries/Commissioners/Secretaries in the State Government for better appreciation and examination of the subject matter. The Commission has further decided that such discussions/meetings chaired by Secretary, NCST shall be treated as "Preliminary Sitting/Meeting" of the Commission.

5. It is requested that above decision may be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance.

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Yours faithfully,


25.04.17
(S.K Ratho)

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