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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

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Dated ..... 28.05.2008

**Sub: Summary record of the meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes held on 12.05.2008**

A meeting of the Commission was held at 12:00 noon on 12.05.2008 in the Conference Room of the Commission. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Urmila Singh, Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the Summary Record of the meeting is enclosed for information and necessary action.

2. Action taken on the decision taken in the meeting may be furnished by 09.06.2008 positively.

Yours faithfully,

  
(R.C. Durga)  
Director

To

- (i) Director (RU-I & RU-II)
- (ii) Director (RU-III & Coord.)
- (iii) Dy. Secretary (RU-IV & Admn.)
- (iv) US (Admn.)
- (v) AD/RO Incharge-RU-I/ RU-II/RU-III/ RU-IV/Coord/ SO (Admn).

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- (i) PS to Chairperson/ PS to Vice-Chairperson/ PS to Member (TS)/ PS to Member (OSM)/ PPS to Secretary
- (ii) Regional Offices: Director/ Assistant Director/ Research Officer Incharge of Regional Offices of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Bhopal/ Bhubaneswar/ Jaipur/ Raipur/ Ranchi/ Shillong.

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES**

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2. There were initially four items on the Agenda for the meeting. A fifth item was added later on for discussion in the meeting. All items on the Agenda were discussed in detail. The decisions taken in the meeting are summarized as under:

**Agenda Item I Kerala (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Regulation of issue of Community Certificates (Amendment Ordinance), 2006.**

As per the existing instructions of the Govt. of India, Children in a family generally get the caste status of their father and accordingly, children of a ST woman with non-ST male spouse are not entitled to ST status. The proposed amendment by the Govt. of Kerala is of considerable importance for the original Scheduled Tribes as granting status of Scheduled Tribes to the off-spring of non-ST males and ST females may lead to encroachment upon the rights of genuine Scheduled Tribes. Further, enactment of such a provision in relation to Kerala State will have a widespread repercussion throughout the country. It is also a fact that tribal communities in different Regions of the country have their own traditions and cultural systems. Many communities accept marriages of a ST woman with a non-ST man and vice-versa while others don't. Therefore, it was decided that the Commission should go for wider consultations on the issue.

**Agenda Item II Proposal for inclusion of MEDARA Community as a synonym of MEDA Community in the list of STs for Karnataka.**

Certain details relating to the proposal were called by the Commission from the Govt. of Karnataka in November, 2007. Since there is no elected Govt. in the State for the past few months, it was desired that some more time should be given to the State Government for furnishing the material; for which purpose, a reminder at an appropriate level may be sent. Information may also be sought from MTA/ MoSJ as to why the MEDARA community was not accepted for inclusion as a synonym of MEDA community at the earlier stage of comprehensive revision of lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in 1976

**Agenda Item III Schedule of Review Meetings of Commission with States and UTs and Central Ministries.**

Review Meeting with HP Govt. may be tentatively fixed for 2nd week of June, 2008 while review meetings with Govt. of Rajasthan may be

scheduled in the 3rd quarter, keeping in view Assembly elections. As regards review of Central Ministries, the review material may be obtained from the Ministries of Defence, Health & Family Welfare, Human Resource Development, Petroleum, and Railways so that dates for review may be fixed. Each Research Unit concerned with the above mentioned States and Central Ministries may initiate action immediately.

**Agenda  
Item IV**

**Guidelines for dealing with cases relating to Service Safeguards received in the Commission.**

The guidelines prepared in the Commission were discussed. Commission was informed that similar guidelines/ check lists were being prepared for dealing with cases relating to de-reservation proposals, caste certificates, development related issues and atrocities on Scheduled Tribes. Commission also noted that major share of time and energies of the Commission staff was spent on service related matters. Hence, there is a need to devote more time for dealing with other matters. While it was felt that it may not be possible to fix a pre-determined date for holding the meetings of the Commission, it was agreed that hearing would be held in the pre-lunch session and visitors would be received in the post-lunch period.

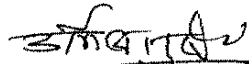
**Agenda  
Item V  
(additional  
agenda)**

**Report on Study of performance of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes conducted by Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi entrusted by Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India.**

The Commission was informed that the Researcher who had conducted the study had given a presentation to the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and officers of the NCST/ DARPG on 09.05.2008 about the observations made in the report and the Commission was required to send its comments to the Ministry.

Draft comments on salient observations made in the report were noted by the Commission and it was felt that the same could be communicated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Subsequently, however, the Vice-Chairman has suggested that the Commission need again to discuss the report in detail after all Members have had an opportunity to study it further).

3. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

  
29/5/2008  
श्री. शिवराम अ. सिंग  
अध्यक्ष/Chairperson  
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग  
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**Annexure**

**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

**Meeting of the Commission on 12.05.2008 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room of the Commission-List of participants.**

<b><u>S.No.</u></b>	<b><u>Name and Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Signature</u></b>
1.	Smt. Urmila Singh, Chairperson	(In Chair)
2.	Shri Maurice Kujur, Vice-Chairperson	
3.	Shri Tsering Samphel, Member	
4.	Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw, Member	
5.	Shri R.S. Sirohi, Secretary	
6.	Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary	
7.	Shri R.C. Durga, Director	
8.	Shri Vinod Aggarwal, Director	
9.	Shri R.P. Vashistha, Deputy Secretary	
10.	Shri K.N. Singh, PS to Chairperson	