

69TH MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 20th March, 2015 **Time:** 11:30 hours

Venue: Conference Room, NCST, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

In the Chair: Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST

List of Participants: Annexed as Annexure-I.

The scheduled Agenda Item for meeting discussed and decided as below:

Agenda Item 1	Inclusion of 'Saura', Sahara', 'Soura', 'Saunra'/ 'Saonra', 'Saora', as synonyms of 'Sawar' and 'Sawara' appearing as ST at Sl. No. 41 in the list of STs of Chhattisgarh.
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The Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the letter No. 12016/3/2012-C&LM-I dated 24/02/2014 has forwarded a proposal for Inclusion of 'Saura', Sahara', 'Soura', 'Saunra'/ 'Saonra', 'Saora', as synonyms of 'Sawar' and 'Sawara' appearing as ST at Sl. No. 41 in the list of STs of Chhattisgarh. Pursuant to the discussions held in 53rd and 65th meeting of the Commission. The Commission team visited the State of Chhattisgarh from 17/02/2015 to 20/02/2015 and conducted field visits to Pathrla village in Basna Tahsil of Mahasamunda district and Bodadih village in Bilaigarh Tahsil of Baloda Bazar- Bhatapara district, to ascertain the ground position and characteristics of STs. During the field visits Commission interacted with Villagers and local leaders of the various Social organizations, officers of the State. The Commission identified, based on the observations of Government, Tribal Research & Training Institute, Anthropologists and Researchers that the proposal of State Government to include the "Saura', Sahara', 'Soura', 'Saora community also as synonym of Sawar, Sawara in the ST list of the State listed at Sl. No. 41. (copy of Report Annexure-I) is justified.

2. After detailed discussion on the report Commission decided to recommend the proposal for Inclusion of 'Saura', Sahara', 'Soura', 'Saunra'/ 'Saonra', 'Saora', as

synonyms of 'Sawar' and 'Sawara' appearing as ST at Sl. No. 41 in the list of STs of Chhattisgarh.

Agenda Item II	Inclusion of Karbi (Mikir) community residing in the plain area of Assam at Sl. No. 11 in the list of STs in Assam.
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The Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No. 12016/3/2000-TA(RI)-C&LM (pt-I) dated 28th Feb. 2013 sought comments of the Commission on the proposal sent by the Stat Govt of Assam, for inclusion of 'Karbi (Mikir)' community residing in plain area of Assam, in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Assam. The MoTA in the above letter also inter-alia informed that the Registrar General of India vide DO letter No. 8/1/2006-SS (Assam) Pt dated 11/09/2006 supported the proposal of inclusion of 'Karbi (Mikir)' community, residing in plain area of Assam. Pursuant to discussion held in the 45th, 48th, 50th, 60th and 62nd meeting of the Commission, a team led by Hon'ble Chairperson visited the State of Assam from 04/02/2015 to 06/02/2015 to carry out on the spot study and to ascertain the real position in the process of examining the proposal of the State Govt. to include the KARBI (MIKIR) Community at Sl. No. 11 in the list of Scheduled Tribes (Plains) of the State (Annexure-II).

2. The Report was discussed in the Commission. The Commission after due deliberation recommended that the KARBI (MIKIR) community residing in the plain districts of State possess tribal characteristics qualify for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes (Plains) of the State.

Additional Agenda

Item I	Proposal for promulgation of 'Andaman & Nicobar Islands Registration of Tourism Trade Regulation, 2014'.
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The Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No.20025/1/2012-C&LM-II dated 17/03/2015 has forwarded a proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No. 11023/01/2012 dated 02/03/2015 for promulgation of 'Andaman & Nicobar Islands Registration of Tourism Trade Regulation, 2014'. Proposal for promulgation of Andaman & Nicobar Island Registration of Tourism Trade Regulation 2014 as sent by

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the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide its letter No. 20025/1/2012/CL & MII dated 17/3/2015 was discussed.

2. It was noted that in the 38th meeting of the Commission held on 6/9/2012, proposal titled of 'Andaman & Nicobar Island Registration of Tourism Trade Regulation 2012 was discussed and Commission had given its comments on it and Commission reiterating its earlier advise decided that following should be communicated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for in turn communicating it to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(a) "Buffer Zone" notified adjacent to the Jarawa reserved area is meant to protect the Jarawa Tribals from any sort of exploitation and provisions for protecting Buffer Zone should not be reduced in any manner and therefore restriction imposed by Buffer Zone notification may be incorporated in the tourism policy.

(b). Road presently passing through the Jarawa habitations may be closed for tourist as well as other activities except which relate to protection and development of tribals. Therefore, provision for restrictions on the registration of any activity relating to registration of tourism activities in the passing area through the Jarawa habitations should also be made in the promulgation of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Registration of Tourism Trade Regulation 2014.

Item II	Proposal of increase of Imprest money in NCST
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The imprest Funds of Rs 10000/- were approved in the year 2004. Due to inflationary reasons, existing limit of imprest amount Rs10000/- being inadequate, hence proposal was submitted to enhance the imprest amount from Rs 10000/- to Rs 25000/- Commission considered the proposal and approved the amount of Rs. 25000/- of imprest amount of NCST.

2. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rameshwar Chakraborty
Chairperson

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ANNEXURE-I

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
69th Meeting of NCST,
held on 20/03/2015 at 11:30 hours, New Delhi

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson (In Chair)
2. Shri Santosh Kumar, Joint Secretary
3. Smt. K. D. Bhansor, Director
4. Shri Pramod Chand, Deputy Secretary
5. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Under Secretary
6. Shri S.P. Meena, Assistant Director