



F.No. 33/Pressclipping/7/2013/RU-III  
**Government of India**  
**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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October 4, 2013

To

- (1) **Chief Secretary,**  
**Delhi Government,**  
Delhi.
- (2) **The Commissioner of Police,**  
**Delhi Police Hqrs.**  
MSO Building, I.P. Estate,  
New Delhi – 110001

**SUB: Investigation into the News report of 1/10/2013 in the Times of India dated 01/10/2013 captioned "Savagely scarred maid rescued from VK flat".**

Sir,

Please refer to this Commission's letter of even number dated 01/10/2013 regarding furnishing of comments with regard to the action taken in connection with the reported incident, involving a domestic maid from the State of Jharkhand.

2. The officials of the Commission have been interacting with the concerned police officials viz. SHO and the Commissioner's office etc. to ascertain whether the victim belongs to the ST category and in the event that she is a ST, to apply the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (POA) Act, 1989. In this connection, telephonic conversation/attempts by Mrs. K.D. Bhansor, Dy. Director, NCST with the SHO, Vasant Kunj held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013 and attempts to reach the Commissioner's office on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, have not evidently been taken seriously.

Notwithstanding this, the Commission has noted with great concern that till late yesterday evening, the SHO could not confirm whether the victim belongs to the ST category or not.

3. Considering the grave nature of the case and the delay on the part of concerned police officials to apply the relevant provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (POA) Act, 1989, the Commission has desired to discuss the issue with the concerned authorities including on the need to finalize an actionable policy for engagement of domestic maids from the tribal areas.

4. A meeting has been scheduled at **1430 hrs on 04/10/2013** to discuss the matter. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

**(K.D. Bhansor)Mrs.**  
Deputy Director

Copy to:

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
North Block,  
New Delhi

A copy of the NCST letter No. 33/Pressclipping/7/2013/RU-III dated 1/10/2013, addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, is enclosed.

2. The Commission has been urging the Delhi Administration for formulation of regulation to control engagement of domestic maids from the tribal areas. However, it is noted that necessary action has not been taken by the Delhi Administration as yet.

3. Chairperson, NCST has desired that a senior representative of the MHA dealing with the Delhi Admn. may be deputed to attend the aforesaid meeting to discuss the issue.