



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.)

File No. TN/Policy/1/2013/RU-IV

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To

Smt. Namita Priyadarshie,
Director,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110001


Sub: Inclusion of 'Narikoravan community grouped with Kurivikkaran' community in list of STs of Tamil Nadu.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 12016/3/2011-C&LM-I dated 26/12/2012 forwarding a copy of the Inclusion of 'Narikoravan community grouped with Kurivikkaran' community in list of STs of Tamil Nadu on the above subject for seeking comments of NCST on the Inclusion and to say that the subject matter was discussed as Agenda Item No-VI in the 41st Meeting of the Commission held on 04/01/2013.


2. Relevant Extracts from the Summary Record of the meeting of the Commission are enclosed for information and further necessary action. It is requested that information about action taken on the views and observations of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the subject matter, and the nature and the manner in which those views have been incorporated, may be forwarded to this Commission urgently for including the same in the Annual Report of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.
Deputy Director

Copy for information to:-

1. SSA (NIC) for uploading on the Website of NCST
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Subject: Summary record of the 41st meeting of the Commission held at 12:00 Hrs. on 04-01-2013

The 41st meeting of the Commission was held at 12:00 Hrs. on 04-01-2013 in the Conference Room of the Commission in Loknaya Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST. List of the participants is enclosed at Annexure. There were seven Agenda Items for discussion in the meeting. All the Agenda Items were discussed in the meeting.

2. The decisions taken and the action points that emerged out of the discussions held in the meeting are given below:

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Agenda Item VI	Inclusion of 'Narikoravan community grouped with Kurivikkaran' community in list of STs of Tamil Nadu
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18. MTA vide letter No. 12016/3/2011-C&LM-I dated 26/12/2012 have sought the comments of the Commission on the proposal of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu for inclusion of 'Narikoravan' community by grouping it along with 'Kurivikkaran' community in the list of Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu.

19. The Commission noted that the RGI had earlier examined and supported the proposal in 1981 with no objection for Narikoravan being grouped along with Kurivikkaran and treated as Scheduled Tribe as the latter were reported to possess tribal characteristics. The Lokur Committee (1965) and the Joint Committee (1967) had also recommended for inclusion of both Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran in the list of STs of Tamil Nadu. However, the proposal was not processed further as, in 1987, Tamil Nadu Development Federation and later in 2009, the Govt. of Tamil Nadu proposed for inclusion of Narikoravan alone in the ST list of the State though the Study Report had indicated that Narikoravan was

also known as Kurivikkaran. Subsequently, based on the suggestions made by the RGI in 2009, the Govt. of Tamil Nadu agreed for inclusion of Narikoravan grouped with Kurivikkaran in the list of STs on the recommendation of the Expert Committee.

20. The Commission noted that RGI, vide D.O. letter No. 8/1/2007-SS (Tamil Nadu) dated 07/12/2012 addressed to the Joint Secretary, MTA , had mentioned that the standard ethnographic resources on the proposed communities 'Narikoravan' and 'Kurivikkaran' clearly suggested that they were synonymous groups having specific and distinct cultural traits akin to a tribal community of the region. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the Lokur Committee etc. and the views of the RGI in the matter, the Commission recommends for inclusion of Narikoravan community along with 'Kurivikkaran' community in list of STs of Tamil Nadu.