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**राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग**  
**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)  
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File No.- NCST/SER-2395/DL/37/2025-RU-IV

Date :25.07.2025

To,

**The Vice Chancellor,**  
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Sub: Urgent petition regarding the fraudulent use of a cancelled Scheduled Tribe Certificate for Admission under the ST Quota in Delhi University by Ms. Divyana A.Lahan - letter dated 21.05.2025 (received in the Commission's office on 16.06.2025) of Shri Swanit Chaudhary, an advocate of Delhi High Court and Supreme Court.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the sitting held on 18.07.2025 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action.

It is requested that compliance report in the matter on the recommendation may be furnished to this Commission within 15 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully

(एच.आर.मीना/ H.R.Meena)

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- (ii) PS to Hon'ble Member (Dr. Asha Lakra)  
(iii) NIC for uploading





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A hearing was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi, in the matter concerning Shri Swanit Chaudhary, Advocate, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court, D-24, LGF, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014, regarding the fraudulent use of a cancelled Scheduled Tribe Certificate for admission under the ST quota in Delhi University by Ms. Divyana A. Lahan.

Date & Time of Hearing: 18.07.2025  
Participants in the Hearing: As per Annexure

Shri Swanit Chaudhary, Advocate of Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India, submitted a letter dated 21st May 2025 (received in the Commission on 16.06.2025) highlighting the misuse of a cancelled ST certificate by Ms. Divyana A. Lahan, daughter of Smt. Leena Doley, Superintendent of Police, Assam Police Service. Ms. Lahan gained admission to Hindu College and St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, under the ST quota in August 2024, based on a caste certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Assam. Notably, this certificate had already been cancelled by the State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC), Assam, via a detailed speaking order dated 24th September 2021. Thus, her admission was obtained while the certificate stood cancelled and was legally invalid. While Ms. Lahan later withdrew her admission, the act of fraud was complete at the point of securing admission. Shri Chaudhary contended that this act resulted in the unjust deprivation of a rightful ST candidate and called upon the Commission to take immediate and stringent action to safeguard the integrity of the ST reservation system.

2. Accordingly, the Commission issued a notice dated 19.06.2025 to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, Delhi University, seeking factual information and details of action taken in the matter.

3. Considering the urgency of the issue, a hearing was initially scheduled for 15.07.2025, but had to be rescheduled to 18.07.2025 due to the absence of concerned authorities.

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4. The Registrar and Joint Registrar of Delhi University, along with the Petitioner, Shri Swanit Chaudhary, were present during the hearing held on 18.07.2025.

5. The University administration submitted that Ms. Divyana A. Lahan had initially taken admission but later withdrew the same, and never reported to either Hindu College or St. Stephen's College. It was further stated that her admission was merely provisional, and had she reported, her Scheduled Tribe (ST) certificate would have been duly verified.

**6. After due consideration of the submissions made and hearing the parties concerned, the Commission hereby makes the following recommendations:**

1. The University Administration is to provide the following information to the Commission in the form of a duly sworn affidavit:
  - o The name of the specific course in which Ms. Divyana A. Lahan secured admission.
  - o A copy of the attendance register for the academic session 2024-25 for the said course.
  - o The date of commencement of classes for the relevant course at St. Stephen's College.
  - o The number of seats reserved under the ST category in that course for the academic session 2024-25.
  - o Whether any subsequent admission list was issued by St. Stephen's College after Ms. Divyana A. Lahan withdrew her admission.
  - o The status of the seat vacated by Ms. Divyana A. Lahan—whether it was filled or remained vacant during the session.
  - o Whether any other candidate was granted admission against the vacated seat after her withdrawal.
2. The above-mentioned documents and information are to be submitted to the Commission within 15 days from the date of receipt of this communication to facilitate further proceedings in the matter.

*आशा लकड़ा*  
24/07/2025

(Dr. Asha Lakra)

Member

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

New Delhi

डॉ. आशा लकड़ा / Dr. Asha Lakra  
सदस्य / Member  
भारत सरकार / Government of India  
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Attendance Sheet  
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Sitting to be held on **18.07.2025** at **12.00 Noon** - Urgent petition regarding the fraudulent use of a cancelled Scheduled Tribe Certificate for Admission under the ST Quota in Delhi University by **Ms. Divyana A. Lahan** - letter dated 21.05.2025 (received in the Commission's office on 16.06.2025) of Shri Swanit Chaudhary, an advocate of Delhi High Court and Supreme Court.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
<b>I</b>	<b>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</b>		
1.	Dr. Asha Lakra Hon'ble Member	In Chair	
2.	Shri Yogendra Prasad Yadav Deputy Secretary		
3.	Shri H.R. Meena Research Officer		
4.	Shri Rahul Investigator		
5.	Ms. Riya Investigator		
6.	Shri Rahul Yadav Legal Consultant		
7.			
<b>II</b>	<b>Officers from O/o Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi</b>		
1.	Prof. Harjeet Garg Dean, Admissions University of Delhi	9910620111	<i>Re...</i> 13/7/25
2.			
3.			
<b>III</b>	<b>Officers from O/o Registrar, University of Delhi</b>		
1.	Dr. Vinay Gupta Registrar, Delhi Univ.	9810569734	<i>...</i> 18/7/25
2.	Dr. RDHAN RAI JOINT REGISTRAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	9540609797	<i>DRai</i> 18/07/2025
3.			
<b>IV</b>	<b>Petitioners</b>		
1.	Swanit Chaudhary Advocate	9968555560	<i>Swit</i> 18/07/25
2.			