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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No.- NCST/SER-2744/MHRD/58/2025-RU-IV

Date : 17.02.2026

To,

The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, ITO,
New Delhi- 110002
Email Id: secy.ugc@nic.in

Sub: Request for intervention regarding consideration of promotion to the post of Under Secretary under the ST category in the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi- letter dated 03rd October, 2025 of Shri Bhushan Minz, Section Officer, UGC

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the sitting held on 22.01.2026 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 30 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully

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उप सचिव / Deputy Secretary

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PS to Hon'ble Member (Dr. Asha Lakra)
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Minutes for the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Request for intervention regarding consideration of promotion to the post of Under Secretary under the ST category in the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi- letter dated 03rd October, 2025 of Shri Bhushan Minz, Section Officer, UGC.

Date of hearing: 22.01.2026

Participants Present in the Hearing: As per Annexure – I

Shri Bhushan Minz, Section Officer, UGC, belonging to ST category, vide his letter dated 03rd October, 2025 has requested for intervention regarding consideration of promotion to the post of Under Secretary under the ST category in the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. Shri Bhushan Minz has mentioned that the post of Under Secretary under the ST category has been lying vacant since July, 2024. Shri Bhushan Minz has further stated that he fulfils prescribed educational qualifications required for promotion to the post of Under Secretary. However, UGC, vide its letter dated 14th May, 2025 has informed him that his request for promotion would be considered only in January, 2026. This deferment would result in an undue delay in the petitioner's legitimate career progression despite fulfilment of eligibility conditions and despite the availability of a vacant post reserved for the ST category. Shri Bhushan Minz, has requested the Commission to consider his case and issue necessary instructions to the UGC to convene a supplementary DPC at the earliest, so that his promotion to the post of US is not unjustly delayed.

2. In the matter, the Commission issued a Notice dated 15.10.2025 to the Secretary, University Grants Commission, Delhi, for facts and comments within 15 days.

3. Reply dated 11.11.2025 has been received from UGC stating that Sh.Minz is being considered for promotion for the vacancy year 2026, as he has become eligible for promotion post obtaining his degree in the Feb, 2025 which was recorded on his service book on 21.03.2025. As the concerned employee did not possess requisite qualifications he was not considered for vacancy year 2024 and 2025. UGC has already initiated the process of conducting DPC in this matter as per vacancy year 2026.

4. The petitioner through his Rejoinder dated 02.12.2025 expressed his dis-satisfaction with the reply from the concerned authorities.

5. The Commission, based on rejoinder received from the petitioner, issued a Sitting Notice dated 13.01.2026 to Secretary, UGC.

6. During the hearing dated 22.01.2026, Joint Secretary along-with other officials of UGC and the petitioner were present. Secretary, UGC sought exemption from personal appearance during the meeting and nominated JS, UGC to attend the hearing.

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7. During the hearing the authorities informed the Commission vide their letter dated 19.01.2026 and email dated 20.01.2026 that Sh Bhushan Minz has acquired his requisite degree in Feb, 2025, and has been promoted from Section Officer to Under Secretary against vacancy year 2026, vide UGC's Office Order dated 01.01.2026.

8. Based on the Observations of facts and documents presented by both the parties during its hearing dated 22.01.2026, the Commission recommends the following:

1. In view of the fact that the petitioner has been promoted from the post of Section Officer to Under Secretary by the University Grants Commission (UGC) vide order dated 01.01.2026, the matter may be closed at the level of the Commission.
2. The Commission further recommends that, since the hearing held on 22.01.2026 was conducted on the basis of the Commission's decision and the facts available up to 13.01.2026, and as the UGC informed the Commission vide letter dated 19.01.2026 regarding the promotion of the petitioner, the petitioner shall not be subjected to any harassment, discrimination, or adverse action in connection with the present matter.

10/02/2026
(Dr. Asha Lakra)

Member

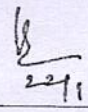
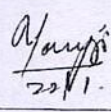
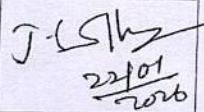
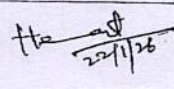
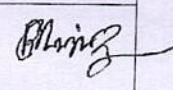
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Attendance Sheet
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Sitting to be held on **22.01.2026** at **02.40 P.M** - Request for intervention regarding consideration of promotion to the post of Under Secretary under the ST category in the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi- letter dated 03rd October, 2025 of **Shri Bhushan Minz**, Section Officer, UGC

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
1.	Dr. Asha Lakra Hon'ble Member	In Chair	P
2.	Shri Yogendra Prasad Yadav Deputy Secretary		-
3.	Shri H.R. Meena Consultant		P
4.	Mrs. Sonal Raj Sr. Investigator		P
5.	Shri Rahul Investigator		P
6.	Ms. Riya Investigator		P
7.	Shri Rahul Yadav Legal Consultant		P
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3.	SRIDHAR JAGILINKI	9000979957	 22/01/2026
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III	Petitioners		
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