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To,

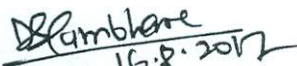
1. Secretary,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001
2. Directors, TRIs
(20 States/one UT, as per list)

Subject: Discussion on criteria for inclusion/exclusion of the Communities in the Presidential orders for Scheduled Tribes and other tribal issues.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that discussion on criteria for inclusion/exclusion of the Communities in the Presidential Orders for Scheduled Tribes and other tribal issues with the Commissioner-cum Director, Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes Research and Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar was held on 23.6.2017 under the Chairmanship of Shri Nand Kumar Sai, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the minutes of discussion is enclosed for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(D.S Kumbhate).
Under Secretary
Ph. No. 24657271

Copy of the minutes of discussion dated 23.6.2017 is forwarded for information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST
2. PS to Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, NCST
3. PA to Hon'ble Member (Shri HKD), NCST
4. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri HCV), NCST
5. PS to Hon'ble Member (Smt. MCI), NCST
6. Sr.PPS to Secretary, NCST
7. PA to Joint Secretary, NCST
8. PA to Director, (Estt, Coordination, RU-III & IV)
9. PA to Deputy Secretary, (Admin, RU-I & II)
10. Under Secretary, (Estt, Coordination & RU-IV)
11. AD (RU-I&II)
12. AD (RU-III)
13. NIC, NCST for uploading on the website.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

Minutes of discussion on criteria for inclusion/exclusion of the communities in the Presidential orders for Scheduled Tribes and other tribal issues with the Commissioner-Cum-Director, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar taken by the Commission on 23.6.2017 at 12:00 Noon at Lok Nayak, Bhawan, New Delhi.

Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) welcomed the Director, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for discussion through presentation on criteria for inclusion/exclusion of the communities in the Presidential orders for Scheduled Tribes and other tribal issues. List of participants is annexed.

Director, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar expressed thanks to the Hon'ble Chairperson for presentation on the serious issue regarding criteria for declaration of community as Scheduled Tribes. Following three points were discussed: -

- (a) About tribes
- (b) Inclusion in and exclusion from list of Scheduled Tribes
- (c) Other issues related to tribal development.

(a) About Tribes-

Background of the tribes are: -

- The Tribal communities of this country have suffered from centuries of isolation, deprivation, socio-economic exploitation, inequalities and discrimination for historical reasons. This has made them backward and vulnerable.
- Taking note of this historical situation, the makers of the Indian Constitution have incorporated several provisions keeping up with the spirits of the Constitution to "promote the educational and economic interest of the weaker sections...and in particular the Scheduled Castes (SC) and the Scheduled Tribes (ST) and...protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitations" (Article-46).
- This Constitutional Policy adopted and implemented in post-independent India is aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of these backward communities and thereby facilitating their integration into the national mainstream.
- It can be logically deduced that social, educational and economic backwardness would qualify a tribe to be included in these lists.
- Article 366 (25) of the Constitution of India refers to Scheduled Tribes (STs) as those communities, who are scheduled in accordance with Article 342 of the Constitution.
- This Article says that only those communities who have been declared as such by the President through an initial public notification or through a subsequent Amendment Act of Parliament will be considered to be Scheduled Tribes.

