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*Respected Sir,*

You are aware, a large number of proposals received from the State Governments regarding inclusion of new communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes are pending for consideration of the Govt. The Parliament Committee has also expressed concern with regard to large pendency of proposals, and particularly, non-inclusion of genuine STs in the list of STs and consequent denial of legitimate rights to them. In this connection, D.O.No.21624/M(RD) dated 25/03/2013, from Shri Jai Ram Ramesh, Minister of Rural Development to you with a copy to me regarding inclusion of Konda Reddy/ Kondi Reddi Tribe in the list of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Odisha also refers.

2. The Commission had, therefore, convened a Sitting on 22/5/2013 with the officials of the MTA and the RGI as well as the State Govt. of Odisha to review the progress of disposal of the proposals and the existing system/modalities for speedy disposal of the cases. A copy of the Summary Record of the Proceedings of the Sitting is enclosed.
3. In the Sitting, certain deficient areas, which are constraining speedy disposal of proposals have emerged. These pertain to the need for the MTA to review the existing criteria for identification of a community of Scheduled Tribe and finalize corresponding guidelines for examination of such cases with well-defined test criteria and the methodology/ procedure for their application. Along side, the need to create the data-base on economic development, educational development and social development of the ST community and to conduct ethnographic studies for STs have also emerged.
4. There was consensus in the Sitting that MTA need to streamline the procedure especially in the context of large pendency of the proposals. In this connection, I would also like to emphasize the imperative need for the MTA to initiate suo moto proposal in respect of those PTGs which are not specifically mentioned in the Constitution Orders and thus are getting deprived of due benefits as ST due to non-issuance of ST certificates to them. The priority processing of the proposal in respect of the communities which are ST in one State and non-ST in the neighbouring State for various reasons including re-organization of States in the past is also required.
5. Considering the above, I request you to have necessary action regarding review of the existing system/ procedure for speedy processing of the proposals pertaining to inclusion/ exclusion of communities in the ST list initiated by the MTA urgently.

*with high regards.*

Yours sincerely,

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