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- 1) Dr.Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson
- 2) Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member

Sub: Recommendations of (i) the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) and (ii) the National Advisory Council (NAC): First Stage Proposal for Action.

Sir

I am to circulate a copy of the letter No. 16014/22/2008-BC.II/III (Vol.III) dated 17/07/2013 received from the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, seeking comments of this Commission on the subject mentioned above.

It is requested that comments/suggestions on the Office Memorandum may kindly be sent for discussion in the forthcoming Meeting of the Commission

Yours faithfully,

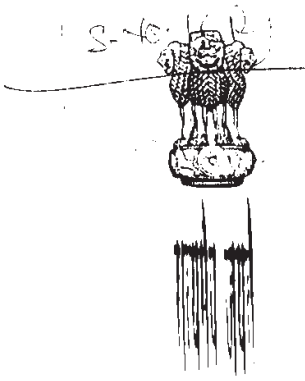

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D.O. No. 16014/22/2008-BC-II/III (Vdt.III)

Dated, the 17th July, 2013

Dear *Shri Vijaykumar,*

I am enclosing herewith a draft Note for the Cabinet containing the proposal to implement the recommendations of the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and the National Advisory Council. It is requested that the comments/concurrence of your Ministry may be forwarded to us at the earliest and not later than 2nd August, 2013 to enable this Ministry to place the matter before the Cabinet for its consideration.

With regards,

Encl. : As above

Yours sincerely,

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DRAFT NOTE FOR THE CABINET

Subject : Recommendations of (i) the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) and (ii) the National Advisory Council (NAC): First Stage Proposal for Action.

1. Introduction

The present proposal seeks approval of the Cabinet for first stage action on the recommendations made by (i) the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) and (ii) the National Advisory Council (NAC) which aim at improving the socio-economic conditions of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs).

2. Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes : An Introduction

2.1 The Criminal Tribes Act (CTA), 1871 provided that if a Local Government had reason to believe that any tribe, gang or class of people is addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences, it may, with the authorization of the Governor General, declare such tribe etc. as a "Criminal Tribe". Later, the CTA was revised in 1911 and again in 1924. The CTA, 1924, provided, inter alia, for notification of "Criminal tribes" by local governments, registration of members of such tribes, restrictions on their movements, provision of settlements and schools for them, and enhanced punishment for their members for certain offences in case of previous conviction. Based on the recommendations of a Committee (constituted under Shri Ananthasayanam Ayyangar) in 1950, the CTA, 1924, was repealed by the Criminal Tribes Laws (Repeal) Act, 1952. As a result, the tribes

notified earlier as Criminal Tribes, stood denotified, and the name 'Denotified Tribes' (DTs) has been in use for them since then. Nomads are people who are constantly on the move and have no permanent home. On the other hand, Semi-nomadic groups tend to have a fixed abode for a part of the year and are Itinerant in the rest of the year. Most DNTs are categorized as SC/ST/OBC though a few of the DNTs are not covered in any of these categories

3. The National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes

3.1 Against the above background, a National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes was constituted for a period of one year, vide this Ministry's Resolution dated 22.11.2003. This Commission did not, however, make much headway. The Commission was reconstituted vide Resolution dated 14.3.2005, which also spelt out its terms of reference afresh (**Annexure-I**). Shri Balkrishna Sidram Renke was appointed the Chairman of this Commission in February, 2006. This Commission's tenure was extended periodically and ended on 05.08.2008. The Commission submitted its Report on 02.07.2008.

4. Gist of the Commission's Report

4.1 Number of Denotified Tribes and Nomadic Tribes

4.1.1 The Commission has said in the introductory chapter that the distinction between nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes is now largely theoretical, and has, therefore found it proper to club the two groups as nomadic. The Commission has also stated that roughly about 10% of the country's population is Denotified (about 150 tribes) and Nomadic (about 500 communities) and estimated the