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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

(A Constitutional Commission set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution to investigate and monitor all matters relating to violation of rights and safeguards provided for STs.)

File No. 21/3/2014/RU-II

Dated 30/12/2014

To

Shri Rajendra Prasad,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Room No. 400, 'B' Wing, 4th Floor
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110001

Sub: Report of the High Level Committee on Socio-economic, health and educational status of tribal communities in India.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 17014/05/2013-HLC (Admn.) dated 12/12/2014 forwarding therewith the Report of the High Level Committee on Socio-economic, health and educational status of tribal communities in India and to say that the subject matter was discussed as Agenda Item No- I in the 66th Meeting of the Commission held on 19/12/2014.

2. The Relevant Extracts from the Summary Record of the meeting of the Commission are enclosed for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.
Director

Copy with copies of enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. SSA (NIC) for uploading on the Website of NCST
2. Assistant Director (Coordination)

(Signature)
(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.
Director

66TH MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 19th December, 2014 **Time:** 12:00 hours

Venue: Conference Room, NCST, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

In the Chair: Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST

List of Participants: Annexed as Annexure-I.

The scheduled Agenda Item for meeting and one additional item was discussed and decided as below:

Agenda Item I	Report of the High Level Committee on Socio-economic, health and educational status of tribal communities in India.
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The Commission was informed that recommendations made in the Report of the High Level Committee on Socio-economic, health and educational status of tribal communities in India, have been received in the Commission on 17/12/2014 for comments. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sought the views/ comments of the Commission on the recommendations by 26/12/2014. Accordingly, an urgent meeting of the Commission has been called by the Chairperson, NCST on 19/12/2014.

2. Recommendations made were discussed in the meeting. Views/comments of the Commission on each recommendation are as in Annexure-II

Annexure I
(to NCSTs letter No. 21/03/2014/ RU- II dated 30.12.2014)

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Subject: Recommendations made in the Report of the High Level Committee on Socio-economic, health and educational status of tribal communities in India received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs - views/comments of NCST.

Chapter / Recommendation No.	Views/Comments
Chapter1-Tribes:Legal and Administrative Framework	
1	Agreed
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
4	Agreed. PESA Act should be faithfully implemented so that Panchayats are empowered in such a way that they become strong and effective.
5	Agreed
6	Fully Agreed. Enhance reservation up to 50% for women
Chapter 2-Livelihoods and Employment Status	
1	Agreed. TRIFED may be associated.
2	Agreed
3	Agreed. Provision may also be made for providing assistance for pumping the water etc.
4	Agreed
5	Agreed
6	Agreed
7	Agreed
8	Agreed
9	Role of NSTFDC for focussed attention for giving loan on differential rate of interest.
10	It is true that the reasons are: (i) delayed payment of wages, (ii) payment of less wages as compared to market rates (iii) huge expenditure on travel expenses for visiting banks, for instance in Arunachal Pradesh, Leh Laddakh. (iv) Tribals are willing to work but adequate funds not released by the Government.
11	Agreed
12	Agreed

Chapter 3- Education	
1	Agreed
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
4	Agreed
5	Agreed. (i) Preference should be given to ST in appointment as teaching and administrative staff. (ii) Teaching up to class 3 should be in local tribal language beside teaching of other languages as per guidelines.
6	Agreed
7	Agreed
8	Agreed
9	Not agreed. Tribal dialect may be written in Devnagari script
10	Agreed
11	Agreed
12	Attention should be given on teaching of subjects like Maths and Science which will lead to spread of Medical and Engineering education among tribals
13	Agreed
14	Agreed
15	Agreed. People teacher ratio may not be reduced even if no. of students may be less in schools in tribal areas.
16	Agreed
17	More funds should be authorised to Ministry of Tribal Affairs for opening more EMRS in tribal populated areas.
18	Mobile teachers should be appointed and kept with the Nomadic Tribes on the pattern of the system in J&K State.
19	Agreed
20	Agreed
21	Agreed
22	Agreed
23	Agreed
24	Agreed
25	Agreed
26	Agreed
27	Agreed

Chapter 4- Health	
1	Agreed
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
4	Agreed

5	Agreed
6	Agreed
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10	Agreed
11	Agreed
12	Agreed
13	There should be need based allocation of funds as per problem shared.
14	Agreed
15	Agreed
16	Agreed

Chapter-5 Land Alienation, Displacement and Enforced Migration	
1	Agreed. Policy of not acquiring tribal land should be faithfully followed.
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
4	Agreed
5	Agreed
6	Agreed. Commission has already made recommendation on this issue in its Fifth Report. Extracts are given at Appendix 'A' attached.
7	Agreed
8	Agreed
9	Agreed
10	Agreed. Pro-tribal officials to be considered for posting in tribal areas.
11	Agreed
12	Agreed
13	Agreed
14	Agreed
15	Agreed. Similar complaints were received by the NCST during its visit to the National Coalfield Ltd. Singroli (M.P)
16	Agreed
17	Agreed. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has already given its views on this issue. It is identified that there is no provision for education of children of parents migrated to other States.
18	Agreed

Chapter 6- Legal and Constitution Issues	
1	Agreed
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
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9	Agreed
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13	Agreed
14	Agreed
15	Agreed
16	Agreed
17	Agreed
18	Agreed
19	Agreed
20	Agreed
21	Agreed

Chapter 7- Delivery of Public Goods and Services	
1	Agreed
2	Agreed
3	Agreed
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5	Agreed
6	Agreed
7	Agreed
8	Agreed

Apendix A

(of Annexure-I to NCSTs letter No.21/3/2014/ RU- II dated.....)

(*) Extracts from Fifth Report of the Commission for the period 2009-10

(i) Local bodies should have a voice in selection and acquisition of land as well as rehabilitation of displaced persons.

(ii) Considering the reduced availability of land appurtenant to urban areas, the assessment of requirement of land have to be more rigorous and participative. Govt. policies should also aim to reduce (rather than enlarge) land requirements for non-agriculture purposes. Compensation to displaced person should also include an element of financial participation in the profit of enterprise by way of sweat equity.

(iii) Migration from the under-developed to developed regions take place due to lack of opportunities/ adequate re-sources for ensuring proper livelihood in the under-developed regions. Action plan has to be initiated, involving public private partnership, for the growth of under-developed region as a whole, and not in terms of mini, micro, or macro level administrative unit within a State. The rights and benefits available to Scheduled Tribes should also not be extinguished by virtue of migration alone; and their discontinuation in the new habitat should be based on a conscious assessment of relative backwardness and isolation.