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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,


(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)


(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

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

