



Government of India
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
(A Constitutional Commission set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution of India)

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To,

1. The Secretary,
Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, Central Secretariat,
New Delhi, 110001
2. The Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar, District Khorda
Pin Code-751008
Odisha

Sub: Regarding "The Odisha underground pipelines, Cable & Duct (Acquisition of Right of user in Land) Bill, 2015- Views thereon.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MoTA letter No.23011/60/2015-FRA dated 15.02.2016 enclosing there with copy of Ministry of Home Affairs (Judicial & Political Section)'s OM No. 17/48/2015-Judl & PP dated 19.11.2015 on the above subject and to say that the above Bill was discussed in the 84th Meeting of the NCST held on 25.05.2016, as Agenda Item-III. The extract of the discussion is as under:

"The Commission deliberated the Odisha underground Pipelines, Cable & Duct (Acquisition of Right of user in Land) Bill, 2015 with its objects and reasons for laying of underground Pipelines, Cable and Duct in the State of Odisha. Commission observed that tribal stay in remote areas and are in occupancy of land. The duties and functions of the Commission is to watch/ safeguard the interest of STs and their protection. The Bill does not speak about safeguarding the interest of tribal. Commission therefore decided to hold discussion with concerned officials on the Bill i.e. nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Government before arriving / framing the views/ comments on the subject matter."

In the light of the above discussion, Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson of the Commission has desired to discuss the matter in person and has fixed up a meeting on 13.07.2016 at 11.30 a.m. in the Conference Room of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, 6th floor, 'B' Wing, Loknayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi.

I am therefore to request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meeting for further formulating the views on the subject.

Yours faithfully


(V.P. Shahi)
Assistant Director

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Shri Uttam Kumar Kar, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, F-280, Bhikaji Cama Place, August Kranti Bhawan, New Delhi w.r.t. your letter no. 23011/60/2015-FRA dated 15.02.2016.