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Government of India
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Sikkim,
Secretariat,
Gangtok -737101.

Sub: State Visit and Review of Constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Tribes by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in the State of Sikkim.

Sir,

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), set up under Article 338A of the Constitution, is vested with responsibility, inter-alia, to investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided to the Scheduled Tribes under the Constitution or under any other law for the time being in force or under any order of the Government and to monitor and evaluate the working of such safeguards. The Commission is required to present to the President annually and at such other times as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards.

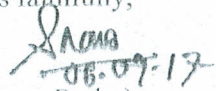
2 Accordingly, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has decided to visit and review the implementation of constitutional safeguards and development programmes/schemes being run for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Sikkim in the year 2017-18. During the visit, the Commission will focus implementation of PESA, Forest Rights Act including community forest rights and other issues for which presentation is to be made by the State Government. The Commission will also call on Hon'ble Chief Minister and His Excellency Governor of the State to apprise them about the outcome of the visit.

3 The details of tour programme in this regard will be communicated separately.

4 The Commission has evolved a questionnaire for review, copy of which is enclosed for furnishing replies/information by the State. The questionnaire can also be down loaded from NCST Website <http://ncst.nic.in/content/questionnaire-review-download>. The replies to various issues covered under the questionnaire will form the basis for review meeting in the State. It is requested that the information w.r.t. the questionnaire may please be prepared and furnished to this Commission in hard copy as well as in soft copy to js@ncst.nic.in and dircood@ncst.nic.in by 30th September, 2017.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,


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