



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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. 12/1/2015-Coord.

Dated: 13/05/2015

To

Shri Ashok Pai
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi- 110001

Sub: Commission's comments on various proposals from different Ministries/Department in respect of Notes for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No. 11036/01/2015-PC&V dated 19/03/2015 on the above subject and to say that the subject matter was discussed as Agenda Item No- 1 in the 70th Meeting of the Commission held on 15/04/2015.

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

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Meena)
Assistant 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)

(S.P. Meena)
Assistant Director

70th MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 15th April, 2015 **Time:** 11:30 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 Items for meeting discussed and decided as below:

Agenda Item I	Commission's comments on various proposals from different Ministries/Department in respect of Notes for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees.
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MTA, vide its D.O. letter No.11036/01/2015-PC&V dated 19/03/2015, has intimated to NCST that the comments of the Commission have often been submitted directly to the Sponsoring Ministries/Department. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has further stated that as per the instructions issued by Cabinet Secretariat contained in O.M. No. 1/3/2/2013-Cab dated 16th February 2012, the Sponsoring Ministries/Departments have been advised to ensure that the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes shall be consulted by them through the nodal administrative Ministry, before finalization of such Notes for consideration of the Cabinet /Cabinet Committees. In all such cases, the nodal administrative Ministry will place the views of the Commission, as received, before the Minister-in-charge of the nodal Ministry and then final views/comments on such issues are communicated by the nodal Administrative Ministry to the Sponsoring Ministry/Department.

2. Thus MTA has asked the Commission that if Commission receives reference from Sponsoring Ministry/Department directly, the Commission should route its advice/Comments through MTA, as per the procedure laid down, particularly on Notes for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees.
3. The contents of above MTA D.O letter dated 19/03/2015 were considered and discussed by the Commission.
4. The Commission advises the MTA to ensure following steps, to avoid delay and maintain independence of the Commission, being a Constitutional Body.
 1. A time frame, as asked by Ministries/Departments should be kept in view and the proposals should be submitted by the MTA to NCST for consideration and opinion/ advice at the earliest, giving sufficient time for examination/ review.
 2. that MTA should convey the views/recommendations of NCST, as received from the Commission i.e. without any alteration to the Sponsoring Ministries/Departments.
 3. The views/comments of the MTA, if any, on the Commission's recommendations/observations, may be sent to NCST for the examination/records.