

NORMS SET BY IT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

The Commission receives a large number of representations from individual members of the Scheduled Tribes or their associations etc. These representations/petitions pertain to (i) the violation of the reservation instructions in services/posts (ii) problems relating to the socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes such as admission in educational institutions, provision of health and housing facilities, land alienation matters etc., and (iii) atrocities on members of Scheduled Tribes by non-Scheduled Tribe persons. The representations are referred to the concerned organisations of the Central Govt. or the State Govts. by the Commission requesting them to furnish full facts within a given time frame. The facts furnished by the concerned organisation are examined by the Commission and the concerned authorities are called for hearing where necessary. In case the Commission feels that there has been violation of the safeguards provided to the members of Scheduled Tribes either in the Constitution or under any other law or order of the Govt., it advises the concerned organisation to take corrective measures. The concerned organisations are advised to take follow up action on the Commission's recommendations/observations within a given timeframe and apprise the Commission of the action taken position.

2. The Commission also monitors and evaluates the implementation status of various development schemes and progress of investigation and disposal of the cases of atrocities on the members of Scheduled Tribes by the concerned authorities. For discharging this function, the Commission interacts with the State/UT Govts. by holding detailed State Level Review meetings with the Chief Secretaries and other senior officers through visits to the States and UTs. These meetings are generally preceded with visits to the tribal Bastis, Hostels, Ashram Schools etc. and interaction with them on the impact of the developmental projects. The State Level Review Meetings are held by the Chairperson and/or Member(s). The Commission also undertake review meetings with the District Level Officer to assess the impact of the developmental schemes and investigation of the cases of atrocities on members of Scheduled Tribes and advises.

3. Review meetings with the organisations/offices functioning under the administrative control of the Central Govt. and the various central public sector undertakings including the financial institutions are also undertaken by the Member(s) of the Commission to ascertain the implementation of the reservation instruction in the appointment of different categories of posts as also the assessment of the implementation status of the development projects for socio-economic advancement of Scheduled Tribes.

4. The Commission has developed three sets of questionnaires for eliciting information from the (i) Central Ministries/Departments to Central Public Sector Undertaking and the State Govts./UT Administrations for the purpose of undertaking review meetings. The Commission generally undertakes the review after receipt of the detailed information in the respective questionnaires. There is a separate questionnaire for undertaking review meetings at district level which are generally carried by the Member(s) of the Commission whenever he or she/they proposed to undertake review meetings with the District/ Taluka level officers.

5. Hearings/sittings by Members.