

**70<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES  
SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015      **Time:** 11:30 hours

**Venue:** Conference Room, NCST, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

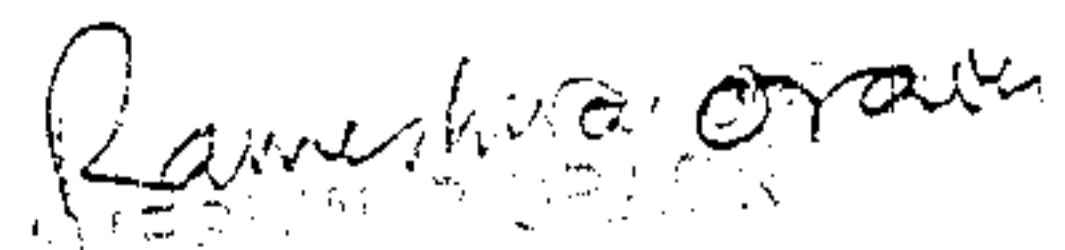
**In the Chair:** Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST

**List of Participants:** Annexed as Annexure-I.

The scheduled Agenda Items for meeting discussed and decided as below:

<b>Agenda Item I</b>	<b>Commission's comments on various proposals from different Ministries/Department in respect of Notes for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees.</b>
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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

  
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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.

<b>Agenda Item II</b>	<b>Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs "Examination of First Annual Report (2004-2005 and 2005-2006) of NCST presented under Article 338A (5) (d) of the constitution of India and to report as to the measures that should be taken by the Union Govt. in respect of matters within the purview of the Union Government."</b>
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An Office Memorandum No. 58/1/1/SCTC/2014 dated 19/03/2015 of Lok Sabha Secretariat, addressed to Hon'ble Chairperson of NCST, has been received stating that the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SC and STs have decided to

examine First Annual Report (2004-2005 and 2005-2006) of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes presented under Article 338A (5) (d) of the Constitution of India and to report as to the measures that should be taken by Union Government in respect of matters within the purview of the Union Government during the year 2014-2015.

2. Further a letter No.16015/02/2015-C&LM-II dated 06/04/2015 has also been received from MTA to furnish a comprehensive Background Note on the subject with (60 copies in English and 30 copies in Hindi) for the use of the Committee, latest by 20/04/2015.

3. Accordingly a comprehensive Background Note has been prepared and placed for the consideration of the Commission. The Background Note perused and approved by the Commission. The Commission also desired that MTA may be asked to take steps for laying down the Annual Reports of years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 of NCST before both the Houses of Parliament and submit action taken report for discussion, thereafter, to avoid abnormal delays.

<b>Agenda Item III</b>	<b>A representation dated 26/02/2015 of Shri D. S. Kayshp, Pathari Janjati Samaj, Chhattisgarh - Opinion presented by Tribal Research Institution regarding Sub caste "Pathari" of 'Pardhan' tribes dated 27/11/2014.</b>
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A representation of Shri D. S. Kayshp, Pathari Janjati Samaj, District- Dhamtari, Kanker Bastar, Dantwada, Mukhyal- Kondagaon, Bastar, Chhattisgarh dated 26/02/2015 for has been received stating that opinion presented by Tribal Research Institution regarding Sub caste "Pathari" of 'Pardhan' tribes dated 27/11/2014.

2. The Commission desired to send the representation of Shri D. S. Kayshap, Pathari Janjati Samaj, Chhattisgarh to MTA, for taking action as per the modalities on the subject.

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**Additional Agenda**

Item I	<b>Consideration of Honorary Engagement of Coordinators in the States/Districts for providing feedback to the Commission</b>
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The Commission discussed about the feasibility of engaging Honorary Coordinators/ Advisers in the States/Districts/UTs, for providing inputs and feedback to the Commission, about the atrocity, issues relating tribals in their areas. Due to non existence of Offices of the Commission in each States, Districts, UTs/ having tribal population, the Commission strongly felt to obtain support from outside voluntary agencies/individuals for providing inputs to the Commission, instantly about the various cases of duping tribals, atrocities including murders, killings etc. Besides, based on the ground realities, a feedback can also be obtained about socio economic development of the STs from these Coordinators/individuals etc.

2. The commission desired that the administration will examine issue of engagement of Honorary Coordinators in each States/Districts for providing input and feedback to the Commission.

3. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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**ANNEXURE-I**

**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes  
70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCST,  
held on 15/04/2015 at 11:30 hours, New Delhi**

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson (In Chair)
2. Shri Ravi Thakur, Vice Chairperson
3. Shri Santosh Kumar, Joint Secretary
4. Smt. K. D. Bhansor, Director
5. Shri Pramod Chand, Deputy Secretary
6. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Under Secretary
7. Shri S.P. Meena, Assistant Director