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No. 16/01/Inclusion/2012/RU-III

To

The Secretary
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi

To

The Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Mansingh Road,
New Delhi

To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Kerala
Thriuvananthapuram (Kerala)

Sub: Proposals received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs for (i) Inclusion of "Abujh Maria and Hill Korwa" in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh (ii) Re-inclusion of "Marati" community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Kerala and (iii) Inclusion of Bodo Kacharis in Karbi Anglong & NC Hills Autonomous Council Area – **meeting with MTA, RGI Chhattisgarh and Kerala Government held at 11:30 Hrs. on 13.06.2012 - Summary record.**

Ref.

- (i) MTA letter No. 12026/03/2011-C&LM-I dated 27.12.2011, 27.01.2012, 06.02.2012, and 10.05.2012 (regarding inclusion of 'Abujh Maria' and 'Hill Korwa').
- (ii) NCST letter No. 16/01/inclusion/2012-RU-III dated 06.01.2012, 17.04.2012, 18.04.2012, and 28.05.2012 (regarding inclusion of 'Abujh Maria' and 'Hill Korwa').
- (iii) MTA letter No. 12016/03/2001-T.A.(RL)/C&LM-I dated 10.02.2012, 27.03.2012 and 27.04.2012, (regarding re-inclusion of Marati Community).
- (iv) NCST letter No. AG/1/2012/NCST/DEINEX/RU-IV Policy dated 26.03.2012, 12.04.2012, and 25.05.2012 (regarding re-inclusion of Marati Community).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above correspondence on the subject mentioned above and to forward a copy of Summary Record of the meeting held on 13.06.2012 for information and necessary action in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

K. D. Bhansor

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Copy with copy of Summary Record for information to:-

PS to CP/PS to M(KKK)/PS to M(BLM)/JS/DD/Consultant (RCD)/AD(Coord).

Copy with copy of Summary Record to:-

AD/RO-in charge of-RU-I/RU-II/RU-III/RU-IV for taking follow up action in the matter.

Copy with copy of Summary Record also to:-

✓ SSA(NIC), NCST with the request to upload the communication on the website of the NCST.




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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

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A meeting to discuss the above proposals received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs was held at 11:30 Hrs. on 13-06-2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The meeting was attended by Smt. K.Kamla Kumari, Shri Bheru Lal Meena Members and Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary, NCST. Ministry of Tribal Affairs was represented by Smt. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, Shri A.K.Dubey, Joint Secretary, and other Officers of the Ministry. Registrar General of India, Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh and Secretary (SC & ST Development Department) Government of Kerala also attended the meeting. List of all participants is enclosed at Annexure.

2. The Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes recalled that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs had forwarded the above proposals for views/ comments of the Commission. These proposals were discussed in the meeting of the Commission held on 28/03/2012. The Commission was of the considered view that each proposal must pass the test prescribed for inclusion / exclusion of a community before it was agreed by the Commission. It was further decided in that meeting that further clarifications may be obtained from Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the State Governments concerned, since the information received from MTA and the State Government was not convincing. It was also decided that a combined Sitting may be held with the Secretary, MTA, RGI and the Chief Secretary and other Senior Officers from the State Governments of Chhattisgarh and Kerala. Decision of the Commission was conveyed to all concerned and accordingly, the Sitting has been called to deliberate in detail on all issues with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, RGI and Officers of Chhattisgarh and Kerala State Government.


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3. The views that emerged after lengthy deliberations are as given below.

Agenda Inclusion of "Abujh Maria and Hill Korwa" in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh
Item-I

3.1. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has already accepted the facts that all PTGs, including "Abujh Maria" and "Hill Korwa" of Chhattisgarh were Scheduled Tribes and if it was so then there was no need to raise this proposal afresh. It was clarified that the "Abujh Maria" and "Hill Korwa" Communities were sections of the Mother Tribe "Gond" and "Korwa" respectively. However, persons belonging to these Communities were not returned as Scheduled Tribes in 2001 Census as these names did not find place, either as independent tribe or as sub-section of the Mother Tribe in the list of Scheduled Tribes and subsequently, persons belonging to these Communities also faced difficulties in obtaining Caste Certificate as Scheduled Tribes. It was decided that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs may immediately take steps to include the names of "Abujh Maria" and "Hill Korwas" along with the name of the respective Mother Tribe in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh State. It was also decided that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will also scrutinize the entire list of 75 PTGs, so far identified by the Ministry, with the list of Scheduled Tribes in respect of the concerned State. In case, name of a specific Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group like Abujh Maria and Hill Korwa, is not included, along with the name of its Mother Tribe, in the list of Scheduled Tribes, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will suo-moto prepare a Draft Bill, if necessary, for amendment of the list in respect of each PTG and send the Draft Bill for comments of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes before submission of the Legislative proposal to the Cabinet Secretariat, as per Cabinet instructions dated 16/02/2012. It was also decided that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs will get a detailed social, anthropological and ethnographic study conducted in case of those PTGs whose names or names of their Mother Tribes were not found in the ST list. Another Legislative proposal, if necessary, for inclusion of those PTGs in the list of Scheduled Tribes may be moved separately and processed as per laid down modalities and the Cabinet Instructions.

Agenda Re-inclusion of "Marati" community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Kerala-
Item-II

3.2. The Commission expressed that the arguments advanced earlier by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as well as Government of Kerala for re-inclusion of Marati



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community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Kerala were not convincing. This Meeting was called to make the issue clear. After detailed discussions it was felt that the proposals for exclusion and re-inclusion of Marati community was not based on any scientific survey. It was noted that then National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the RGI had also opposed exclusion of Marati community from the list of Scheduled Tribes. After considering the whole situation it was decided that the ST status of Marati community may be restored.

Agenda Inclusion of Bodo Kacharis in Karbi Anglong & NC Hills Autonomous
Item-III Council Area

3.3. Regarding inclusion of Bodo Kacharis in Karbi Anglong & NC Hills Autonomous Council Area, the Commission made it clear that the Commission did not support the proposal in its present form and desired that MTA should examine the proposal in the light of the observations made by the Commission in its 32nd Meeting held on 28/03/2012 as communicated to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs earlier.

4. It was revealed during the discussions that several States had forwarded new proposals for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Government of Orissa alone had sent over 140 proposals for inclusion. The Commission re-iterated its earlier stand that National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was not in favour of specifying new communities as Scheduled Tribes even after more than 60 year of initial specification of Scheduled Tribes through the Constitutional Orders. Moreover, the proposals were generally based on the surveys conducted several decades ago. In the meanwhile benefits of various development programmes have reached various corners of the country. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes therefore advised that new proposals may be considered only when accompanied with the results of latest socio-economic-educational and anthropological surveys/ studies about each community conducted by reputed Research Organisations. Ministry of Tribal Affairs may therefore ensure that the pending proposals are also examined on these lines before forwarding the same to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.


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ANNEXURE**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

Sitting of the Commission held at 11:30 Hrs. on 13/06/2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission- List of participants.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name and Designation</u>	<u>Signature</u>
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
1.	Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson	(in Chair)
2.	Smt. K. Kamala Kumari, Member	
3.	Shri Bheru Lal Meena	
4.	Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary	
5.	K. D. Bhansor, Deputy Director	
6.	Shri R.C.Durga, Consultant	
Ministry of Tribal Affairs		
1.	Smt. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary	
2.	Shri A.K. Dubey, Joint Secretary	
3.	Shri A.K. Srivastava , Director	
Registrar General of India		
1.	Shri C.Chandramouli ,Registrar General of India	
2.	Shri R.C. Sethi , Addl. RGI	
3.	Smt. Pratibha Kumari, Asstt. RG (Social Studies)	
Government of Chhattisgarh		
1.	Shri Sunil Kumar, Chief Secretary	
Government of Kerala		
1.	Shri S. Subbiah, Principal Secretary (SCs, STs & OBCs Deptt.)	