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Government of India -
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

6th Floor, 'B' Wing,
Lok Nayak
Bhawan,
Khan Market,
New Delhi 110003
Dated: 21/03/2012

To

- 1) Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson
- 2) Smt. K. Kamala Kumari, Member
- 3) Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member

Sub:- Summary record of the 31st Meeting of the Commission was held at 11:30 hours on 28th February , 2012.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that 31st Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held at 11:30 Hrs. on 28th February , 2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the Summary Record of the meeting is enclosed for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

(K.D. Bhansor) Mrs.
Dy. Director

Copy with a copy of the Summary Record of the meeting forwarded to the following officers with the request that information about action taken on the decision taken in the meeting concerning each Unit / Office may be furnished to Coordination Unit by **30th March , 2012** positively.

- (i) Dy. Director
- (ii) Under Secretary, (Admn.)
- (iii) AD/RO In-charge – RU-I/RU-II/RU-III/RU-IV/Coord./ AD/OL

Copy with a copy of the Summary Record of the meeting forwarded for information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary/ PPS to Joint Secretary,
2. Assistant Director/ Research Officer in Regional offices of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Bhopal/ Bhubaneswar/ Jaipur/ Raipur/ Ranchi and Shillong.
3. Sr. System Analyst (NIC Cell, NCST) for uploading on the website.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

Subject: Summary record of the 31st meeting of the Commission held at 11.30 AM on 28-02-2012.

The 31st meeting of the Commission was held at 11.30 AM on 28-02-2012 in the Conference Room of the Commission in Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson, NCST. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure. Four Agenda Items were circulated for discussion in the meeting. However, the Commission decided to discuss in detail the first agenda item relating to the Special Report of the Commission, and deferred discussion on other items for the next meeting of the Commission.

2. Secretary, NCST mentioned that keeping in view the special provisions in the Constitution relating to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Areas under Schedule V & VI to the Constitution, process and manner of working of various programmes/ schemes at the State as well at the Centre, the NCST had made recommendations in various areas from time to time. These pertain to policy matters including legislative proposals, major schemes, governance and administration.

3. Secretary, NCST further mentioned that the governance of Scheduled Tribal/ Areas has been commented in many forums and Reports in recent times, in the context of prevailing unrest and development gaps etc. A review by the Commission has revealed deficiencies in formulation and implementation of various programmes for the Scheduled Tribes, and gradual erosion of Tribal Rights because of lack of alertness, both on the part of the law making as well as the implementing machinery -- which indicate the need for a radical change in the present system, especially considering the size, dispersal and complex nature of problems likely to be faced by the STs in the changing environment, particularly the new challenges in the context of the globalization. The major areas of concern relate to land alienation, rehabilitation and

resettlement, mining, and administration in the Tribal Areas. The draft Report accordingly, covers broadly three issues:

- 1) Protection of tribal rights in Scheduled and Tribal Areas,
- 2) Special Regulations regarding peace and good Governance in Scheduled and Tribal Areas.
- 3) Meaningful consultation with NCST on policy/ legislative matters for strengthening oversight mechanisms.

4. Secretary, NCST informed the Commission that Chapter 1 converges on a Charter of Tribal Rights while Chapter 2 deals with suggestions for framing Regulations for implementing the Charter. The Opinion of the Attorney General regarding Governor's role in Scheduled Areas and also the best practices, internationally accepted in relation to tribal communities, have been considered while discussing the safeguards for the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Areas and the role of the Governors and arriving at the recommendations.

5. Member (BLM) mentioned about problems being faced by the Scheduled Tribes as a result of their migration, and that lack of awareness among STs about their education and development are the major area of concern. Secretary, NCST mentioned that the Commission has recommended implementation of the provisions of 'The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976' and 'The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Serviced) Act, 1979', to protect migratory ST workers from exploitation. Member (KKK) also highlighted cases in which lands of the tribals had been alienated to non-tribals despite court orders for restoration. She suggested that Commission's recommendations in the Special Report may give focused attention on this issue. The Chairperson commended the draft report, and endorsed the need for renewed emphasis on protection of tribal rights besides accelerating developmental process, because a waning sensitivity to tribal concerns has become evident amongst governance mechanisms over time, which warrants remedial action.

6. Secretary, NCST mentioned that the Draft Report requires certain corrections, refinements and, if possible, to concise it further. The Commission, while endorsing the

recommendations made, also observed that the Report needed editorial corrections and resetting of the formats of each Chapter in the Report. The Commission authorized the Secretary, NCST to incorporate consequential refinements/ modifications in the Report and submit the final Report to the Chairperson, alongwith the forwarding letter for submission of the Report to the President of India.

7. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rameshwar Oraon

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ANNEXURE
(w.r.t. Para 1 of the Summary Record)

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

List of participants in the 31st Meeting of the Commission held on 28-02-2012 at 11.30AM in the Conference Room of the Commission.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name and Designation</u>
1.	Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson (In Chair)
2.	Smt. K. Kamala Kumari, Member
3.	Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member
4.	Shri Raghuvendra Singh Sirohi, Secretary
5.	Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary
6.	Smt. K.D. Bhansor, Deputy Director
7.	Shri R.C. Durga, Consultant
8.	Shri S.P. Meena, Assistant Director