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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

File No. Tour Programme/JS/27/2017/RU-III

6th floor, B Wing Loknayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Dated: 12 December, 2017

To,

- Commissioner cum Secretary,
 Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department,
 Govt. of Odisha,
 Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
- The CEO, Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS) Campus 10, K.I.S.S. Bhubaneswar -751024 (Odisha)

Sub: Tour Report of Shri S. K. Ratho, Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) to visit State of Odisha from 21st, November, 2017 to 23rd, November, 2017.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of tour report of Shri S.K. Ratho, Joint Secretary, NCST to visit State of Odisha from 21^{st} , November, 2017 to 23^{rd} , November, 2017 for compliance.

It is, requested to take action on the recommendations of the Commission and submit action taken report within a months' time.

Yours Faithfully,

(S. P. Meena) Assistant Director

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Research Officer-In-Charge, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Regional Office Bhubaneswar, N-1/297 IRC Village, Bhubaneswar-751015 (Odisha)

2. NIC, NCST uploaded on the web site.

Tour Report of Joint Secretary to the State of Odisha from 21st to 23rd, November 2017:

1. Name of the Visiting Dignitary: Shri. S. K. Ratho, Joint Secretary, NCST, New Delhi.

2. Official Visits: Regional Centre, N

Regional Centre, NCST, Bhubaneswar /SC &ST Welfare Department Bhubaneswar / Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences(KISS).

3. Key Personals / Officials: 1. Shri R. Raghu Prasad, Director for ST-Cum-Special Secretary.

2. Shri Raja Parija, Director for SC.

3. Dr. A.B.Ota, Acting Director, SCSTRTI. ST/SC Development Department, Odisha.

4. Dr. Prashanta Kr Routray, CEO, KISS

A. Inspection and Follow of Action at NCST, Bhubaneswar:

An inspection was carried out at the Regional Office, NCST, Bhubaneswar regarding its functioning and reviewed the status of petitions received by the Regional Office. The following points were discussed with the in charge of the RO, Sri V.Ashok Vardhan, Assistant Director, NCST, Bhubaneswar.

1. At present the NCST is functioning in a rented building at Nayapalli area of Bhubaneswar. In view of having its own building, it was instructed to have contact with the Chief Engineer, CPWD, Bhubaneswar for identification of land and construction of the building for the NCST, Bhubaneswar. In this regard, the RO, NCST, Bhubaneswar will follow up the matter and update accordingly to the Head Qtrs.

- 2. At present, the NCST, Bhubaneswar is having the following vacancies: Director (01), Senior Investigator (01), Investigators (02), UDC (01), LDC (02), and MTS (03). It is understood that due to inadequate Nos. of man power at the NCST, Bhubaneswar, it is very much difficult to carry the office work. Hence, it is proposed to recruit a person (Data Entry Operator) on contract basis who can handle Typing work as well as outside work through out-sourcing. In this regard, Assistant Director, NCST, Bhubaneswar will complete the formalities and to submit the proposal to the Head Office for final approval.
- 3. Reviewed the status of petitions received by the NCST Bhubaneswar and came to know that during the period of 2017-18, as on date 31st October,2017, at about 115 files were opened. And the following 03 important cases have been taken for the Head Quarters for further action under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chair Person.

Sl.	State	Brief Detail of the Matter
No		
1	Odisha	File No.ORI/10/C/03/2008-Gen.
		Appointment of unemployed ST Degree
		Engineers against ST Backlog vacancies of
		Assistant Engineer - Representation received
		from Shri Pramod Kumar Mallick and Shri
		Ananta Pradhan.
2	West	File No. WB/10/C/03/2015-Gen.
	Bengal	Representation received from Ku. Santana
		Kujur, D/o Late Mangal Kujur, Vill:Islambad,
		PO:Rangalibazna, Dist:Alipurduar, West

		Bengal regarding harassment by the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board in the matter of recruitment to the post of Lady Constable.
3	Tamil Nadu	Representation received from Sunitha Issac, Manager(Vigilance), ONGC, Chennai alleging sexual harassment by Shri Vijay Kumar, General Manager (Vigilance), ONGC, Chennai.

4. It is proposed by the RO, NCST, Bhubaneswar that **Tribal Awareness** / **Orientation Camps** may be organized in collaboration with the State governments on the issues like safeguards provided by the Indian Constitution and the vital role of NCST in bringing the social and economic justice to the tribal community development. The awareness / orientation camps may be organized with the prior approval of NCST, New Delhi for a day or half day in its jurisdiction after the consultation with the respective state governments. It is also proposed that they may be permitted to organize two such programs in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh before the completion of the financial year 2017-18. RO, NCST to submit proposal in this regard.

(B). Inclusion of Kandha Kumbhar Community in the ST list of Odisha:

A meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the ST/SC Development Department, Government of Odisha on 22.11.2017 regarding the status of inclusion of Kandh Kumbhar community in the ST list of Odisha.

During the meeting, it was brought to the notice of the Commission that the proposal for inclusion of the *Kandha Kumbhar* community (a traditional potters found with socio-economical and educationally backward and possess the tribal characteristics those of the *Kandhas*) into the list of the ST category of

Odisha state, was investigated by the Government of Odisha based on the demand from the *Kandha Kumbhar Samaj Unnayan Samithi, Bisipada, Phulbani* and the ethnographic study of SCSTRTI (1995), Bhubaneswar. After the approval of the Tribal Advisory Council, the State Government of Odisha, sent a vide SSD department letters No.24223/SSD (10.07.2002), No.19919/SSD (25.09.2009) and No.22620/SSD (17.07.2012) to Govt. of India. In finalizing the status of the inclusion of *Kandha Kumbhar* community, the meeting was organized in the department of SC and ST Development, Govt. of Odisha. And it is decided that, as another service community with the similar name i.e. *Kandha Gauda* was included at Sl. No 27 and 31 in the ST list of Odisha, therfore the case of *Kandha Kumbhar* community also may be included as synonym of the above said community and may be included in the state list as a tribe at serial No. 31.

The delegates of the meeting also mentioned that the synonyms of various other communities listed in the state government list (Sl. No.32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,39,56,57,58,59,140 and 147) are also to be considered for inclusion in the ST community.

(C). <u>Visit to Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS):</u>

Visited the **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)** to see the holistic quality of education being provided to tribal students. During visit, it was learnt that KISS, which was started only with 125 tribal students, is now the largest residential ST Institute, wherein 25000 ST boys and girls representing 62 tribal communities and 13 PTGs are pursuing their study from Kinder Garden (KG) to Post Graduation (PG) totally free of cost. The focus is on the all-round development of the students and to make them good citizens and discharged their duty as Agents for their own community.

Visited various sections of KISS i.e. tailoring section, sports section, hospital section, kitchen, computers and class rooms were visited to the know the services and facilities provided by the institution to the ST students.

It was informed that many tribal students of KISS & KIIT have excelled in Sports and have won gold medals/silver medals in the National and International events. KISS students are world Champion in Rugby.

It was further learnt that all the students are being imparted vocational training to their choice and they earn while they learn. This will help them in future in supplementing family income.

The CEO, KISS further informed that 5% seats are reserved for KISS pass out in KIIT University for pursuing technical education, medical, law etc. free of cost. So far many students have got job in TCS, WIPRO, and INFOSIS etc. and also in Govt. after completion of their degrees. Many ST boys and girls of KISS are also doing their Ph.D. and they are getting UGC-Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for the same.

It is proposed to have an orientation program by the NCST, Bhubaneswar with the tribal students of Class 11 and 12 in KISS as an out reach programme of NCST.

(S.K.Ratho) Joint Secretary