

MINUTES OF 27TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES (NCSC) HELD ON 16.7.12 AT 1.00 PM.

1. 27th Meeting of NCSC was held at 1.00 PM on 16.7.12 under chairmanship of Dr. P.L. Punia, Hon'ble Chairman, NCSC in his office.

1.1 Members Present:

- i) Dr. Raj Kumar Verka, Vice-Chairman
- ii) Shri Raju Parmar, Member
- iii) Shri M. Shivanna, Member
- iv) Smt. Latha Priyakumar, Member

2.2 Officers Present:

- i) Dr. Shyam Agarwal, Secretary
- ii) Shri T. Theethan, Joint Secretary
- iii) Shri M.R. Bali, Consultant
- iv) Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary
- v) Shri Lokhan Marandi, Under Secretary
- vi) Shri Kaushal Kumar, Deputy Director
- vii) Shri Jagjit Singh, Addl. PS to Chairman
- viii) Shri A.K. Singh, Section Officer

2. Hon'ble Chairman wished all participants and taken up the following items for discussion:

Agenda Item Nos. 1 & 2:	Confirmation of the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Commission held on 21.5.12 and Action Taken thereon.
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The Commission confirmed minutes of NCSC 26th meeting held on 21.5.12 and approved action taken on decisions in it.

Agenda Item No. 3:	Alternatives for staff car for Members of the Commission.
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It was decided to examine whether hiring of private staff car is necessary through a tour operator and Members may be provided convenient mode of transport befitting their status and as per functional requirement. **(Action: Genl. Section)**

Agenda Item No.4:	Discussion and finalization of report of the Committee on 'Strengthening of the NCSC'.
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Following suggestions were given and approved for incorporation in the report on strengthening of NCSC-

- (i) Draft Constitutional amendment for NCSC recommendations to be mandatory should be enclosed with the report.
- (ii) Status of Members of NCSC (Presently equivalent to Secretary) may be considered to be upgraded to that of MoS similar to provisions in National Disaster Management Authority. **[Action: Consultant]**

Agenda Item No. 5 & 6:	Modification in SC list of Odisha State-Proposal for (i) deletion of communities of Patratanti (Sl.No.16), Bariki (Sl.No.3) and Kummari (Sl.No.49) (ii) Addition of Gaudia Kela, Adhuria Domb / Adhuria Dom, Rajak / Rajaka and Betra communities.
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It was decided that a final view by NCSC would be taken after holding public hearing in concerned States. This would be adopted in all cases referred for inclusion/exclusion in future. Simultaneously, report may be called for from concerned NCSC State Office.

It was brought to notice that practice adopted in case of OBC (by NCBC) is as under:-

- (i) Atleast 3-4 weeks notice is given to concerned State Government.
- (ii) State Government publishes an advertisement in print media atleast two weeks in advance indicating castes/sub-caste details to be consulted.

- (iii) Any body interested can participate in Commission's public hearing.
- (iv) Hearing is generally initiated with a case presentation by a Principal Secretary / Secretary to State Government.

Present reference under consideration may be replied to accordingly to Ministry of SJ&E. **[Action: US (SSW)]**

Agenda Item No.7:	Articles appeared in Punjab Kesari New Paper issue dated 26.5.2012 “ आरक्षण के बारे में सांसदों द्वारा मचाया जा रहा होहल्ला” and in Times of India issue dated 26.5.2012 under caption ‘The New Untouchability’.
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After deliberation, Commission decided not to react on the issue.

Agenda Item No.8:	Any other items with the permission of the chair.
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- (i) **Complaint Monitoring Information System (CMIS)** – Office Order No.12/4/NCSC/2010-C.Cell dated 13.7.2012 (**Annexure-I**) recently issued was perused. It was decided to expedite early implementation. **[Action: C.Cell]**
- (ii) **Website Development and Redesigning thereof.** Presently the work is ongoing. It would take about 4-6 weeks. The Commission was informed that uploading of contents is going on and the website is likely to be ready by August end. **[Action: C.Cell]**
- (iii) **Report of the Sub-Committee:** May be expedited (status at Annexure-II).
- (iv) **Annual Reports for 2010-11 (Part) and 2011-2012:** May be expedited.
- (v) **Biometric Attendance System:** Implementation may be ensured early.
- (vi) **Setting up of New Offices of the Commission:** Necessary information has already been given to Ministry of SJ&E. It needs to be followed up.
- (vii) **Renovation of NCSC office and requirement of additional space for office accommodation at HO:** Renovation of Conference Room has started. Further, a proposal for additional office space is under preparation and will be taken up with Ministry of Urban Development at the earliest. **[Action: General Section]**

(viii)JS proposed that Secretary should be appointed as CVO in the Commission as per Rules of Procedure (RoP) which was agreed to by Secretary. Necessary action may be taken in the matter. **[Action: SO (Vigilance)]**

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to Hon'ble Chairman.