MINUTES OF 28TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES (NCSC) HELD ON 10.9.12 AT 2.00 PM.

1. 28th Meeting of NCSC was held at 2.00 PM on 10.9.12 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
i) Shri Raju Parmar, Member
ii) Shri M. Shivanna, Member
iii) Smt. Latha Priyakumar, Member

2.2 **Officers Present**:

i) Dr. Shyam Agarwal, Secretary
ii) Shri Tajuddin Ahmed Ansari, National Coordinator OBCs
iii) Shri T. Theethan, Joint Secretary
iv) Shri Jagjit Singh, Addl. PS to Chairman
v) Shri C.P. Katyal, Deputy Secretary
vi) Shri M.R. Bali, Consultant
vii) Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary
viii) Shri Lokhan Marandi, Under Secretary
ix) Shri Kaushal Kumar, Deputy Director
x) Shri A.K. Singh, Section Officer
xi) Shri Radha Krishan, Section Officer

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

Agenda Item Nos. 28.1 & 28.2:	**Confirmation of the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Commission held on 16.7.12 and Action Taken thereon.**

Minutes of NCSC 27th meeting held on 16.7.12 were confirmed and action taken on decisions was noted.

Agenda Item No. 28.3:	Discussion and approval of the report of Sub-committee on 'Strengthening of NCSC's Functioning'.

It was decided that the recommendation may be summarized and put as Executive Summary at report end which should also include proposed necessary amendments in Article 338 of the Constitution of India to make NCSC directions binding on concerned parties. **(Action: Secretary)**

Agenda Item No. 28.4:	Appointment of State and District Coordinators for SCs & OBCs.

Chairman asked Vice-Chairman and Members to give a list of candidates to be considered for appointment as State and District Coordinators for SCs & OBCs. The Coordinators will work on honorary basis (with no payment for traveling as well as other allowances). All such Coordinators will be issued Identity Cards with the approval of Chairman, NCSC. **(Action: Hon'ble VC, Members and C.Cell)**

Agenda Item No. 28.5:	Economy in Domestic Travel Expenses.(DTE)

Deferred. **(Action: Coordination Cell)**

In so far as hiring of taxis in Head Office is concerned, VC may co-ordinate and sort out. **(Action: VC)**

Agenda Item NO. 28.6:	Any other items with the permission of the chair.

28.6.1 **Procurement of more office space** – Requirement of additional space may be submitted to Ministry of Urban Development in prescribed format.To provide land for NCSC office letters from Hon'ble Chairman should go to Hon'ble Speaker for allocation of a few old bungalows and Lt. `Governor, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Union Minister for Urban Development. A letter is also to be sent to MSJE from Chairman, NCSC for allotment of office accommodation in the proposed Ambedkar Bhavan at Janpath where Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is located. **(Action: Genl. Section)**

28.6.2 **Appointment of retired IAS / IPS Officers in State Offices on payment of honorarium basis –** Applications received from State Offices in this regard may be put up for taking a final decision**. (Action: Admn.)**

28.6.3 **Engagement of Consultants / Outside Experts -** As decided in Hqrs. and State Offices where there are two vacant posts of Technical personnel (like Research, accounts etc.) one Consultant may be appointed. Similarly, one Consultant may be considered against 4 vacant Ministerial posts at any one place. Details in this respect may be worked out as number of Consultants that could be appointed office-wise. A policy circular may be issued to all State Offices in this respect. **(Action: Admn.)**

28.6.4 **For future, recruitment of Directors (Joint Cadre)** should be done by NCSC Head Office, rather than asking Ministry of MSJE which results in delay only. **(Action: Admn.)**

28.6.5 **A policy may be drawn for hiring of taxi in State Offices** where there is no official vehicle. Requisite details of existing vehicles may be obtained on fax and put up on file for condemnation of unfit vehicles. In case a vehicle (preferably Ambassador Car) is in good condition the same may be transfered to Hqrs. for Members who are without staff cars. Posts of Drivers in State Offices with no vehicle may be abolished and converted in favour of Technical Staff requirement **(Action: Genl. Admn.)**

28.6.6 **NCSC Members should be invited to be present in the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee** under SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989. **(Action: APCR)**

28.6.7 All **complaints** received from **NCBC with regard to OBCs** should be processed by 30.9.12 and sent to concerned Sections so that those can also be taken up for regular hearing by concerned Members (as per existing work allocation) **(Action: C.Cell)**

28.6.8 State Government of **Odisha** may be informed that the Commission wants to conduct **State Review** on 29-30 October, 2012. The Commission would also conduct also hearing on exclusion / inclusion of Castes in the SC list.

28.6.9 **Proposed NCSC visit to Pakistan** should be expedited to know the welfare and status under which Sarabjit Singh has been kept and also to discuss the matter with Government of Pakistan for his early release. Political clearance must be obtained early from Ministry of External Affairs directly, without routing the

proposal through Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. **(Action: Admn. / APCR)**

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