

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the National Commission for SCs

Fifth Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) was held at 11.00 AM on 03.01.2011 under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman in the Conference Hall of the Commission. The list of participants is as at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset, JS welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman, the Hon'ble Vice-Chairman and the Hon'ble Members and the Commission exchanged the New Year Greetings with each other and with the Officers of the Commission. Then, the proceedings started as follows:

The Hon'ble Chairman appreciated the efforts of the officers and the staff and expressed hope that the sincere efforts will continue further. JS informed the Commission that within a short span of time, the Commission has created a very good image on it's functioning effectively. Member (RP) suggested that whatever action/steps are taken by the Commission should be given wide publicity so that others should know about the Commission and its role/effectiveness.

The Commission then discussed the following agenda items:-

Agenda Item No.1: Action taken on the minutes of the Second meeting of the Commission held on 06.12.2010.

The action taken on decisions taken in the Second meeting of the Commission held on 06.12.2010 were noted and approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.2: Confirmation of the minutes of the Third meeting of the Commission held on 13.12.2010.

The Minutes of the Third Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes held on 13.12.2010 copy enclosed at (**Annexure-1.1**) were circulated on 30.12.2010. The Commission confirmed the minutes of the third meeting.

Agenda Item No.3: Action taken on the minutes of the Third meeting of the Commission held on 13.12.2010.

The Commission was informed that action on decisions taken in the Third meeting of the Commission held on 13.12.2010 is being taken.

Agenda Item No.4: Filling up of the post of Director of State Offices of the Commission.

The JS apprised the position regarding filling up of the posts of Director(Jt. Cadre) to the Hon'ble Chairman. The Hon'ble Chairman desired that the Commission should keep writing to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment on all pending issues with them. **(Action: Admn.)**

Agenda Item No.5: Shri Radhakant Tripathy, Advocate, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi has sent Three representations regarding (a) Poor SC/ST undertrials have been suffering from untold miseries for a long time (b) Poor SC/ST life convicts have been suffering from discrimination in getting pardon, parole and remission and therefore have been victimized for a long time (c) Poor SC/ST Juvenile have been suffering from untold miseries for a long time.

JS explained the issue. Member(RP) said that first of all a complete list of SCs may be collected from the authorities concerned. On this JS said that the Commission will write and obtain data in this regard from the MHA, Govt. of India. Hon'ble Chairman observed that free legal aid should also be extended to all SCs. Hon'ble Chairman desired that a note be prepared after collecting the details and put up in the next meeting of the Commission. **(Action: APCR)**

Agenda Item No.6: Modification in the list of Scheduled Castes of Orissa-Inclusion of Khatia community in the list of SC of Orissa State.

The Hon'ble Chairman observed that the report of the Registrar General of India on inclusion of Khatia community in the list of SCs of Orissa State may be accepted. The Members also agreed. **(Action: SSW)**

Agenda Item No.7: Representation from Shri Gurdip Singh Warwal, IFS (Retired), President, All India Rai Sikhs Samaj Sudhar Sabha, B-103-A, Ganesh Nagar, Near Tilak Nagar, New Delhi regarding SC candidate from Punjab cannot apply in Haryana etc.

The Hon'ble Chairman desired that a report may be obtained from the State Government of Haryana and put up before him. **(Action: SSW)**

Agenda Item No.8: Any other items with the permission of the chair.

- (i) JS proposed that a lap top and a video camera (handicam) may be purchased for each Member, Vice-Chairman & Chairman to facilitate investigation/on the spot enquiry while on tours to create evidence/document. **(Action: Genl. Admn.)**
- (ii) Hon'ble Chairman observed that the location of the present premises is not good from access point of view for the SC petitioners especially coming from outside Delhi and the Commission should have its own building like the NHRC. The issue of separate building for the Hqrs. of the Commission also came up for discussion. Member (RP) said that the building earlier occupied by the NHRC may be taken for NCSC and instead of spending over renovation of NCSC Hqrs. in Loknayak Bhawan, the Commission should renovate that building after the same is allotted to NCSC. JS informed that he has already discussed this matter with the CPWD and they are also of the same view. **(Action: Genl. Admn.)**
- (iii) JS also raised the issue of ear marked residential accommodation for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Commission in view of the fact that the NCSC is a permanent Commission of the Constitution. He said that the accommodation be fitting to the status of the Chairman, VC and Members who are Constitutional authorities should be earmarked by the Directorate of Estate. We should take up the matter with the Directorate of Estates. **(Action: Genl. Admn.)**
- (iv) Hon'ble Member(MS) and Hon'ble Member(RP) raised the issue of Staff Car. They said that the present Staff Cars are not in good condition and needs replacement. JS said that the matter will be taken with the IFD to agree to the proposal of replacement of old Staff Cars as a special case. **(Action: Genl. Admn.)**

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

FIFTH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES
HELD AT 11.00 PM ON 03.01.2011 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
COMMISSION.

PRESENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

S.NO. NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman
2. Shri Raj Kumar Verka, Vice-Chairman
3. Shri Raju Parmar, Member
4. Shri M. Shivanna, Member

Shri T.Theethan, Joint Secretary

Officers

1. Shri Dhruv Kumar, Director
2. Shri S.Kesava Iyer, Deputy Secretary
3. Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary
4. Shri Lokhan Marandi, Under Secretary
5. Shri Kaushal Kumar, Deputy Director