

Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 17/10/2011 in the chamber of Hon'ble Chairman, NCSC.

Agenda Item No. 1	Organizing a national level conference on "Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and their socio-economic development: Issues & Challenges" at Vigyan Bhawan (Hall No. 5) on 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2011
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Hon'ble Chairman has called an emergent 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to oversee and discuss the progress made as far as holding of national level conference on "**Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and their socio-economic development : Issues & Challenges**" at Vigyan Bhawan (Hall No. 5) on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 is concern. The meeting attended by Hon'ble Member (Shri Shivanna), Joint Secretary, Director (SSW & APCR), OSD to Hon'ble Chairman, DS(Admn.) and US(APCR) amongst others (detail attendance list is appended at the end of the minutes).

Hon'ble Chairman while taking stock of the progress made for organizing the conference to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi has observed the followings:

- (i) Possibility for finding suitable sponsors to shoulder expenditure on conference including that meeting up the cost of advertisement may be explored. In this regard missive may be sent to the banking and financial institutions accordingly **(Action: Shri A.K.Singh, SO & Shri A. Bhattacharyya, SI).**
- (ii) The notepads/ bags for distribution during the conference should bear name and logo of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes **(Action: Shri A.K.Singh, SO & Shri A. Bhattacharyya, SI).**

- (iii) The concerned Task Force should keep Resident Commissioner's office engaged and ensure that the Chief Secretary and other senior officers from the States/UTs duly attend the proposed conference **(Action: Shri P.S.Mehta, RO & Shri A.P.Gautam, RO)**.
- (iv) Preparation of Agenda Item based on following baseline information/data **(Action: Shri K. Kanwar, SO, Shri P.S.Mehta, RO, & Shri A.P.Gautam, RO in consultation with the Joint Secretary and State Directors -namely Pune, Chandigarh and Lucknow):**
  - (a) State-wise earmarking of SCSP fund vis-à-vis SC population of the State/UT concerned for the last five years. This is to identify pattern of earmarking of funds and whether allocation of fund is matching with the SC population percentage of the concerned States/UTs.
  - (b) State-wise expenditure on SCSP fund vis-à-vis SC population of the State/UT concerned for the last five years. This is to identify pattern of expenditure of funds and whether expenditure of fund is adequate in the concerned States/UTs.
  - (c) Atrocity Statements for last five years based on registration of cases by police, cases ending in acquittal/conviction by the Special Courts, pendency of cases in Courts, pending investigation by police etc. and pending list of cases in NCSC Hqrs. And NCSC State Offices should be prepared.
  - (d) Grading of States based on the performances on 'reservation in services/education front', 'socio-economic development' and 'atrocities' may also be prepared.
- (v) A Press Conference should be preceded the conference on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 where good quality bags with agenda and other kits shall be provided to the news reporters **(Action: Shri A.K.Singh, SO**

**& Shri A. Bhattacharyya, SI).** Subsequently, after conclusion of the Conference, another Press meet will be held in Media Room, Vigyan Bhawan.

- (vi) Advertisement should appear in the national dailies on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the Conference and highlighting major achievements made by the Commission during the year 2010-11.

2. Besides discussing matters related to organizing the conference on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, Hon'ble Chairman has also desired that a d.o. letter should go from him to the Hon'ble Prime Minister with a caption "States fighting States in Court". Elaborating his intention, Hon'ble Chairman has observed that there is spate of instances where the 'State' i.e. the Central or State Government Organizations are fighting against the decision of other government organizations in open judicial courts. He has said that the recommendations of the NCSC though are not binding but there are several instances in recent past where the organizations like MCD, BSNL, KVC etc. have gone to court challenging the decisions of the Commission. Hon'ble Chairman has observed that these are sheer wastage of public money which are avoidable **(Action: Shri P.S.Mehta, RO, & Shri Y.K. Bansal, RO):**

3. **Subsequent Developments**

It has been decided to postpone the National Level Conference and first hold a consultation with Service Associations and NGOs working in the field of SC development on 16.12.2011 in the Constitution Club.

Subsequently, after ascertaining views of NGOs since Association and Service Associations and Civil Society members an agenda for State Level Conference can be prepared for state meeting can be convened later on that basis.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

**23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES HELD AT 1.00 PM ON 17.10.2011 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF HON'BLE CHAIRMAN.**

**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
5. Smt. Latha Priyakumar, Member

**Officers**

1. Shri T. Theethan, Joint Secretary
2. Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary