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Respected Rashtrapati ji,

I have the honour to present the Second Report of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1993-94. This Report though prepared by the erstwhile Commission, could not be presented by them. Hence the Constitutional obligation of presenting their Report is being discharged by this Commission.

The functions of the National Commission are rather extensive and cover both protective and preventive aspects pertaining to the welfare and development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. However, due to various constraints, the Commission confined its activities to complaints majority of which cover subjects such as atrocities and denial/violation of service safeguards. Major thrust of the activities of the Commission has therefore, been in taking up grievances of SCs/STs with authorities and also on-the-spot enquiries into cases of heinous crimes such as murder, rape, burning of houses and property and grievous injuries, etc. The Commission made 44 field enquiries in reported cases of atrocities on persons belonging to SCs/STs. The findings and recommendations of the Commission have been communicated to the concerned Government authorities at appropriate level for immediate action.

This Report of the National Commission highlights the above aspects including land and gives an overview of programmes and schemes undertaken for development of SCs/STs by the Central and State Governments.

In spite of constraints of staff, the present Commission which has taken over recently proposes to expand its activities and take steps which will help it in the effective discharge of its Constitutional duties. The Commission proposes to take up compilation of all judgements of High Courts and the Supreme Court relating to SCs/STs, compilation of all orders/rules/instructions issued by the Central/States



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Governments. It is also proposing to establish a Computer Cell for creating a data bank in the Commission and to connect it with all District Headquarters through NIC Network. The Commission is taking action to establish a fullfledged Economic Cell to oversee planning process relating to the development of SCs/STs, allocation and flow of funds and implementation of programmes by the Central/State Governments. It will also be the endeavour of the Commission to establish a free Legal Aid Cell at all State Hqs. for the benefit of SCs/STs and to intervene in court cases involving policy matters having a bearing on the welfare of SCs/STs. The Commission will also strive to fix responsibility on officers responsible for deprivation, harassment of SCs/STs and violation of Government directives.

Yours faithfully,

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