



Fl. No. 12/10/2024-RU/RM/HD

Government of India

National Commission for Scheduled Castes

(A Constitutional Body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India)

{Jurisdiction: West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim & A&N Islands}

Minutes of the meeting held on 22.11.2024 on the review of the implementation of safeguards provided to Scheduled Castes by the Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha.

A Meeting was held on 22.11.2024, at 1130 hours, at ITC, Bhubaneswar on the review of the implementation of safeguards provided to Scheduled Castes by the Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha.

2. The meeting was attended by the Director and Deputy Director of Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha. The list of the participants is enclosed as **Annexure I**.
3. The Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha, briefed the Commission about the reply to the Questionnaire for review of Departments (copy enclosed as **Annexure II**).
4. The Commission gave the following directions/recommendations:

Point No. as per the Questionnaire	Details as per the Questionnaire	Directions/Recommendations of the Commission
10 (c)	Are the rosters being periodically inspected by Liaison Officer? If so, action taken on the inspection reports of the Liaison Officer for the last three years. The dates of inspection of rosters may be furnished in table below, while comments & action taken reports may be furnished as Annexures and duly linked.	The Department may appoint Liaison Officer as per the DOPT O.M. No. 43011/153/2010-Estt.(Res), dated 4.1.2013 and O.M. No. DOPT-1670494514912 dated 08.12.2022. Liaison Officer should inspect rosters periodically.
19 (c)	Has the Ministry/Dept./ Organization appointed a Liaison Officer? If so, please indicate the level of Liaison Officer and his name.	The Department may appoint Liaison Officer as per the DOPT O.M. No. 43011/153/2010-Estt.(Res), dated 4.1.2013 and O.M. No. DOPT-1670494514912 dated 08.12.2022.
19 (d)	Has a Scheduled Castes Cell been set-up under the direct control of Liaison - Officer? If so, please indicate the position of this cell and details of the staff attached to it.	The Department may set up SC Cell as per the DOPT O.M. No. 43011/153/2010-Estt.(Res), dated 4.1.2013 and O.M. No. DOPT-1670494514912 dated 08.12.2022.

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19 (g)	Does the Ministry / Deptt. / Organization hold periodical meetings with Scheduled Castes employees to sort out their problems and grievances?	Periodical meetings with Scheduled Castes employees to be conducted to sort out their problems and grievances, if any.
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5. The Commission further directed the following:
- a. Under Per Drop More Crop Scheme (PDMC), efforts should be made to improve the number of SC beneficiaries. Awareness and hand holding support to be given to potential SC beneficiaries under the scheme.
 - b. Under Mukhyamantri Krishi Udyog Yojana (MKUY), awareness should be created among SCs in targeted manner so that number of SC beneficiaries could be enhanced.
6. The Commission has directed that an Action Taken Report is to be submitted by the Department within 15 days.


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Member

Annexure I

Officers of NCSC:

1. Ms. Sonali Dutta, Director, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata
2. Shri Sharad Kumar Garg, PS to Hon'ble Member, NCSC, Hqrs., New Delhi
3. Mrs. Puloma Basu, Senior Investigator, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata
4. Shri Ramesh Kumar, LDC, NCSC, State Office, Kolkata

Officers of Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Odisha

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. Nikhil Pavan Kalyan	Director
2.	Sh. Kusha Kumar Agarwal	Deputy Director