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National Commission for Scheduled Castes

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

5th Floor, Loknayak Bhawan Khan Market, New Delhi. Date: 02/07/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the Full Commission Meeting held on 30th May, 2025.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Full Commission Meeting of the 7th Commission was held on 30th May, 2025 at 11:30 am under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes in the Conference Hall, 7th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi.

2. The Minutes of the above said meeting are circulated herewith for information and taking necessary action by all concerned.

(Ayushi Rastogi) Deputy Director

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1. US (Admn/ESDW)/ DD(SSW/APCR)/ DD(VRV/AKKV)/ AD(IT), NCSC.

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- 1. PS to Hon'ble Chairman, NCSC.
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- 6. PS to DIG(P), NCSC.
- 7. Director (CCELL)/ DS(Admn.), NCSC.
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MINUTES OF FULL COMMISSION MEETING OF THE 7TH COMMISSION HELD ON 30.05.2025

The Full Commission Meeting of the 7th Commission of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes was held on 30th May, 2025 at 11.30 Hrs under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chairman, NCSC at 7th Floor, Conference Hall, NCSC Headquarters at New Delhi. At the outset, Secretary, NCSC welcomed the Commission and all the participants to the Full Commission Meeting. Thereafter, DIG(P), NCSC commenced the agenda wise proceedings. The List of participants is at <u>Annexure-I</u>.

The Agenda items taken up for discussion and the proceedings are as under: -

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: Ratification of Minutes of Full Commission Meeting held on 30.01.2025.

Decision taken: Minutes of the Full Commission Meeting held on 30.01.2025 were ratified by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of Full Commission Meeting held on 30.01.2025.

The Commission was apprised on the action taken report (ATR) on the minutes of Full Commission Meeting held on 30.01.2025.

Decision Taken: The Action Taken Report was noted by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Memorandum on Centrally Sponsored Sub-Scheme "Samveshi Aajeevika Yojana" to be implemented during FY 2025-26.

The Commission was apprised that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) had forwarded the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Memorandum of the Ministry of Rural Development regarding the Centrally Sponsored Sub-Scheme "Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana", proposed for implementation during the Financial Year 2025–26, for the Commission's comments/suggestions.

Under the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), it is proposed to launch the sub-scheme "Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana" with a total outlay of ₹305 crore (inclusive of both Central and State share). The sub-scheme aims to reach extremely vulnerable households who have either not been mobilized into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) or are unable to access SHG benefits due to their extreme poverty and social exclusion.

On examination of the proposal it is found that, certain aspects of the proposal relating to identification of beneficiaries, particularly in respect of selecting state, district, blocks and households and the evaluation of achievement based on outcome indicators, requires further review to ensure that benefit of scheme is actually delivered to the scheduled caste population living at the last unreached mile.

In view of the time-bound nature of the matter, the NCSC's comments were submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 28.04.2025.

The comments sent to the MoSJE were submitted before the Commission for ratification.

Decision Taken: The Commission ratified the comments sent to the Ministry.

The Secretary, NCSC highlighted that Data related to SC beneficiaries is not being adequately collected. The coverage of schemes for SCs remains suboptimal.

It was suggested that NITI Aayog may be requested to ensure comprehensive inclusion of Scheduled Caste-specific components in all relevant schemes. Further, a meeting may be convened to deliberate on the issue and improve monitoring and outreach.

AGENDA ITEM NO 4: Proposal for De-reservation of vacancy reserved for SC category.

The Commission was informed that four proposals had been received for dereservation of vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Caste (SC) category. These included the following posts: Security Supervisor in CITCO, Chandigarh, Senior Radiographic Technician in Government Medical College & Hospital, Assistant Legislative Counsel (Grade IV of Indian Legal Service) in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department, Stenographer in the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, NCR Planning Board.

The Commission was briefed that, in all these cases, there were short comings and deficiency of relevant information. As such letters had been issued to the respective Ministries/Departments to rectify the shortcomings and provide required information while also advising them that no further action should be taken until the Commission has completed its examination of the proposals.

It was further apprised that, as per the DoPT circular, proposals for de-reservation are referred to the Commission for its comments, and if no response is received within 15 days, the concerned Departments may proceed with the proposal for de-reservation.

Decision Taken: The Commission directed that the DoPT circular governing the procedure and timeline for de-reservation of SC category vacancies be examined in detail. It was further directed that a provision mandating concerned Departments to make alternate efforts for filling such reserved vacancies, before referring the matter to the Commission for de-reservation, may also be incorporated in the DoPT guidelines.

A proposal for modification of the existing guidelines may be prepared and submitted to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Handling of Suo moto cases

The Commission was apprised that the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling cases involving atrocities of a grave nature committed against members of the Scheduled Castes has been circulated to all State Offices and relevant sections at Headquarters. It was informed that cases reported in the media and those taken up suomoto by the Commission are being dealt with as per the procedures outlined in this SOP.

Between 01.02.2025 and 15.05.2025, a total of 146 suo-moto notices were issued, primarily concerning issues such as non-registration of FIRs, inadequate police response, and denial of rights under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (as amended). State-wise data on these cases was presented. These cases were identified through print and digital media, social media platforms, and the Commission's to II-free helpline.

Decision Taken: It was directed that a voice recording facility be incorporated into the toll-free number system to allow for round-the-clock reporting. For this purpose, MTNL may be contacted to implement the feature to ensure prompt response and action.

The Secretary, NCSC emphasized the importance of monitoring compensation to victims and proposed that the concerned Superintendent of Police and District Magistrate may be called for review. The concerned section shall brief the Members accordingly. It was also highlighted that for cases that require spot inquiries, the Directors/Deputy Directors of State Offices shall conduct field visits immediately after obtaining approval from the competent authority. The Chairman and concerned Member(s) of the Commission may be invariably informed prior to the visit to seek their convenience to visit the place of occurrence, if any.

It was also directed that, given the gravity of certain atrocity cases, officers from Headquarters may be deputed to conduct spot visits, and the process should not be solely dependent on State Offices.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: - Caste Certificates' related cases in the Commission

The Commission was apprised that a total of 225 cases of fake caste certificates have been received in the Commission. In addition, complaints have been received regarding delay in issue of caste certificate, difficulty in obtaining revised/updation of SC certificates etc. amounting to denial of the certificate and the benefit it entails. 88 cases related to 'other issues related to Caste Certificates' are pending in the Commission.

Decision taken: SSW-I section at HQ was directed to examine all such cases on priority. It was decided that data may be collected from State Governments regarding the number and nature of fake caste certificate cases. Information on cases pending in courts related to fake caste certificates may also be compiled.

In cases involving fake caste certificates, the concerned District Magistrate (DM)/ state officials may be summoned for hearings before the Commission to settle matters on priority.

A timeframe for handling fake caste certificate cases may be formulated. The Commission also directed that a comprehensive SOP/proposal for handling fake caste certificate cases be prepared, and suitable recommendations may be submitted to the Hon'ble President of India for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: State wise utilization of funds allocated under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.

The Commission was apprised that As per guidelines of the erstwhile Planning Commission of India, the size of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan out of the total State Plan outlay should be at least in proportion to the percentage of SC population of the State.

The information received from the states and UTs regarding the allocation of funds for the DAPSC and its utilisation in the last five years, reveal that some of the States/ UTs allocates fund share of State Plan in DAPSC less than the SC population of the states.

It is recommended that the allocation of the fund share of the state plan in DAPSC should be increased as per the scheduled caste population of the respective states/ UTs to ensure the welfare of the SC population.

The DAPSC 2024-25 report highlights that ₹1.66 lakh crore was allocated for DAPSC programs across 39 ministries and departments, of which as of April 2025, approximately 74.54% of the budget estimates and 89.18% of the revised estimates have been utilized. Ministries/Departments reportedly faced difficulties in identifying targeted schemes, leading to underutilization of funds.

State wise details of DAPSC/SCSP Fund Allocation, Utilisation and Performance for the last five years (2019-20 to 2023-24):

Information received from States/UTs regarding allocation of funds for DAPSC/ Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) reveal that states like Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu & Telangana, have allocated fund share more than the SC population share of the state. The states like Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan & West Bengal allocated fund share almost equal to the SC population of the state. The states such as Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Gujrat, Maharashtra, Delhi, Puducherry, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh allocated fund share less than the SC population of the state.

Allocation for Welfare of SC Statement 10A analysis:

Considering the Commission's role in the planning process, the proposed action plan has been formulated and placed for consideration and approval of the Commission.

It was highlighted that a separate dedicated special cell may be developed in the Commission to examine all the matters related to the schemes in the states and for the coverage of SCs.

Decision Taken: It was directed that scheme-wise data may be analysed in detail. The Chairman, NCSC emphasized the need to examine cases of fund diversion from SC welfare schemes. The Secretary, NCSC proposed that a meeting may be convened with NITI Aayog within 2 months, and that Chief Secretaries/ Welfare Secretaries of the States/UTs may be invited to deliberate on the issue for better targeting the utilisation of funds for SC welfare.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Review of Expenditure Statement for the year 2024-25.

The Commission was apprised of the total budget allocation and the expenditure statement for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Decision Taken: The Commission noted the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Internship Module in NCSC.

The Commission was informed that to promote greater awareness and participation of youth in the cause of social justice, the Internship Module for students from universities and colleges across India has been drafted.

This internship program is designed to provide students with first-hand exposure to the functioning of a constitutional body and to deepen their understanding of constitutional safeguards, policies, and the socio-economic realities affecting Scheduled Castes. Interns will have the opportunity to engage in research, policy analysis, field studies, and documentation activities under the guidance of experienced officers and subject matter experts at the Commission. The Commission, in turn, will be benefit with quality report/ research material at no financial cost.

The Internship module was placed for approval of the Commission

Decision taken: The Commission approved the Internship Module. It was directed that the Internship Program be widely advertised and published on the Commission's website to ensure better outreach and visibility.

It was further directed that a proposal for providing stipends to interns may be examined.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The Commission was informed that the matter related to sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh was referred to the NCSC by Andhra Pradesh Government vide its DO. Letter No. 2648457/SW.CV/2025 dated 28.03.2025. As per Modalities of MoSJE for deciding claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications, cases would be forwarded to the Commission, along with the comments of the State Governments and the RGI. It was informed that NCSC has not received any proposal regarding the above mentioned subject from the Ministry/ RGI. The Commission will need the comments of the MoSJE on the above proposal. On the receipt of the same the matter has to be placed before the Full Commission for consideration and decision.

Accordingly, the Commission has referred the matter to the Nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 28.03.2025 for their comments, but the same has not been received.

The NCSC vide letter dated 14.04.2025 has informed to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 01.08.2024 in W.P. civil Appeal No. 2317 of 2011 combined with other petitions including WP(C) no. 562 of 2022 has directed that the States must collect data on the inadequacy of representation in the "service of the State" because it is used as an indicator of backwardness. Accordingly, the State Government will take decisions.

The similar matter related to sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes in Telangana was received from Govt. of Telangana vide its letter no. 1518/SCD.POA.A2/2024 dated 18.03.2025. The same is under consideration.

The comments sent to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh were placed for ratification.

Decision taken: The Commission ratified the comments sent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Review of State Offices of NCSC through Video Conferencing on rotational basis (Review of State Office of Chennai).

The performance review of the State Offices was apprised to the Commission through the Power point presentation on the major parameters like Pending Live cases, Cases Closed, Hearings held, Suo-moto cases handled, Spot visits made by Directors/Deputy Director of State Offices.

The performance report of the State Office, Chennai was presented for the Commission's review.

All Directors and Deputy Directors were connected via video conferencing, with the Director of the Chennai State Office providing an overview of the work done during the current year. The Director reported that there are 4155 pending cases in the state office, Chennai and a total of 1462 cases had been closed during the period of present Commission. Total 6 suo-moto cases were undertaken, with spot visit conducted in 12 case, and that report for this visit has been submitted. Hearings were held in 1 case and 50 cases sent for hearing. The Director also highlighted the compensation paid with the Commission's intervention, and provided updates on other matters also. The progress on active live cases and disposal of cases in all the state offices was placed before the Commission.

Decision taken: The Commission reviewed and noted the performance of state office of Chennai.

It was directed that the physical active cases may be taken on priority by the all state offices as well as HQ.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Review of the "online e-Grievance Management Portal" and progress of project monitoring unit (PMU) by BISAG-N.

Decision Taken: It was decided that the matter related to BISAG-N will be discussed separately.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Any other agenda with the permission of the chair.

Hon'ble Members have raised certain issues which are to be taken up separately.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and Members of the Commission

List of participants Full Commission Meeting held on 30.05.2025:

(A) In Chair:	(B) Officers present:
1. Shri Kishor Makwana,	1. Shri Gudey Srinivas,
Hon'ble Chairman, NCSC	Secretary, NCSC
2. Shri Shri Love Kush Kumar,	2. Shri H Kam Suanthang,
Hon'ble Member, NCSC	Joint Secretary, NCSC
3. Shri Vaddepalli Ramchander,	3. Ms. Sanmeet Kaur,
Hon'ble Member, NCSC	DIG(P), NCSC
	4. Shri Kaushal Kumar,
	Director, NCSC
	5. Shri Banamali Naik,
	Deputy Secretary, NCSC
	6. Shri Kalloo Ram,
	Under Secretary, NCSC
	7. Shri K.J. Bhatt,
	Under Secretary, NCSC
	8. Smt. Ayushi Rastogi,
	Deputy Director, NCSC
	9. Shri Dinesh Vyas,
	Deputy Director, NCSC
	10. Dr. R Stalin,
	Deputy Director, NCSC
	11. Shri V.R. Vinod,
	Deputy Director, NCSC
	12. Shri Anoop Kumar Koileri V.,
	Deputy Director, NCSC
	13. Shri Dharmendra Singh,
	Assistant Director (IT), NCSC