



F.No. 1/7/2016-Coord.

Government of India

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 'B' Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan,  
Khan Market, New Delhi-110003

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2016

To,

1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson,
2. Shri Ravi Thakur, Vice- Chairperson

Subject: Summary Record of discussions of 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 16.00 Hrs on 01.08.2016.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes was held on 01.08.2016 at 16:00 Hrs in the Conference Room of NCST, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the Summary Record of discussions of 86<sup>th</sup> meeting is enclosed for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*  
( D.S.Kumbhare)  
Under Secretary

Copy of the Summary Record of discussions of the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting of NCST forwarded to the following officers with the request that information about action taken on the decision taken in the meeting concerning each Unit / Office may be furnished to Coordination Cell by 31.08.2016 positively.

1. Director (RU-III & RU-IV)
2. Under Secretary (Coordination & Estt)
3. AD (RU-I & RU-II)
4. AD (RU-III & RU-IV)

Copy of the Summary Record of discussions of the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting forwarded for information to:-

1. PS to Chairperson
2. PS to Vice-Chairperson
3. Sr. PPS to Secretary, NCST
4. Office of the Joint Secretary, NCST
5. Director/Assistant Director in Regional Offices of NCST at Bhopal/Bhubaneswar/Jaipur/Raipur/Ranchi and Shillong.
6. SSA (NIC, NCST) for uploading on the website.

*D.S.Kumbhare*  
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**SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF 86<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES (NCST)**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 16:00 hours.

**Venue:** Conference Room, NCST, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.  
**In Chair:** Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST.

**Following were present:**

1. Shri Anil Kumar Agarwal, Secretary
2. Shri Ashok Pai, Joint Secretary
3. Smt. K. D. Bhansor, Director
4. Shri S.P. Meena, Assistant Director

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Draft National Women Policy 2016 received from M/o WCD on National Policy Women 2016 for comments.</b>
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Above agenda was discussed in the meeting.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter F. No. 20014/10/2013-R&M/Eco/Stats. dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 have sought the suggestions/comments of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the Draft National Women Policy 2016 received from Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The Draft National Women Policy 2016 was discussed in the Commission. The Commission on deliberation decided to convey concurrence to the draft with advise to incorporate the following recommendations for safeguarding the interest of Tribal Women, consistent with the provisions provided under the Constitution of India:

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I. Tribal Communities have distinct customs and traditions. Hence, their customary laws and traditional institutions need to be incorporated in the policy. (Differentiated approach but common goals for Scheduled Tribe women.) (this can be incorporated in 'Introduction' to the policy)

II. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms exist in the tribal communities which will be recognized while promoting gender sensitive legal-judicial system. (under caption Objective item - viii)

III. Trafficking of women and violence against the migrant women labourers are emerging issues. Similarly, violence in the name of witchcraft to dispossess the property or physical exploitation in respect of ST women. They also need to be addressed in the policy. (under caption EMERGING ISSUES)

IV. As the ST women have lowest health indices, mainstreaming of validated tribal medicines and medical practices will be promoted through the primary health care system as it would help improve primary health care delivery. (under caption PRIORITY AREAS- I. Health including food security and nutrition)

V. Similarly, to enhance nutritional status, traditional crops and food like raagi (mandua), Pulses like horse gram (kulti), minor millets, traditional vegetables like chakoda bhaji, drumsticks etc. will be promoted. This will be through procurement and distribution of traditional crops like minor millets, coarse grains and traditional pulses in tribal areas by procurement by the Government and distribution under PDS. This would enhance both nutritional and food security among tribal women along with the children. (under caption PRIORITY AREAS- I. Health including food security and nutrition)



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VI. Making culturally relevant curriculum, and academic session in tune with tribal festivals, would be promoted as it would help in decreasing girls drop out and enhance their literacy during primary education. (under caption PRIORITY AREAS- II. Education, item (iii))

VII. Traditional vocations and skills during secondary education would be promoted to enhance employability. Shortage of teachers and paramedic would be overcome by training ST girls/ women. (under caption PRIORITY AREAS- II. Education, item (ii))

VIII. In view of lowest literacy among ST women, prescribing minimum education qualification for elected representatives can deprive large proportion of women in participation of democratic process and there by empowerment. Hence, no minimum qualification should be prescribed for ST Women to contest elections to the local bodies (under caption Emerging Issues of policy)

2. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

*Rameshwar Oraon.*

Chairperson  
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, (NCST)

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