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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Date: 06/09/2016

To

1. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Home,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla
2. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forest,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.


Sub: Representation dated nil received from Shri Dorje Chopel, Member (TAC), VPO - Lara, Teh - Spiti, Kaza at Spiti, Himachal Pradesh regarding suspension of Forest Conservation Act 1980 in the Scheduled areas of Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Proceedings of the Sitting held in the NCST on 25/07/2016 on the above mentioned subject for necessary action. Action Taken Report may be submitted to the Commission as soon as possible.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


(Shailesh Kashyap)
Assistant Director

Copy to:

Shri Dorje Chopel,
Member (TAC), VPO - Lara,
Teh - Spiti, Kaza at Spiti,
Himachal Pradesh.

Copy for information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST.
2. NCST, Regional Office, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Ranchi & Raipur.
3. SSA NIC (for hosting on Commission's website).



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Sub: Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST, to discuss the case of Shri Dorje Chopel, Member (TAC), VPO - Lara, Teh - Spiti, Kaza at Spiti, Himachal Pradesh regarding suspension of Forest Conservation Act 1980 in the Scheduled areas of Himachal Pradesh.

1. A representation was received in the Commission from Shri Dorje Chopel, Member (TAC) VPO - Lara, Teh - Spiti, Kaza at Spiti, Himachal Pradesh regarding suspension of Forest Conservation Act 1980 in the Scheduled areas of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The matter was taken up with the Additional Chief Secretary, (Department of Home) vide this Commission's letter dated 17/03/2016, 31/03/2016, 22/04/2015 and 27/05/2016 for urgent necessary action. Since no reply was received from the Department of Home, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST has fixed a Sitting with the Home Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 25/07/2016 at 11:30 in the Commission. Accordingly, a Sitting notice has been issued to the concerned.
3. The Sitting was held in the Conference Room of NCST on 25/07/2016, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NCST, to discuss the matter.
4. List of participants in the Sitting is as at Annexure A.
5. During discussion the Hon'ble Vice Chairperson asked the Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to explain the position of case. The Principal Secretary submitted to the Commission that the matter is more concerned with the Department of Forest and there is no role of the Department of Home in the issue.

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उपाध्यक्ष/Vice Chairperson
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6. The Principal Secretary submitted that the issue was taken up with the Forest Department and the Forest Department intimated that a Cabinet decision has been taken in the matter and the file has been sent to his excellency the Governor of Himachal Pradesh for his assent on 17/12/2015 on receipt of the file from the Governor of Himachal Pradesh further action could be taken by the Forest Department.
7. The Hon'ble Vice Chairperson advised the Principal Secretary, Department of Home, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to find out the case status of approval of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh on the issue and the same be intimated he has promised to do so. An action Taken Report in the matter shall be furnished to this Commission at the earliest.
8. The Sitting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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List of Participants

Sr. No.	Name and Designation
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>
1.	Shri Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson
2.	Shri Pramod Chand, Deputy Secretary
3.	Shri Mohan Das, PS to Hon'ble Vice Chairperson
4.	Shri H. R. Meena, Senior Investigator
II	<u>Principal Secretary, Department of Home Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla</u>
1.	Shri Prabodh Saxena,
2.	Shri Vivek Mahajan, Dy. Res. Commissioner, C. O. (H. P.), Delhi