



Government of India
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
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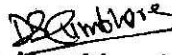
The Registrar General of India,
2/A, Man Singh Road,
New Delhi - 110 011.

Sub: Minutes of the meeting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson of NCST on 10.05.2016 regarding proposal for inclusion of Kuruman community as synonyms of Kurumans Scheduled Tribe of Tamil Nadu State.

Sir,

In continuation of this Commission's letter of even number dated 23.05.2016 on the above mentioned subject and to enclose minutes of the meeting held in the Commission on 10.05.2016 for furnishing clarification for further examination of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


(D.S. Kumbhare)
Under Secretary
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Copy to:

- (1) The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi w.r.t. MTA letter No. 12016/6/2001-C&LM-1 dated 28.03.2016.
- (2) Director (Admin, RU-III & RU-IV)/ Under Secretary (Coordination Cell & Estt)/Assistant Director (RU-I & RU-II)
- (3) Director/Assistant Director/Research Officer of Regional Offices of NCST at Bhopal/Jaipur/Bhubaneswar/Raipur/Ranchi/Shillong
- (4) SSA, NIC (for uploading on website of NCST).

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

Minutes of the meeting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson of NCST on 10.05.2016 regarding proposal for inclusion of Kuruman community as synonyms of Kurumans Scheduled Tribe of Tamil Nadu State.

List of participants: Annexed as annexure - 1

1. In pursuance to the discussion held in the 62nd meeting of NCST on 17.10.2014 (**Annexure - II**) as Agenda Item V, for Inclusion of Kuruman Community as synonym of Kurumans ST of the Tamil Nadu State. As desired and discussed a meeting was called by the Commission on 10.05.16 to further discuss the matter with Registrar General of India and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Accordingly, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and DRG (SS) from RGI came for discussion before the Commission.
2. At the outset Officers of Ministry of Tribal Affairs explained that Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 21.08.2006 had recommended for inclusion of Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans in STs list of Tamil Nadu. As per approved modalities, proposal was referred to RGI for comments. RGI vide letter dated 22.03.2007 supported inclusion of Kuruman, but did not support inclusion of Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans. On further references, RGI has reiterated its comments vide D.O. letter dated 14.01.2009 and letter dated 21.08.2014. Hence, proposal for inclusion of communities of Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans in STs list of Tamil Nadu was rejected as per para (F) of the modalities. Observation of


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'RGI has been referred to Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 09.10.14.

3. DRG (SS), Registrar General of India, stated that the matter of inclusion of 'Kuruman' community as synonyms of 'Kurumans' in STs list of Tamil Nadu was received. RGI as per modalities had sent the comments in the year 2007, and 2009, has not supported the proposal for inclusion of Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans in STs list of Tamil Nadu State. **(Ref: D.O. No. 8/1/2007-SS(Tamil Nadu) dated 22.03.2007 and 14.01.2009).**

4. Registrar General of India supported Inclusion of Kurumans community in the STs list of Tamil Nadu State. It was also mentioned that RGI as per norms consider the proposal at two occasions.

5. Ministry of Tribal Affairs officers further stated that W.P. No. 44932 of 2006 was filed (by Tamil Nadu ST (Malayali) Peravai, Chennai) before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras against recommendations of State Government of Tamil Nadu for inclusion of above communities.

6. Rejection of proposal for inclusion of communities of Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans in STs list of Tamil were challenged in Review Application No. 176 of 2010 in W.P No. 1819 of 2010 in the case of C. Dorali, President, Welfare Association, Chennai Vs Union of India (Ministry of Tribal Affairs) before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, Chennai. Hon'ble Court in its decision dated 01.02.2011 had directed that "the matter needs to be kept pending."

7. Further, it was told in W.P. No. 11978 of 2012 V. Manickam Vs. Union of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. Hon'ble Court in its decision dated 26.07.2012 has directed


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Government of Tamil Nadu for furnishing the comments to this Ministry as sought by this Ministry vide letter dated 07.04.2011, 12.07.2011 and 22.03.2012. in pursuance of directions, Government of Tamil Nadu was requested for furnishing the comments vide letter dated 07.09.2012 followed by reminder dated 05.11.2012.

8. In pursuance of above directions of Hon'ble Court of Madras and this Ministry's above letters, Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 19.07.2014 has recommended for inclusion of communities of Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans ST of Tamil Nadu. Proposal was referred to RGI. The RGI vide letter dated 21.08.2014 has furnished copy of earlier comments (of the year 2007, 2009 etc.) and supported inclusion of Kuruman, but did not support proposal for inclusion of communities of Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar as synonyms of Kurumans ST of Tamil Nadu.

9. After having heard RGI and MoTA, Hon'ble Chairperson viewed that a clarification may be obtained from RGI, how Kuruman is considered synonym of kurumans, whereas Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar, cannot be equated/ considered synonyms of Kurumans.


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Annexure-1

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List of participants

NCST

1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson (In chair)
2. Shri A.K. Agarwal, Secretary,
3. Shri Santosh Kumar, Joint Secretary,
4. Mrs. K.D. Bhansor, Director
5. Shri N. Balasubramanian, Research Officer

Officers of Tribal Affairs

1. Shri Biswaranjan Sasmal, Director
2. Shri R.S. Misra, Investigator

Officers of RGI

Dr. Pratibha Kumari, DRG (SS)

62nd MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 17th October, 2014 **Time:** 12:00 hours

Venue: Conference Room, NCST, 6th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

In the Chair: Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST

List of Participants: Annexed.

All the seven Agenda Items were discussed and decided as below:

Agenda Item V	Inclusion of 'Kuruman' community as synonym of Kurumans ST of the Tamil Nadu State.
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10. Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide letter No. 12016/6/2001-C&LM-1 dated 09/10/2014 has sought the comments of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the inclusion of 'Kuruman' community as synonym of Kurumans Scheduled Tribes of the Tamil Nadu State. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs intimated that the Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter No. 13194/CV1/2007-22 dated 19/07/2014 has furnished the proposals of inclusion of 'Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar' communities as synonym of Kurumans ST of the Tamil Nadu State. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has further informed that the said proposal was forwarded to the RGI for their comments. The Registrar General of India vide letter No. 8/1/2007-SS(Tamil Nadu) dated 21/08/2014, did not support the proposal of inclusion of 'Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar' communities as synonym of Kurumans ST of the Tamil Nadu State.

11. The Commission observed that the Registrar General of India vide letter No. 8/1/2007-SS (Tamil Nadu) dated 21/08/2014 has not supported the proposal of inclusion of 'Kuruma, Kurumba, Kurumba Goudner, Kurumban and Kurumbar' communities as synonym of Kurumans ST of the Tamil Nadu State.

12. The Commission also noted from the reference made by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the letter dated 09/10/2014 that the RGI D.O. letter No. 8/1/2007-SS (Tamil Nadu) dated 22/03/2007 & D.O. letter No. 8/1/2007-SS (Tamil Nadu) dated 14/01/2009 had supported the proposal for inclusion of Kuruman community as synonym of Kurumans ST of Tamil Nadu.

13. In view of above, the Commission decided to return the proposal to Ministry of Tribal Affairs and to clarify whether views of the Commission is sought on the proposal of Tamil Nadu letter dated 19/07/2014 which has not supported by RGI vide letter dated 21/08/2014 for inclusion of Kuruma, Kuruman, Kurumba, Kuruman Gounder, Kurumban and Kurumbar communities as synonym of Kurumans ST of Tamil Nadu or with reference to the Registrar General of India vide letter No. 8/1/2007-SS (Tamil Nadu) dated 22/03/2007 and 14/01/2009 which supported the proposal for inclusion of Kuruman community as synonym of Kurumans ST of Tamil Nadu.

14. The Commission also desired to discuss the matter with Registrar General of India and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.