

51ST MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 22nd November, 2013

Time: 1130 hours

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

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

List of Participants: Annexed. As Agenda Item 9 related to significant clarifications issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Secretary, MTA who had been invited, conveyed her excuses and was represented by the Joint Secretary, MTA.

1. The Chairperson welcomed the previous members who had been reappointed and the Vice-Chairperson who had joined recently. Agenda subjects were discussed as below:

Agenda Item IV	Proposal for Inclusion of 'Binjhiya' community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh State.
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11. The Commission recalled that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in their letter No 12026/10/2005-C&LM-I dated 21/03/2013 had sought the views/ comments of the Commission on the proposal for inclusion of 'BINJHIYA' community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh State. The proposal was then discussed in the 46th meeting of the Commission held on 26/04/2013. It was noted that the recommendation of the State Government was not been received along with the proposal. The Commission also noted that the recommendation of the Registrar General of India was based on the study report of the Chhattisgarh State Tribal Research Institute published in the year 2010, but the Report of the TRI could not be considered as recommendation. Accordingly, Ministry of Tribal Affairs was requested to forward detailed proposals and recommendations of the State Government of Chhattisgarh on the subject. The

Commission was of the view that, if necessary, a team from the Commission may also visit the areas inhabited by the Binjhiya community in the State of Chhattisgarh before formulating its opinion.

12. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs forwarded the proposal of the State Government of Chhattisgarh along with ethnographic details on 'Binjhiya' community, for views of NCST. On examination of the enclosures, it was noted that the same report/documents sent earlier to the Commission had now been sent in a report of "बिड़िया जाति का नृजातीय अध्ययन 2010 आदिमजाती आनुसंधान एवं प्रक्षिण संस्थान, रायपुर(छत्तीसगढ़)"।

13. The Commission noted that no additional information beside the recommendation of the State Tribal Research Institute has been received. The Commission therefore decided that a team from the Commission may visit the areas inhabited by the Binjhiya community in the State of Chhattisgarh before formulating its opinion.