

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

(A Constitutional Commission set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution to investigate and monitor all matters relating to violation of rights and safeguards provided for STs.)

File No. 26/8/Service/UD/2014/RU-II.

Dated 30/12/2014

To

Shri Neeraj Mandloi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 110008

Sub:

Draft Note for Cabinet for enhancing the reservation for women to 50% in

Urban Local Bodies.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. H-11018/1/2014-LSG-I dated 05/12/2014 forwarding therewith the Draft Note for Cabinet for enhancing the reservation for women to 50% in Urban Local Bodies State seeking comments of NCST and to say that the subject matter was discussed as Agenda Item No- I in the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 10/12/2014.

2. The Relevant Extracts from the Summary Record of the meeting of the Commission are enclosed for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.

Director

Copy with copies of enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

2. SSA (NIC) for uploading on the Website of NCST

3. Assistant Director (Coordination)

(K. D. Bhansor) Mrs.

Director

### 65<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

#### OF THE

# NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Time: 12:05 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 three Agenda Items were discussed and decided as below:

#### Agenda:

Item I	Draft Note for Cabinet for enhancing the reservation for women to
	50% in Urban Local Bodies.

Ministry of Urban Development LSP-Division vide letter No. H-11018/1/2014-LSG-I dated 05/12/2014 have forwarded Draft Cabinet Note with regard to amendment to Article 243T of Constitution to provide for 50% reservation for women in municipalities (Local Bodies). The Commission has perused the Draft Cabinet note. It is identified that the Commission has pondered upon the issue and discussed it in detail in its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting (Agenda No.3) held on 23/04/2012 and given its comments as under:

"The Commission supported the proposal in principle. However, in line with the earlier recommendations of the Commission, in relation to reservation of seats within Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti, recommended that out of proposed reservation of 50% for women in the urban local bodies, the seats should be permanently reserved for women in the local bodies having women population more than 50%, and in the remaining local bodies where women population is less than 50%, the principle of rotation should be applied."

2. After detailed discussion on the draft Cabinet Note, the Commission decided that the earlier comments given by the Commission vide letter No. Policy/3/2012/UD/Service-RU-II dated 01/05/2012 still hold good and the same reiterated.