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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F.No NCST/SER-1439/MPPP/6/2024-SSW

Dated: 05.05.2025

To,

1. The Chairman,
Staff Selection Commission (SSC),
Block No. 12, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003
2. The Secretary,
D/o Personnel & Training (DoPT)
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001


Sub:- Relaxation in standards of Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test for ST candidates for the year 2018-19 & 2020-22. - A rep. dated Nil of Ms. Th Khum Ngaih Lian (Roll No. 2201000001) (DG: Akashwani, M/o I and B, New Delhi), Munirka, New Delhi.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 09.04.2025 at 11:10 AM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi 110003 on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be intimated to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter for placing it before the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
निदेशक/Director
Telephone No. : 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Th Khum Ngaih Lian,
H. No. 212, Near Ganganath Market, Munirka, New Delhi - 110067
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
3. NIC, NCST for uploading on the website of the Commission.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
NCST/SER-1439/MPPP/6/2024-SSW

Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi regarding relaxation in standards of Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test for ST candidates for the year 2018 to 22 in the case of Ms. Th Khum Ngaih Lian, Near Ganganath Market, Munirka, New Delhi.

Date of the Sitting: 09/04/2025, 11:10AM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Ms. Th Khum Ngaih Lian, O/o DG: Akashwani, M/o I&B, New Delhi, vide her representation dated Nil has stated that there is a large number of unfilled vacancies reserved for the ST category due to not giving relaxation of standards in Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test for ST candidates. She has requested a slight relaxation of 7 to 9 percent in the standards of the Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test for ST candidates to fill the vacancies reserved for the ST category, which have remained vacant in the Limited Departmental Examination for the years 2018 to 2022.

2. In this matter sitting was held on 7.1.2025, the following recommendations were made and minutes were sent on 27.01.2025,


- A copy of the report dated 10th May 2024, submitted by the Four-Member Committee of the SSC regarding the investigation into the software glitch and the actions taken by the SSC to rectify the issue may be provided by the SSC
- A list of vacant ST posts of Group C Stenographer (PA), which was notified during the Grade 'C' Stenographers Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations for 2018-19, 2020-2022, and 2023-24, may be provided by the DoPT.
- If the ST posts of Group C Stenographer (PA), which were notified during the Grade 'C' Stenographers Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations for 2018-19, 2020, 2022, and 2023-24, were not filled during the said examinations, details of the action taken by the DoPT to fill these vacancies may be provided to NCST."

3. A reminder was sent on 25.02.2025 to concerned authorities for submitting the ATR. The DoPT vide letter no. 5/14/2022-CS.II(C) dated 07.02.2025 has informed about the relaxation in standards of the Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test for ST candidates, details of ST category vacancies for Grade 'C' Stenographers LDCE from 2018 to 2023 have been provided. It was reported that many ST vacancies remained unfilled each year (e.g., 56 in 2018, 44 in 2019, 38 in 2020, 38 in 2021 and 31 in 2022) due to a lack of qualifying candidates. For 2023, results are yet to be declared, and hence 2024 vacancies are not yet reported. It was also clarified that unfilled vacancies for Personal Assistant (PA) posts are carried forward to the next year and combined with fresh vacancies, which are then split equally between Seniority Quota and LDCE.

4. The Staff Selection Commission vide letter no. Hq-C1204/2/2024-C-2 dated 17.03.2025 has informed that no formal committee was constituted to inspect the typing software used in the Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test. Instead, four officers were informally deputed on 10.05.2024 merely to observe a demonstration of the software. As such, no official report exists regarding the software glitch. It was also informed that, after due deliberation, it was decided not to cancel the said examination.

5. NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 09.04.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 28.03.2025 to all concerned.

6. In the sitting, the Dy. Secretary of DoPT appeared on behalf of Secretary DoPT and Dy. Secretary of SSC was present on behalf of Chairman, SSC. The petitioner was not present. The representative of DoPT and SSC has reiterated their earlier facts submitted to NCST.


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7. After detailed discussion with representatives of DoPT and SSC in the sitting held on 09.04.2025, and keeping in view the seriousness of the matter related to unfilled ST vacancies and concerns regarding the conduct of the Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test, the Commission recommends the following:

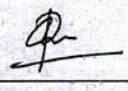
- The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) may submit the complete particulars of the four officers (Name, Educational & Technical Qualification and designation) who were deputed on 10.05.2024 to observe the demonstration of the typing software.
- SSC may submit any observations, comments, or recommendations—whether formally documented or informally recorded—made by the said four officers regarding the demonstration of the software. In case no remarks were recorded, a certified statement to that effect may be provided.
- The relevant noting portion of the file in which the matter related to the Limited Departmental Stenography Skill Test and the demonstration of the typing software was dealt with may be furnished to the Commission. This is required to facilitate clarity, ensure transparency, and provide a fair understanding of the decisions taken by the concerned authorities in the matter.
- The name and designation of the competent authority who considered the observations of the deputed officers and took the decision may be provided.

The above information along with the Action Taken Report (ATR) may be submitted to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) within 30 days from the date of receipt of these minutes.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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List of participants of the sitting held on 09.04.2025 at 11:10 A.M under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu, Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I <u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>			
1.	Dr. P.K. Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II <u>Secretary, DoPT</u>			
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	Pingra Mahadevan, DS	Room no. 343-C, Lot Nayak Bhawan	
III <u>SSC</u>			
	S. Latha, DS	SSC, HR, Chow Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.	S. Danti
IV <u>Petitioner</u>			