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Dear Shri Sinchi,

As you are already aware, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has notified the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Members (Conditions of Service and Tenure), Rules, 2004 on 20.2.2004.

2. Currently, in terms of Rule 2(c) of Para 3 of the said Rules "at least one other Member shall be appointed from amongst women". This is similar to the provisions contained in the National Commission for Scheduled Castes Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members (Conditions of Service and Tenure) Rules, 2004 notified on 20/02/2004 by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

3. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is considering a proposal to amend the aforesaid Rule 2(c) of Para 3 of the said Rules by substituting the following provision in place of existing -  
"(c) at least one person appointed in the Commission shall be a woman;"

4. I shall be grateful if you could kindly arrange for furnishing the comments/views of the NCST in this regard to this Ministry within 7 working days from the receipt of this letter in the NCST.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(RUCHIRA PANT)

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*A circulate for Commission's consideration in the meeting proposed to be held on 23/01/09. Also send interim reply that comments will be sent after the consideration by the Commission.*  
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