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**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

(A Constitutional Body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F. No. 24/1/NCST/2014-Admn

Dated: 01.10.2018

To,

1. The Secretary,  
Department of Expenditure,  
Ministry of Finance,  
129-A North Block,  
New Delhi
2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi- 110001

Sub: Forwarding of minutes of the meeting taken by Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 28.09.2018 in the Conference Room of the Commission.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to forward minutes of the meeting taken by Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 28.09.2018 in the Conference room of the Commission for further action on the issues discussed in the meeting.

It is requested that the Commission may kindly be informed about the decisions taken by the Ministry on the above issues.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Dubey)

Assistant Director (Admn)

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**Minutes of the meeting chaired by Shri Nand Kumar Sai, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes with the Officers of Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 28.09.2018 in the Conference Room of the Commission to resolve budgetary and administration matters.**

A meeting was held by the Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes the Officers of Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 28.09.2018 in the Conference Room of the Commission.

2. Members present in the meeting is given at Annexure-I

3. Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the officers present in the meeting and mentioned that the meeting has been called to discuss some of the administrative and financial issues relating to the working of the Commission. He desired to know about the status of proposal of NCST for hiring the services of Quality Council of India for collection of information on some of the major issues concerning the Scheduled Tribes of the country for which a demand of approximately Rs. 1.65 crores have been made by NCST under Professional Charges head of budget. He also sought information on the status of demand of NCST for additional allocation of funds amounting to Rs. 1.35 crores in DTE, OE, OAE, Publication and Professional Charges heads. Besides above, he also desired to know about creation of new budget head - "minor repairs" for NCST and separate demand of grants for NCST for which Commission has been consistently requesting for quite some time. Hon'ble Chairperson also requested the officers of Ministry of Tribal Affairs to inform about the present status of filling up of vacant Group A posts in NCST, steps taken for finalizing the new recruitment rules for Group A and B posts in NCST and creation of some more posts for the personal staff of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Commission. He particularly mentioned about the problems being faced by the Commission in clearing the bills through Pay & Accounts Office of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs which is returning many bills for payment to the consultants engaged by the Commission for specific purposes; home-office furniture and electronic items at the residence offices of Hon'ble Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of NCST; payment bills of outsourced staff like DEOs and Attendants and bills for payment to the travel agency for hiring of cars for

  
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the Commission. He sought support of the Ministry to address these issues related to functioning of NCST.

4. Responding to the issues, the Joint Secretary, MoTA informed the Commission that Ministry has studied and approved the proposal of NCST for hiring the services of Quality Council of India for investigation and collection of information on vital issue concerning Scheduled Tribes after detailed examination of the proposal. Joint Secretary NCST welcomed that but stated that they did not have adequate budget to undertake this and Secretary had written to Secretary Expenditure to find a way. Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure informed that in the budget of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2018-19, they had provided an amount of Rs. 25.00 crore under the sub-head 11.04- Tribal Festival, Research, Information and Mass Education. MOTA should spend from this head and provide funds to QCI to get NCST's work completed. Ministry of Tribal Affairs also agreed to this. It was agreed that Ministry of Tribal Affairs shall directly make payment to the QCI. NCST had no objection to such an arrangement. It was decided to issue work order to QCI in the light of the aforesaid arrangement and decision as agreed between Department of Expenditure, MOTA and NCST.

5. As far as additional requirement of Rs. 1.35 crores of NCST in DTE, OE, OAE, Publication and Professional Charges heads is concerned, JS & FA, Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed that cash supplement cannot be provided in the first supplementary budget and the same shall be taken care of in the second supplementary budget. As far as re-appropriation of funds of Rs. 21 lakhs for meeting 25% contribution of NCST for office modernization is concerned, NCST has proposed savings from three heads including "Medical Expenses". Re-appropriation from Medical Expenses can be made at the end of the financial year. Secretary, NCST desired that Ministry of Tribal Affairs should find out a way to help the Commission in the matter and provide the required fund from the savings wherever available and admissible as per rules so that CPWD can be issued the requisite sanction for commencing the work for providing the necessary conferencing logistics to the NCST as has been approved by the DOPT which is bearing 75% of the expense. He requested Joint Secretary, Expenditure to look into the matter personally to have this matter resolved.

6. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed that the issue of pending payment for furniture and other items at the residence offices of Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Members of NCST has come to the notice recently and Ministry will resolve the matter expeditiously. Secretary, NCST emphasized the need of these items at the residence offices of these dignitaries



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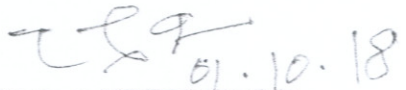
and referred to the provision of Article 338-A which provides that the Commission shall have the powers to regulate its own procedures – which would include running of home offices in the light of the huge number of tribal petitioners/visitors. In this case, (A) Chairperson, NCST has approved the proposal (B) it has also been approved in the Commission's meeting and (C) Commission has powers to take decisions on such matters. It is therefore unexpected that the PAO of MOTA should have consistently withheld the bills from payment without the Financial Advisor having exercised requisite oversight. Hence, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and if need be, Department of Expenditure should resolve not only this issue, but also other similar issues like payment bills of consultant, outsourced staff like DEOs and Attendants and bills for payment to the travel agency for hiring of cars for the Commission. It was desired by the Commission that the Secretary MOTA should warn the Pay & Accounts Officer of that Ministry for his insensitivity towards issues pertaining to the weaker sections of the society. If he does not mend his ways NCST shall be constrained to issue directions to Department of Expenditure to have it recorded in his Annual Confidential Report.

7. Responding to separate demand of grants for NCST, Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure informed that the proposal received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been examined in the budget division of Ministry of Finance. He informed that normally there is one demand of grant for each department and NCST is not a department of Govt. of India. Similar looking demands are merged by the Ministry and the budget allocation of the NCST is also of only Rs. 15.00 crores for which separate demands of grants are not possible. Commission requested him to send a reply to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Commission so that it can be taken up at higher level keeping in view the Constitutional status of the Commission.

8. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed that the new set up of recruitment rules for Group A and B posts are being actively processed in the Ministry. As far as filling up of the vacant Group A posts of NCST is concerned, 2 posts of Directors have been advertised. He also informed that the issue of payment for the furniture and other issues with PAO of Ministry of Tribal Affairs shall be examined and decided at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to chair and all participants.

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01.10.18

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## Annexure

List of participants:

	<b>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</b>	Designation
1	Dr. Nand Kumar Sai	Chairperson
2	Ms. Anusuiya Uikey	Vice- Chairperson
3	Shri Hari Krishna Damor	Member
4	Shri Harshadbhai Vasava	Member
5	Smt Maya Chintamn Ivnate	Member
6	Shri Raghav Chandra	Secretary
7	Shri S.K. Ratho	Joint Secretary
8	Shri R.K. Dubey	Assistant Director
	<b>Ministry of Finance</b>	
1	Shri Sanjay Prasad	Joint Secretary
2	Shri Sunil Chaudhary	Deputy Secretary
	<b>Ministry of Tribal Affairs</b>	
1	Dr. Naval Jit Kapoor	Joint Secretary
2	Ms. Meera Ranjan Tshering	Joint Secretary & FA
3	Shri Uttam Kumar Kar	Under Secretary