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To

The Chief Secretary to the  
Govt. of Nagaland,  
Khoima,  
Nagaland

Sub: ATR on the points raised in the report on the visit of the Commission to the State of Nagaland from 06/08/2013 to 09/08/2013.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Commission's letter of even no. date 01/07/2013 on the subject mentioned above and to enclose herewith a copy of the report on the visit of the Commission to the State Nagaland form 06/08/2013 to 09/08/2013

It is, requested that an action taken report on the points raised in the report of the Commission may please be furnished to this Commission at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

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Director

Copy alongwith a copy of Tour Report forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary to the , Govt. of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (Police Deptt.) North Block, New Delhi
3. The Principal Secretary to the, Govt. of Nagaland, Social Welfare Department (Tribal Development), Khoima Nagaland.
4. The General Manager, Rifle Factory, Isapore, West Bengal

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**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES**

**REPORT ON THE VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE STATES OF WEST BENGAL AND NAGALAND FROM 06/08/2013 TO 09/08/2013.**

**Visit to the State of West Bengal, Kolkata on 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.**

1. The Commission led by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairman, NCST, Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes accompanied by Dr. R. Vijaykumar, Secretary, Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary, Shri M.S. Chopra, Director and Shri T.D. Kukreja, PS to Chairperson, NCST visited Kolkata as per the programme communicated to the Government of West Bengal vide Message No. 28/01/Nagaland/Tour Program/2013/RU-II dated 01/08/2013 (Annexure-I).

**Meeting with the Chief Secretary , Government of West Bengal, Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department Govt. of West Bengal on 05 August, 2013.**

2. The Commission held meeting with the Chief Secretary, Secretary Backward Classes Welfare Department and other officers of the Government of West Bengal on 05/08/2013 regarding review and progress on the issues emerged in the report during visit of the Commission to the State of West Bengal from 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 to 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and implementation of reservation policy and development programs for STs by the State Government.

3. Chairman, NCST highlighted the problems of STs living in tea garden areas in Jalpariguri Distt. and the problems relating to education health, drinking water, job reservation and problems in issuance of ST certificates and implementation of socio-economic development schemes vis MGNREGA and RGSY etc. in the State of West Bengal and asked for progress upon the report and recommendations of the Commission emerged in the report during visit of the Commission to the State of West Bengal from 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 to 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 .

4. The Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department submitted that action on almost all the issues emerged in the report of the Commission during its visit from 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 to 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 had been taken by the Govt. of West Bengal. Details of the recommendations of the Commission and action taken report of the Government of West Bengal are attached (Appendix-II).

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5. Chairman, NCST appreciated the progress and action taken by the Government of West Bengal on the recommendations of the Commission in its report. Chairperson also advised the State Govt, to take action on the remaining issues/recommendations of the Commission.

Action: Government of West Bengal

**Meeting with the Management of Rifle Factory Ishapore, West Bengal**

6. The Commission visited the Rifle Factory Ishapore, on 05/08/2013 (AN). The Commission inspected the Rifle Factory and interacted with the Management of Factory and representatives of the RFI SC/ST Employees Welfare Association. The Chairperson planted a tree in the park in front of the Administrative Block of the factory.

7. The Commission held a meeting with the representatives of RFI SC/ST Employees Welfare Association. Chairman, NCST highlighted functions of the Commission with regard to implementation of service safeguards of ST employees. During interaction with the Commission, the representatives of the Welfare Association submitted that there was a backlog of vacancies of STs to be filled up by the RFI Management. Since implementation of the MACP scheme after 6<sup>th</sup> CPC, there is no promotion to the post of Daftary. The Chairperson advised the representatives of the Employees Welfare Association to make a representation about their grievance and submit it to the Commission with copy to the General Manager, RFI.

8. The Commission also held meeting with Shri DV Godbole, General Manager and other authorities of the RFI, Ishapore. The Commission noted from the audio visual presentation made by RFI Management that the total strength of employees as on 01/01/2013 was 3607 and of ST employees was 186. Percentage of ST employees in various categories was Industrial Employees- 5.58%; NGO 'B'- 5.29%; NIE 'B'- 7.06%, NIE 'C'- 2.17%; GO 'B'- 4.25%; GO 'A'- 6.06%. The Commission observed that backlog vacancies of 51 posts existed in promotion quota (IE- 40, NIE- 8, NGO- 3). RFI management informed that backlog vacancies in promotion quota had arisen due to non-availability of eligible candidates in the respective feeder grade. It was desired by the Commission that RFI management should take efforts to fill up all vacant posts. The Chairperson emphasized to fill up similar number of posts in lower grades at induction level if the posts in higher grades could not be filled up due to eligibility criteria. Further, a computerized roster management system should be urgently established especially considering specific grievance of the SC/ST Welfare Association, with regard to deficiencies in the existing system. The RFI Management assured that action according to the directives of the Commission will be taken at the earliest and progress reported within 3 months.

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9. The Commission led by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Shri Bheru Lal Meena, Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes accompanied by Dr. R. Vijaykumar, Secretary, Shri Aditya Mishra, Joint Secretary, Shri M.S. Chopra, Director, Shri T.D. Kukreja, PS to Chairperson and Ms P. Syiemlieh, Assistant Director. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Regional Office, Shillong visited the State of Nagaland, Kohima from 06/08/2013 to 09/08/2013 as per the programme communicated to the State of Nagaland vide Message No. 28/01/Nagaland/Tour Program/2013/RU-II dated 01/08/2013 (Annexure-I).

10. During the visit, the Commission visited Khonoma village on 07/08/2013, travelled extensively in the tribal habitations and had discussion with the tribal people, representatives, Chairman and Secretary of the Village Council. This was followed by a Meeting with village representatives, Shri V. Sakhrie, Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development Department, Nagaland, Secretary Social Welfare Department and other State officials. Khonoma is a historical village. The tribals of the village opposed the entry of British troops in the village in 1879. The Commission also visited to Kohima War Cemetery. The Commission held meeting with the Chief Secretary and senior officers of the Government of Nagaland on 08/08/2013. This was followed by a Meeting with the Chief Minister and Governor of the State of Nagaland.

Details of the visit to Khonoma village

11. The Commission visited the Khonoma village on 07/08/2013 and met the Chairman and Secretary of the Village Council and other representatives. The village is known for the bravery of Tribal people who opposed and fought against the British troops during 1845-1879. The Commission also met the Commissioner and Secretary, Rural Development Department of Nagaland and Secretary, Social Welfare Department of the State and other officers. The Commission also held a meeting at the Assembly hall of the village and heard their demands related to socio-economic development.

12. The Commission observed that all the socio economic developmental schemes started by the Central Government were being implemented in the village. Under Indira Awas Yojna Rs. 5000/- each are given to a family. During 2008-12, benefit of IAY was given to 32 families approximately and 5 to 6 families of the village are given assistance each year under IAY. MGNREGA scheme is being implemented successfully in the village and 400 community walls have been constructed under the Scheme. A Village Environment Council has been constituted for conservation of forests. Hunting in the area has been banned. The Central Government has recognized the village as a "Green village" and financial assistance of Rs. 3 crores has been given by the Central Government for forest conservation. The Commissioner & Secretary, Rural

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Development highlighted that Nagaland had plenty of natural resources but the natural resources had not yet been fully exploited.


13. The Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes explained the role and functions of the Commission in socio-economic development of Tribals. He further emphasized the need for effective governance specially in the areas pertaining to implementation of various schemes relating to health and education. He also highlighted the need for opening of Medical, Nursing and Engineering Colleges in the State by the Govt. of Nagaland. The Chairperson appreciated the villagers of Khonoma for successful implementation of Central and State schemes and progress made in the field of education, development planning and forest conservation.

**Meeting with Additional Chief Secretary and Senior officers in Chief Secretary's Conference hall on 08/08/2013.**

14. Chairman, NCST apprised the prime role of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in ensuring the implementation of the constitutional provisions for the safeguards and economic development of the Tribals of the country. Chairman, NCST emphasized on the need of development in education, health, rural development, drinking water etc. He also highlighted the need for opening of a medical college, a nursing college and engineering college in the State by the Govt. of Nagaland. The Secretary and Joint Secretary, NCST interacted with State officials regarding developmental activities in education, agriculture, water supply, rural development, health, poverty alleviations in the State. The Secretary, Deptt of Education informed the Commission that there was shortage of schools and educational institutions in the State and some educational institutions were run by NGOs. The teachers in some Govt. institutions are kept on ad hoc basis. There is shortage of training institutions in the State.

15. During interaction, the Secretary Department of Health informed the Commission that there was shortage of Doctors in the hospitals and dispensaries. The District hospitals need to be upgraded with the financial aid by Central Government. In Nagaland, 925 cases of Scrub Typhus disease were found in 2012-13. Out of 925, 5 persons died. The disease is not covered by any national health program till date. Scrub Typhus disease is also not coming under the preview of NVBDPC. The Government of Nagaland has written to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India about the disease but there was no direction as to which program should look after the disease. Chairman, NCST desired that Ministry of Health should be asked to formulate an Action Plan to control the disease and apprise the Commission of the action taken in this regard within a month.

Action: Ministry of Rural Development

  
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16. Commissioner and Secretary, Rural Development Department informed the Commission that scarcity of funds was a serious bottleneck in undertaking various rural development schemes like MGNREGA, Indira Awas Yojna etc. Despite of this, nobody is shelter less and no beggar is found in the State. The State of Nagaland also received "Bharat Nirman" award as the best State in the country.

17. The Commission was further apprised that the Chief Minister, Nagaland vide D.O. No. CMN/22/RD/2013 dated 08/07/2013 and Commissioner and Secretary, Rural Development vide letter No. RD/IAY-ACA-11/2012 dated 25/07/2013 had approached the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for allocation of an additional fund of Rs. 100 crore during Financial year 2013-14 to enable to provide durable roofing to the BPL/IAY families in the State. But no response from the Ministry of Rural Development has been received as yet. The Commission desired that the Ministry of Rural Development should be asked to apprise the action taken in the matter.

Action: Ministry of Rural Development


18. Director General of Police, Nagaland informed about the poor condition of police in Nagaland and sought for allocation of adequate funds for modernization of the State Police. Chairman, NCST assured that the Commission would approach the Ministry of Home to consider provision of more funds towards modernization of the State Police.

Action: Ministry of Home

**Meeting with Chief Minister of Nagaland on 08/08/2013**

19. Chairman, NCST highlighted the inadequacy of Medical, Nursing and Engineering colleges in the State of Nagaland. He emphasized on development of roads and tourism in the State. The Chief Minister mentioned that the State government had lack of funds for undertaking developmental activities at the desired place and needed a special package from the Central Government in this regard, particularly concerning development of roads, opening of medical and engineering colleges and replacement of old constructions into new and change of old roofs etc. The State government had furnished many proposals to the Central Government in this regard but no special funds had been provided as yet. The Chief Minister expressed his concern that being ST dominating state, Nagaland was not covered under TSP. He emphasized the need for provision of funds under TSP. The State does not have any National project also.

Chairman, NCST assured to take up the matter regarding special package for the State of Nagaland with the Central Government.

  
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