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Government of India

National Commission for Scheduled Castes

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Dated the 19th December, 2013

Subject: Minutes of First Meeting (4th Commission) of National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

A copy of the approved Minutes of the **First Meeting (4th Commission)** of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes held at **1.00 PM on 09.12.2013** is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

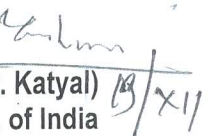
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(C.P. Katyal)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

1. PS to Hon'ble Chairman
2. PS to Hon'ble Vice-Chairman
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (RP)
4. PS to Secretary
5. PA to JS

Copy to the following concerned with the request to take action on the decisions taken in the meeting within two days:-

1. DS (Admn./SSW/C. Cell)
2. Consultant (ESDW & APCR)
3. US (SSW/Admn.)
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5. DD (APCR)
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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED
CASTES TO BE HELD ON 09.12.2013 AT 1.00 PM**

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

Hon'ble Chairman welcomed the participant. He pointed out that it is for the first time in the history of Commission the same Commission has been appointed again. He hoped that the Commission in its 2nd tenure proves to be more effective and beneficial for the welfare of Scheduled Castes. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

The Secretary welcomed the members of the new Commission and initiated discussion on the Agenda Items listed for the meeting.

Agenda Item No.1	Follow up action taken on the recommendation made in the three conferences of the last Commission (3rd Commission) held on 27.8.2013, 11.9.2013 and 8-9th October, 2013
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Secretary informed that minutes of the three Conferences organised by the Commission during August-October, 2013 have been finalised recently. Minutes of the Dialogue held on 27.8.2013 have already been got printed and that of the remaining two conferences are under printing. Hon'ble Chairman directed that the Minutes of the three Conferences be sent immediately to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. Thereafter the Commission will cull out all the important recommendations made in the three Conferences for sending them to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and other stakeholders for necessary action.

Hon'ble Chairman directed that the State Governments may be advised to send the fees in respect of SCs students directly to the Institutions in the beginning of the year so that SC students are not put to avoidable financial hardships.

He further directed that nodal Ministry should reimburse/disburse the scholarships for SCs students at the time of admission itself.

(Action : Consultant/DS (Admn.)



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Agenda Item No.2:	Renovation of the office
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The Commission was informed that the proposal for renovation of the existing space, occupied by Commission, has been referred to the Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for concurrence before the same is referred to the Department of Administrative Reforms for providing funds under the Modernisation of Office Scheme. The Commission directed the office to pursue the proposal for early action. It was also decided that simultaneously matter for allotment of space in the proposed building of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation at Janpath may be revived up with MoSJ&E and MoUD.

(Action : DS (GA))

Agenda Item No.3	Review of the budget for the year 2013-14
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JS informed that he has checked up the status of our request for Rs.50.00 lakh in R.E. from the concerned JS & FA in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Finance that our request for additional funds under current financial year has not been acceded to by the Ministry of Finance. It was decided that Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment may be requested to spare some funds from their budgetary provisions for the Commission in order to meet day-to-day expenditure under O.E. The Hon'ble Chairman also directed that the position may be checked up with our State Offices if they have any savings under O.E. which could be diverted to Headquarters.

(Action : DS(Admn.)

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Agenda Item No.4	Status of CMIS in NCSC Hqrs./State Offices
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Commission was informed that all the complaints are being entered into the CMIS in the Headquarters. Insofar as State Offices are concerned complaints are not being entered into the CMIS except Tamilnadu and Trivandrum State Offices. Hon'ble Chairman pointed out that an assessment should be made to point out whether objective of the project has been fully achieved or not. He also expressed his displeasure that on-line processing by Research Officers/Section Officers onwards is not being done notwithstanding the fact that the Commission has spent Rs.26.00 lakhs on the CMIS and is also bearing expenditure on salary for Data Entry Operators. He, therefore, directed that the whole issue of implementation of CMIS be looked into.

(Action: DS (Admn.)

Agenda Item No.5	Any other item with the permission of the chair.
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Hon'ble Chairman pointed out that our State Offices have not furnished information regarding utilisation of funds under Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan(SCSP), for which instructions were issued to them about 3 years back on the plea that the State Government concerned is not cooperating with them. He pointed out that the Directors from the State Offices need not depend upon the State Governments. They can rather access on-line/in person information concerning total budget of the State Government, funds allotted for various schemes and if there are any special and exclusive schemes for SCs under SCSP and utilisation of the same. They can also seek assistance of State A.G.(A&C) concerned. Once this information is available with the Commission, then the Commission would be in a position to confront State Governments' on their claims of percentage of expenditure spent on the welfare of Scheduled Castes under SCSP.

(Action : Consultant/ESDW)

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2. **Filling of Vacant Posts** : Hon'ble Chairman directed that action for filling up of vacant posts in joint cadre (upto Group 'B' level) be taken within 3 days. It was pointed out that a Committee headed by Shri Kaushal Kumar, Deputy Director for finalisation the roster for joint cadre post has not submitted its report so far despite lapse of 4 months leading to unnecessary delay filling up of these posts.

(Action: US(Admn.)/Deputy Director/APCR)

3. **Amendment of Guidelines by Ministry of P&NG**: The Chairman informed that it has been brought to his notice that SC persons are not able to obtain petrol pump/gas agencies due to arbitrary changes affected by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The Hon'ble Chairman directed that urgent report may be obtained from the Ministry as this policy change is directly affecting the interest of the SC persons. Thereafter a meeting may be arranged with the CMDs of all Oils Companies and the Secretary, P&NG.

Hon'ble Chairman also pointed out that the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas should have consulted NCSC before introducing changes in the schemes for allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies to Scheduled Castes as per Article 338(9).

(Action : Consultant (ESDW)

4. **State Reviews**: The Hon'ble Chairman pointed out that the Commission should conduct one State Review every month and the review should cover top 14 atrocities prone States leaving out those which have already been reviewed by the Commission. It was decided that a letter will be sent to Government of Tamilnadu and Puducherry for conducting State Reviews after obtaining convenience of Hon'ble Chairman.

(Action: Consultant/C. Cell)

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5. **Follow-up action on the Manual Scavenging legislation** : Commission decided that information on follow-up action on the implementation of legislation on Manual Scavenging should be gathered after which a Conference with all the stakeholders may be organised jointly with the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, once funds are available .

(Action: Consultant (ESDW))

6. **Commission's website** : Hon'ble Chairman enquired about the updating of Commission's website. He directed that the website needed to be updated from time to time.

7. **Annual Reports of the Commission** : Hon'ble Chairman pointed out that all the Annual Reports of the Commission which have been submitted to the Government have not been laid in both the Houses of Parliament and MoSJ&E should be addressed in the matter. Upon this, Secretary, NCSC informed that he has already written a D.O. letter to the Secretary, MoSJ&E drawing his attention to this issue and requesting him to take necessary action for laying all the Annual Reports which have so far been submitted to the Ministry.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**FIRST MEETING (FOURTH COMMISSION) OF THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES HELD AT 1.00 PM ON
09.12.2013.**

PRESENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

S.NO. NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman
2. Shri Raj Kumar Verka, Vice-Chairman
3. Shri Raju Parmar, Member

Officers

1. Dr. J.N. Chamber, Secretary
2. Shri T.Theethan, Joint Secretary
3. Shri C.P. Katyal, Deputy Secretary
4. Shri Jagjit Singh, Addl. PS to Chairman
5. Shri M.R. Bali, Consultant
6. Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary
7. Shri Lokhan Marandi, Under Secretary
8. Shri Kaushal Kumar, Deputy Director