

Minutes of the 19th meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes

19th Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) was held at 1.00 PM on 08.08.2011 under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman, NCSC in his office. The list of participants is as at Annexure-I.

The Commission thereafter discussed the following agenda items:-

Agenda Item No. 1:	Confirmation of the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Commission held on 13.05.2011.
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The Commission confirmed the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Commission held on 13.05.2011.

Agenda Item No. 2:	Action taken on the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Commission held on 13.05.2011.
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The Commission noted and approved the action taken with the observation that the Third party representation may be allowed only in respect of Scheduled Castes Welfare Associations who bring up cases of Scheduled Castes.

Agenda Item No. 3:	Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th (emergent) meeting of the Commission held on 20.06.2011.
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The Commission confirmed the minutes of the 17th (emergent) meeting of the Commission held on 20.06.2011.

Agenda Item No. 4:	Action taken on the minutes of the 17th (emergent) meeting of the Commission held on 20.06.2011.
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The action taken on decisions taken in the 17th meeting of the Commission held on 20.06.2011 were noted and approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 5:	Confirmation of the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Commission held on 18.07.2011.
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The Commission confirmed the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Commission held on 18.07.2011.

Agenda Item No. 6:	Action taken on the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Commission held on 18.07.2011.
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The action taken on decisions taken in the 18th meeting of the Commission held on 18.07.2011 were noted and approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 7:	Representation to Shri Braham Prakash, General Secretary, SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, India Meteorological Department, Lodhi Road, New Delhi regarding promotion of SC/ST candidate promoted owns their merit.
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The matter was discussed in detail. It was decided to depute a team from the Commission to inspect all the Roasters maintained by the India Meteorological Department, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The team will submit its report to the Commission for its perusal. **(Action: SSW)**

Agenda Item No. 8:	Representation to Shri Ulhass A. Ambekar, Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai regarding denial of promotion to the post of Accounts Officer.
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The matter was discussed in detail. The Commission observed that the petitioner was given promotion on 1.12.2007 and now he is asking for back date benefit from 1994. The Commission viewed that the petitioner may approach any other source for this purpose like CAT/Court. **(Action: SSW)**

Agenda Item No. 9:	Demand of current Caste Certificates from SC/ST students.
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The matter was deliberated and the Commission unanimously decided to recommend that the requisition for current caste certificate by the Banaras Hindu University should be limited to those districts of UP and some other States where Govt. of India through its amendment-2002 placed some SC and in ST list. The Commission also desired that a copy of the amendment should be obtained and forwarded to BHU for their guidance. **(Action: ESDW)**

Agenda Item No. 10:	Tour Programmes of the Members as per the State allocation and not as per the Ministry's allocation and entitlement of Personal Staff of Members to accompany the Members they are attached with.
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It was decided that the directions of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance conveyed by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment that the Private Secretaries or other personal staff of Members are not entitled to accompany the Hon'ble Members during their official tours may be followed. **(Action: C.Cell)**

Agenda Item No. 11:	Representation from Shri R.P. Singh, Assistant Professor (Civil Engineering), Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, regarding his harassment.
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The matter was discussed in detail. The Commission noticed the observation of the UGC in the matter that the Director, PEC has exceeded his delegated authority in violation of MOA and bye laws. Chandigarh Administration also agreed with the views of UGC. It was decided to call the Director, PEC, Chairman, UGC and Secretary, Chandigarh Administration for a hearing before the Hon'ble Chairman. **(Action: SSW)**

Agenda Item No. 12:	The case of Shri Lal Chand R/O A-318, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi requesting for natural justice in his case of handing over Plot No.286-287, Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-Writ Petition filed by the MCD in the High Court of Delhi against the petitioner and NCSC-request for direction.
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The matter relating to handing over plot No.286-287, Lajwanti Garden New Delhi by MCD to Shri Lal Chand, R/O Palam Colony, New Delhi is being enquired by the Commission, was discussed in the Commission meeting. In this regard notices for hearing were being issued time and again to the concerned authorities i.e. DDA and MCD for rederssal of the grievances of the Scheduled Castes petitioner Shri Lal Chand.

In the meantime, the NCSC has received a copy of the Extra Ordinary Writ Jurisdiction filed in the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Vs. Lal Chand and Another. The NCSC is the second respondent in this case. The Commission in its 19th meeting observed that the Writ Petition was framed against calling Commissioner, MCD, for his personal appearance etc. in the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The Commissioner MCD was asked to appear for personal appearance because the lower level functionaries have given different opinion and the factual position could not be ascertained. NCSC asks for personal appearance in very rare cases. It was felt that there is injustice and contradictory information from the lower level Authorities from DDA and MCD. The NCSC taking cognizance of the Writ Petition proposes to appoint a Standing Government Counsel to counter the Writ Petition or appoint private practioner to plead the case after taking approval from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Law & Justice. The case matter would also be referred to CBI for fact finding with chronological report/note. **(Action: ESDW)**

Agenda Item No. 13:	Computerization and Modernization of NCSC.
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The Commission noted the progress made in the areas of computerization and modernization of the Commission's Hqrs. and desired constant persuasion with the concerned agencies. **(Action: C.Cell/Genl. Admn.)**

Agenda Item No. 14:

Any other items with the permission of the chair.

The Hon'ble Chairman also observed the following:-

- (i) Material for State Review should be circulated among Hon'ble Members at least one week prior to the date of State Review. **(Action: Admn./C.Cell)**
- (ii) The Committees formed on various issues under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman and Members should submit the reports quickly. One or two such reports should be discussed in every meeting of the Commission. **(Action: Chairmen & Members Secretary of all 15 Committees)**
- (iii) Preparation for the Conference to be held on 15th October, 2011 may be fast tracked. List of invitees, list of issues to be discussed and a team of dedicated officers for organization of the Conference should be finalized at the earliest. **(Action: Admn./C.Cell)**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

19th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES HELD AT 1.00 PM ON 08.08.2011 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF HON'BLE CHAIRMAN.

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
4. Shri M. Shivanna, Member
5. Smt. Latha Priyakumar, Member

Officers

1. Shri T. Theethan, Joint Secretary
2. Shri S. Kesava Iyer, Deputy Secretary
3. Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary