

## Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for SCs

Seventh Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) was held at 03.00 PM on 24.01.2011 under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman in the Conference Hall of the Commission. The list of participants is as at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset, JS welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman, the Hon'ble Vice-Chairman and the Hon'ble Members. Then, the proceedings started as follows:

The Commission then discussed the following agenda items:-

**Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Fifth meeting of the Commission held on 03.01.2011.**

The Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes held on 03.01.2011 copy enclosed at (Annexure-1.1) were circulated on 10.01.2011.

**Agenda Item No.2: Action taken on the minutes of the Fifth meeting of the Commission held on 03.01.2011.**

The action taken on decisions taken in the Fifth meeting of the Commission held on 03.01.2011 were noted and approved by the Commission.

**Agenda Item No.3: Issue of Scheduled Castes Certificate to those SC who have embraced Buddhism.**

It was decided to ascertain from DoPT/MHA. The authenticity of the format of certificate received alongwith the letter of Dr. Devi Singh Ashok, IPS, DIG (retired). It is also to be ascertains from DoPT/MHA. The correct format of certificate for the above cases. (Action:SSW)

**Agenda Item No.4: Discussion about the order of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment asking NCSC to entertain the**

## complaints/representations of members of the OBCs.

The Commission considered the matter and decided that the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment should empower the NCBC to look into the grievances of the OBCs. The NCSC should pursue this with the Ministry of SJ&E. However, the NCSC will deal with issues/grievances of the OBCs as per Article 338(10) of the Constitution of India until the NCBC is empowered to look into the grievances of the OBCs. **(Action: C.Cell)**

**Additional Agenda Item No.1:** Extension of Scheduled Castes status to Dalit Christians/Dalit Muslims in the light of the recommendations of National Commission Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) under Chairmanship of Justice Rangnath Mishra.

The matter was deliberated in details and recommendations forwarded by the earlier Commission in its meeting held on 18.09.2007, 18.12.2007 and 22.4.2010 were also discussed. The Commission recommends as follows:-

“The issue of providing reservation benefit to Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims was discussed in details, it was decided that reservation should be extended to them but the share of 15% of SCs should not be disturbed and the element of reservation for these communities (Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christian) should be determined by the Government keeping in view of their population. As per the direction of the Supreme Court, the overall reservation of 50% has to be maintained.” **(Action: SSW)**

**Agenda Item No.5:** Any other items with the permission of the chair.

- (i) The Commission approved the drawing of renovation of the NCSC office as supplied by the CPWD and desired that the concerned agency may be asked to start the work at the earliest. **(Action: Genl.Admn.)**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES HELD AT 03.00 PM ON 24.01.2011 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COMMISSION.

PRESENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

S.NO.            NAME & DESIGNATION

1. Dr. P.L. Punia, Chairman
2. Shri Raj Kumar Verka, Vice-Chairman
3. Shri M. Shivanna, Member
4. Smt. Latha Priyakumar, Member

Shri T.Theethan, Joint Secretary

Officers

1. Shri Dhruv Kumar, Director
2. Dr. V.K. Rathi, Director
3. Shri S. Kesava Iyer, Deputy Secretary
4. Shri S.N. Meena, Under Secretary
5. Shri Lokhan Marandi, Under Secretary