

Minutes of the Review Meeting of NCT of Delhi by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) held on 15.9.2015 at Delhi Secretariat

A. Meeting with the Public Representatives:

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes, lead by Shri P.L. Punia, Hon'ble Chairman first met the public representatives from Delhi to know their views / suggestions on the policies of the Delhi Government on the welfare and empowerment of Scheduled Castes. Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Hon'ble Minister (SC/ST) welcomed the Chairman, Members and Officials from NCSCS and introduced the public representatives who participated in the discussion. He apprised the Commission that Government of Delhi is going to develop a technical hub for SCs in Delhi. Thereafter Shri Rajinder Pal Gautam, Shri Manoj Kumar and Shri Fateh Singh MLAs made suggestions. Sh. Laxmi Das, Secy. Hari Jan Sewak Sangh also submitted his views before the Commission. The main suggestions made and issues highlighted are as under:

- a) that the budget proposed under sub-plans for the welfare of Scheduled Castes is not incurred for the schemes meant for them and this amount is transferred to other heads as a result the SCs are deprived of the benefits of these welfare schemes.
- b) that the SC students are not getting admission in the schools under EWS quota and on the other hand students from other categories who are even do not come under EWS are getting benefits of EWS Quota.
- c) Government should set up skill development units in each District.
- d) Hostels for SC Girls and working women should be constructed.
- e) to set coaching centres to conduct various awareness programmes, trainings for competitive exams and other welfare activities.
- f) Problem in getting Caste Certificate because of complicated format and lot of formalities to fill up these forms needs to be resolved.
- g) Opening of Residential Schools
- h) Stop outsourcing
- i) Aya/Chowkidars who are being paid Rs. 1500/- to 2500 pm should be paid minimum wages as prescribed by the Government.
- j) There should be reservation for SCs in award of Contracts under Delhi Govt.
- k) Discrimination in promotion and posting with SC officers should be stopped.

B. Meeting with the representatives of Service Associations and NGOs:

The Commission then met the Staff Associations and NGOs. In addition to repeating most of the above suggestions following additional suggestions were made:

- a) Caste Certificates of all the existing employees should be got verified in view of the incidences of fake certificates.
- b) The income ceiling of pre and post-matric Scholarship for SCs should be removed.
- c) No post based rosters have been prepared in Education Department. 22 General Category teachers have been granted PGT Selection Grade while no SC has been granted this Grade.
- d) No reservation policy is being implemented in 216 Residential Schools inspite of 90% grant given by the Government.
- e) Reservation policy is not being followed in the appointment of Guest teachers.
- f) No relaxation is given to the SC students in entrance test in the Pratibha Vikas Vidhalayas resulting in less representation of SC students.
- g) There is no SC representation in the District Grievances Committees.
- h) Like other states the Department for Welfare of SC/ST should be nodal Department for SCSP and not the Planning/Finance Department.
- i) DFDC has issued only one loan in a year.
- k) Employment opportunities for SC should be enhanced by building and allotting on lease about 1000 kiosk
- l) The strength of Safai Karamcharis which is presently 95000 to cater to the requirement of 1.5 crore population needs to be increased.

C. Meeting with the Chief Secretary, Police Authorities and other Senior Officers:

The meeting with the Government officials started with welcome address by the Chief Secretary. This followed by the briefing from the Principal Secretary, Department of SC/ST who mentioned about the initiatives taken by the Delhi Government for the welfare of SCs. He informed the Commission that till now forms submission process for scholarship is in manual mode however, the Department is in the process of making it on-line on the lines of

GOI Centrally sponsored Schemes by engaging the same agency which has been engaged by GOI so that the process can be made easy and maximum number of scholarship seekers from SC community in Delhi can be benefitted without running from pillar to post. He further apprised that the Department is running hostels for 100 boys and 60 girls from SC community in Delhi. The Government is also planning improvement of SC Bastis with Rs. 45 crore. SC population in these Bastis is more than 30%. The Hon'ble Chairman in his opening remarks mentioned about the set up and mandate of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes under Article 338 of the Constitution of India. He pointed out that objective of the Review meetings is not fault finding but to appreciate the good works being done in the State and to share good practices being adopted in the other states. Thereafter, the following issues were discussed in detail:

Sr. No.	Issue	Stand of the Govt.	Remarks
1.	Literacy rate of SCs in Delhi is 78.89% which is above the All India Literacy rate but still 7.31% less than the General category. Commission desired to make more efforts to bring it at par with the General Category	State Government noted the observations of the Commission and assured to make more efforts in this regard	Action taken report may be sent to the Commission <i>fulu</i>
2.	The Hon'ble Chairman stated the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the meeting has suggested to set up a State Scheduled Caste Commission which is a welcome step	The Chief Secretary noted this point for action	Action report may be sent to the Commission.
3.	All the issues raised by the Public representatives and the Staff Associations and NGOs were brought to the notice of the Government officials for taking necessary action	The Chief Secretary noted all the issues and assured necessary action by the Government	Action taken report on each issue should be sent to the Commission in one month
4.	There are about 20 lakh BPL families. It implies that about one crore people of Delhi (20 lakh X 5 persons per family) are below the poverty level. Though the percentage of SCs out of this has not been given but majority of these might be SCs. The Commission desired the Government to look into this issue and provide complete details to the Commission.	the point was noted by the officials for necessary action	Action taken report may be sent to the Commission
5.	The Commission showed its dismay over diversion of funds from SCSP to other Schemes in the past and instructed that SCSP funds should be spent exclusively on the welfare schemes for upliftment of the SC persons. The Chairman emphasised that there is no concept of Divisible and Non-divisible funds the whole funds under SCSP	The State Government noted the observations of the Commission and assured that SC Specific Schemes will formulated in consultation with the	An Action taken report on this issue may be sent to the Commission in two months.

	should be spent on schemes accruing direct benefit to the SCs. For example these funds can be spent for construction of SC hostels in Colleges, setting of working women hostels, Residential Schools for SCs, Development of the identified SC Clusters, Dormitory type accommodation for SC migrant workers.	stake holders and the concept of divisible and non-divisible funds will not be followed in future.	
6.	The Commission pointed that the State Government has stated that there are no Manual Scavengers in Delhi then it is not clear how the odd 26000 insanitary latrines identified by the three Municipal Corporation are cleaned. The Hon'ble Chairman also drew attention towards the provisions of the MS Act, 2013 and inquired about the status of its implementation.	State Government assured to look into this issue more closely and send a report to the Commission.	Action Taken Report should be sent to the Commission in two months.
7.	The Commission stressed about beginning a cashless health scheme for Safaikaramcharis	Noted	ATR may be sent to the Commission
8.	Representation of SCs should be increased in the outsourcing jobs in Government and commission of the outsourcing agencies should be curtailed so that more money could come in the hands of the outsourcing staff	Noted for compliance	-do-
9.	The Commission observed that though there are specific grievances about Delhi Police not lodging FIRs as far as atrocities against SCs are concerned and conducting investigation prior to lodging of FIR. Also but under-investigation cases have increased manifold and cases pending trial in courts have also increased which should be looked into. The Chairman expressed concern about filing of counter cases and harassing the SC complainants. Security in weaker Section Jhuggis should be increased. Filing of FIRs should not be denied. It should be ensured that the CCTV Camera installed in Delhi are working properly.	Delhi Police representatives noted the observations of the Commission and assured that advice of the Commission will followed strictly.	ATR on these issues should be sent to the Commission.
9.	The SCs are facing great difficulty in obtaining Caste Certificates, especially the migrated SCs. Hon'ble Member, Shri Ishwar Singh suggested that SCs residing in Delhi for 10 years should be Caste Certificate should be issued without any hassles.	The Commissioner pointed out that action is being taken to simplify the procedure and formalities for issue of Caste Certificates and necessary instructions in this regard are to be issued in two weeks	ATR may be sent to the Commission on this issue.
10.	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas should be set up in all the 12 Districts and also hostels for	Noted for compliance.	ATR to be sent to the

	SCs should be constructed in KVs.		Commissions
11.	The Commission raised the issue of denial of giving possession of land allotted to the SCs. Commission has been large number of complaints on this issue.	The Chief Secretary promised to look into this issue and find amicable solution	ATR may be sent to the Commission in two months
12.	The Commission observed that the proposed Technical Hub Scheme of Delhi Government should be re-looked and improved in view of the failure of the already existing industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and other such type of institutes	The Chief Secretary assured the Commission to look to this scheme again	-do-
13.	An individual complaint of one Shri Mayank Kumar whose scholarship for 2013 has not been released was discussed. It was pointed that income of his grandfather from pension was computed for arriving at his family income.	The Principal Secretary informed that this is a very old case and inquiry has already conducted by constituting Committee. However, he assured that the complaint will again be looked into.	ATR may be sent to the Commission
14.	<p>The following issues relating to Education Department were discussed:</p> <p>a) No post based rosters have been prepared in Education Department. 22 General Category teachers have been granted PGT Selection Grade while no SC has been granted his Grade.</p> <p>b) No reservation policy is being implemented in 216 Residential Schools inspite of 90% grant given by the Government.</p> <p>c) Reservation policy is not being followed in the appointment of Guest teachers.</p>	Principal Secretary responding to the observations of the Commission stated that reservation policy is being followed and rosters are also be maintained. However, the Department is facing some problems in respect of Aided Schools and necessary steps will be taken to resolve this issue also.	The Commission desired that detailed ATR on all these issues alongwith rosters should be submitted before the Commission in two months.

A list of participants in the meetings is enclosed.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
