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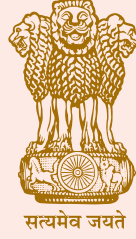
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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister
MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to learn that the National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) is bringing out a book titled the “De-notified & Nomadic Tribes, Semi Nomadic Tribes –A Search for New Hope”.

The De-notified Tribes & Nomadic Tribes are communities who have suffered great oppression and humiliation at the hands of our colonial rules. The Criminal Tribes’ Act 1871 notified them as “criminal tribes”, and “addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences”. Although this act was repealed after independence, these communities continue to suffer from social and economic deprivation.

The National Commission on the De-notified and Nomadic Tribes has been tasked with the work of identifying these communities, studying the status of their inclusion, identifying development issues and suggesting appropriate measures.

This will be a great step forward in our constant efforts to integrate all downtrodden, marginalized groups and bring them into mainstream of the development process of the country.

I wish the Commission all success.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
21 March 2016



View of Nomadic Tribes

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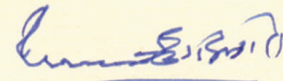
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QUOTE

The National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes was constituted on 9.01.2015 for identifying DNT communities State-wise to identify those castes of DNTs which have been included in the lists of SCs/STs/OBCs and the castes which have not been included in any of those categories and to suggest appropriate measures for their development and evaluating the vulnerable groups. Within a very limited period, the Commission has shown resolve to achieve this goal with commitment and dedication.

I am confident that the Commission will come up with appropriate suggestions for the Government at the Centre and the States for formulating welfare policies for the DNTs.


11.03.16

(Thaawarchand Gehlot)

National Commission of DNT/NT-An Initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI



Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot

Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment



Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar,
Minister for State



Shri Vijay Sampla,
Minister for State

Having seized of the educational and economic needs of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT/NT) and to provide for full equality of opportunity to the downtrodden and marginalised sections of the society, and in the background stated in the resolution date 12.02.2014, Government of India has resolved to constitute a Commission for three years.

With the active initiative and purposive commitment of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under Hon'ble Minister Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, the National Commission for De-Notified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes, came into existence on 9.1.2015.

From the Desk of Chairman



I am glad that Government of India has constituted a National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) for a period of three years for the purpose of upliftment of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and to provide them equal opportunity in their education and employment and appointed me as its Chairman

2. The Commission became functional w.e.f. January 9, 2015 with my joining as Chairman and Shri Shравan Singh Rathod as Member of this Commission. Member Secretary Shri H.K. Dash, IAS Retd., joined the Commission from September, 2015. As may be seen in this report, after joining of Member Secretary and Staff we have a strategy, action plan and road map in place and have taken up the tasks in right spirit from September, 2015.

3. As Chairman of this Commission, I am privileged to visit several states across the country and noticed the real socio-economic condition of DNT/NT Communities all around. Their pathetic living, in the temporary settlements alongwith family, has been heart-touching. They had submitted their representations in respect of their grievances to the Commission. There are lots of expectations.

4. I am grateful to the current Government led by Hon'ble Shri Narendra Bhai Modi for constituting the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) for all out development of DNT/NT Communities spread across the country and also for giving me responsibility to lead the Commission.

(Bhiku Ramji Idate)

Chairman

Preface by Member Secretary



When the country is moving in the path of social progress, it is noticed that still there is a large number of population who are living in the fringe of the society. These people are known as De-notified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, Semi-Nomadic Tribes. It was estimated, some time back, that they constitute nearly 10% of the country's population.

2. These communities were categorised as criminal tribes in 1871. Many were Nomadic Tribes. Based on the report of Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, in 1950, nearly 163 communities were de-notified by Government of India and made free citizens.
3. The first Commission tasked for the welfare of DNT/NT gave its Report in 2008. After having examined the Report, Government of India constituted this Commission on 12.2.2014, which came into existence from 9th January, 2015, under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhiku Ramji Idade.
4. The first formal meeting of the full Commission took place on 29.9.2015. Till now, we have held 15 meetings. 10 letters have been sent to state governments and to stakeholders. Working could be possible with the setting up of the organization in September 2015, working out rules and procedures, designing a performance architecture, research strategy and action plan, communication with the State Governments, formalizing decision-making process through the meetings of the Commission.
5. Not only visits to communities were undertaken, we also planned visits to the State Governments, meeting with the community leaders and research institutions etc. Commission has visited 14 States, 87 communities and received 729 representations/Memoranda till now.
6. We have designed a research strategy involving 12 Working Groups to address various issues. Letters to Chief Secretaries have been sent, including a detailed questionnaire for socio-economic survey, which are annexed in this booklet. During a presentation, a suggestion came from Hon'ble Minister as to why not send them to all MPs & MLAs seeking their comments. In this context, we decided to come out with a full write up giving background of our work which will highlight the subject and focus on the DNT/NT, create pervasive awareness.
7. We are engaged in the task of drafting a state-wise list of the DNT/NT communities, inclusion of the people who are not in any category of SC, ST, OBC, identifying where they are densely populated, reviewing progress of development, state policies/programmes for the welfare of DNT/NT communities, etc.
8. In this process, we would like to invite inputs, ideas, suggestions, representations and

memoranda from all concerned, including Hon'ble MPs and MLAs, DNT/NT communities, leaders of the communities, researchers, NGOs, etc. In this, I hope, the booklet will provide necessary starting points and achieve the end of working for a new hope for the downtrodden communities of DNT/NT.

9. The Commission expresses its sincere thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, for his vision of integrating all downtrodden and marginalized people into the mainstream of development. We are also grateful to Hon'ble Home Minister & Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation, Shri Rajnath Singh for having considered the efficacy, the time-bound work of the Commission, its national and social relevance, for permitting to work from New Delhi.

10. We are also grateful to Hon'ble Minister, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot and Secretary, Ms. Anita Agnihotri and Joint Secretary Shri B.L. Meena for their support and guidance in setting up the organisation. Lastly, I must acknowledge the efforts of all my colleagues in the Commission and, particularly, Shri Pooran Singh for carrying out the works of the publication, through untiring efforts. I also thank large number of community leaders who have given their valuable suggestions for the same.

(H.K. DASH)

Member-Secretary



*Chairman, Member and Member Secretary with Hon'ble Minister,
Social Justice & Empowerment*

Background: Who are the DNT/NTs

1. De-notified Tribes (DNTs), also known as Vimukta Jati, are the tribes that were originally listed under the Criminal Tribes Act of 1871, as "Criminal Tribes" and "addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences."



2. The CTA was revised in 1911 and in 1924. The CTA, 1924, was repealed by the Criminal Tribes Laws (Repeal) Act, 1952 on the recommendations of the Shri Ananthasayanam Ayyangar Committee.

3. As a result, the tribes notified earlier as Criminal Tribes, stood De-Notified, and the name 'De-Notified Tribes' has been in use for them, since then.



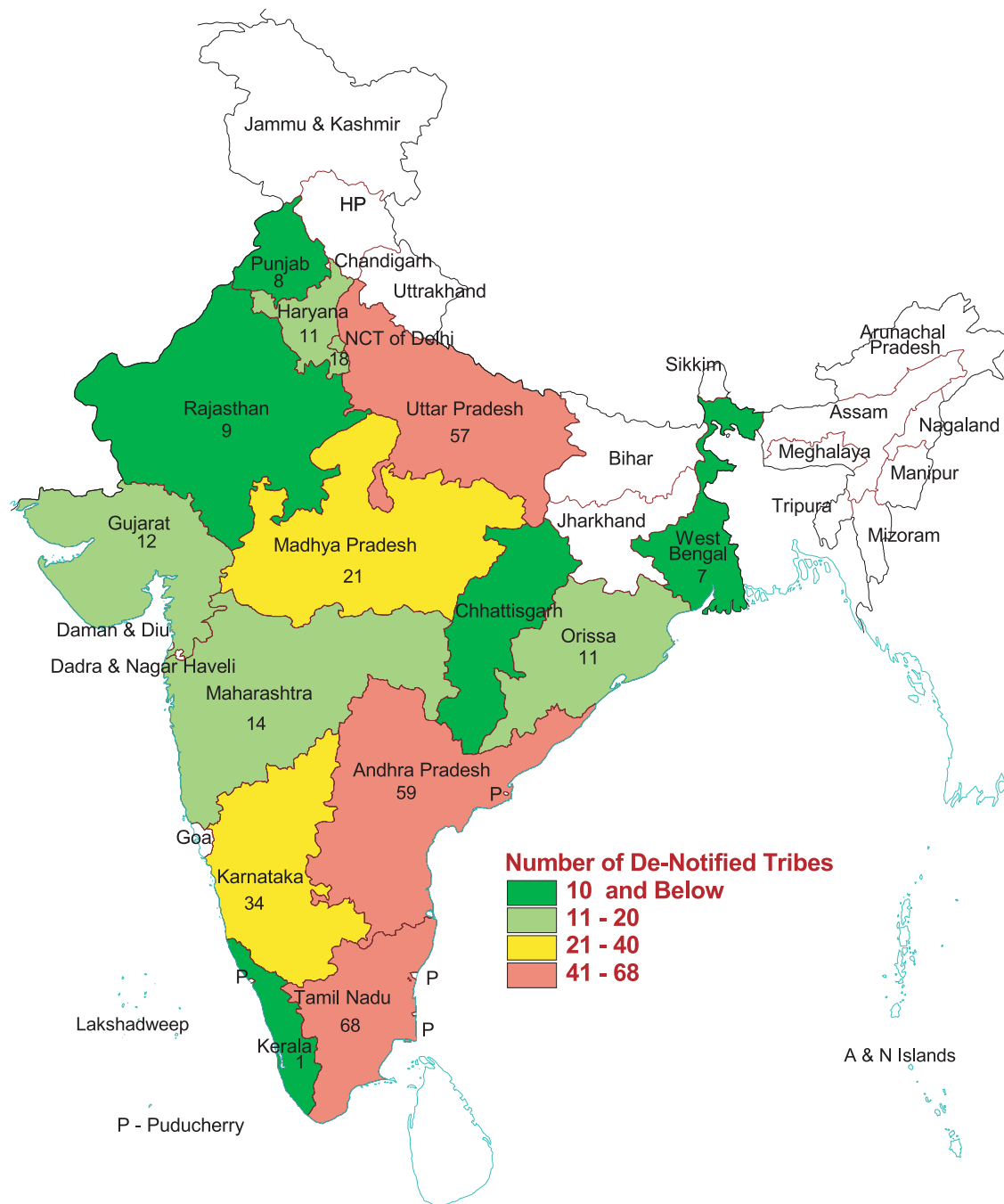
1. Nomads are people who are constantly on the move and have no permanent home.

2. On the other hand, Semi-Nomadic groups tend to have a fixed habitat for a part of the year and are itinerant in the rest of the year.

3. Most DNT/NTs are categorized as SC, ST or OBC though many of the DNT/NT are not covered in any of these categories.

Number of Denotified Tribes

(Data available for 15 States only)

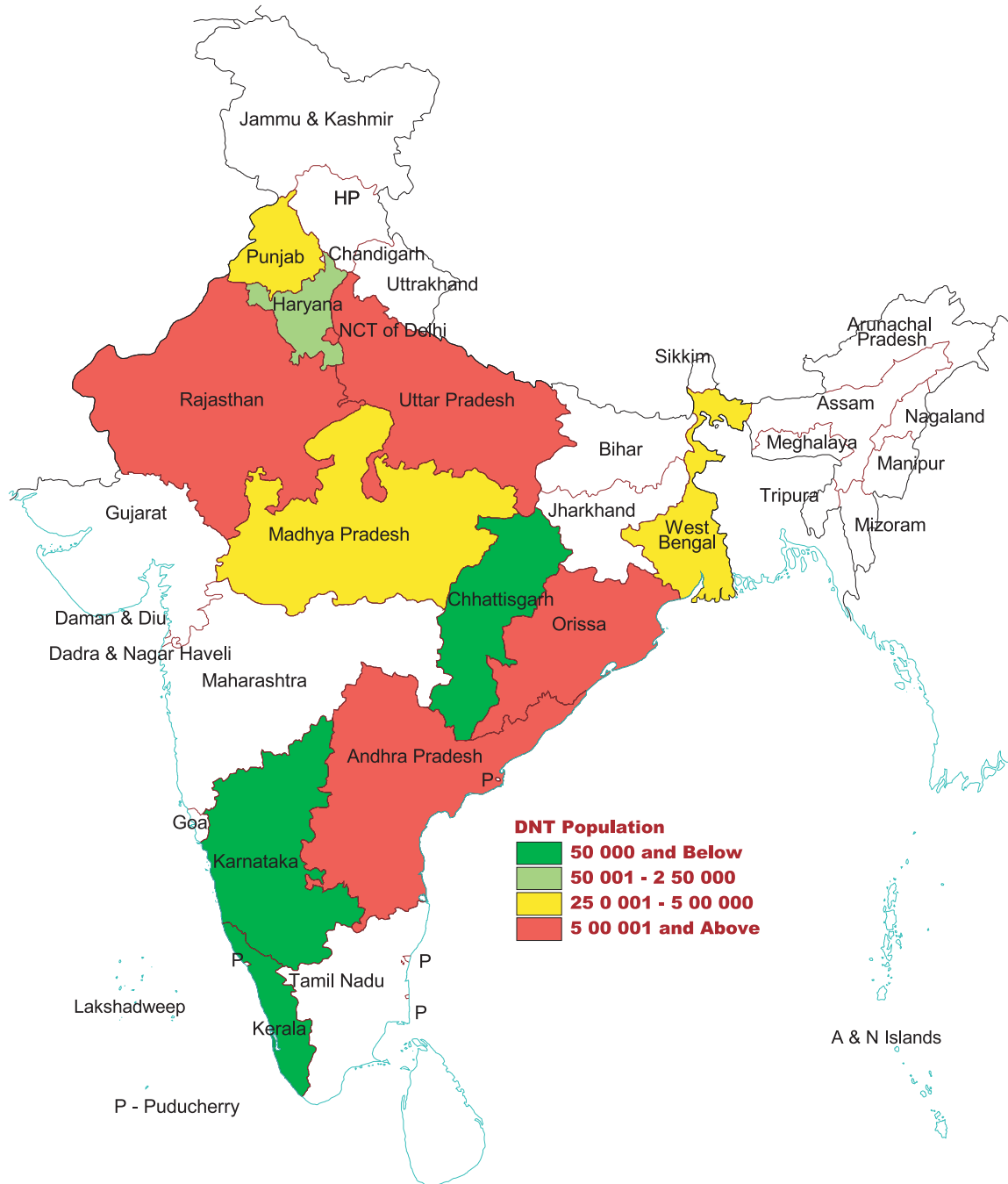


Data Source:- Renke Report

Total No. of DNT - 334

Denotified Tribe Population

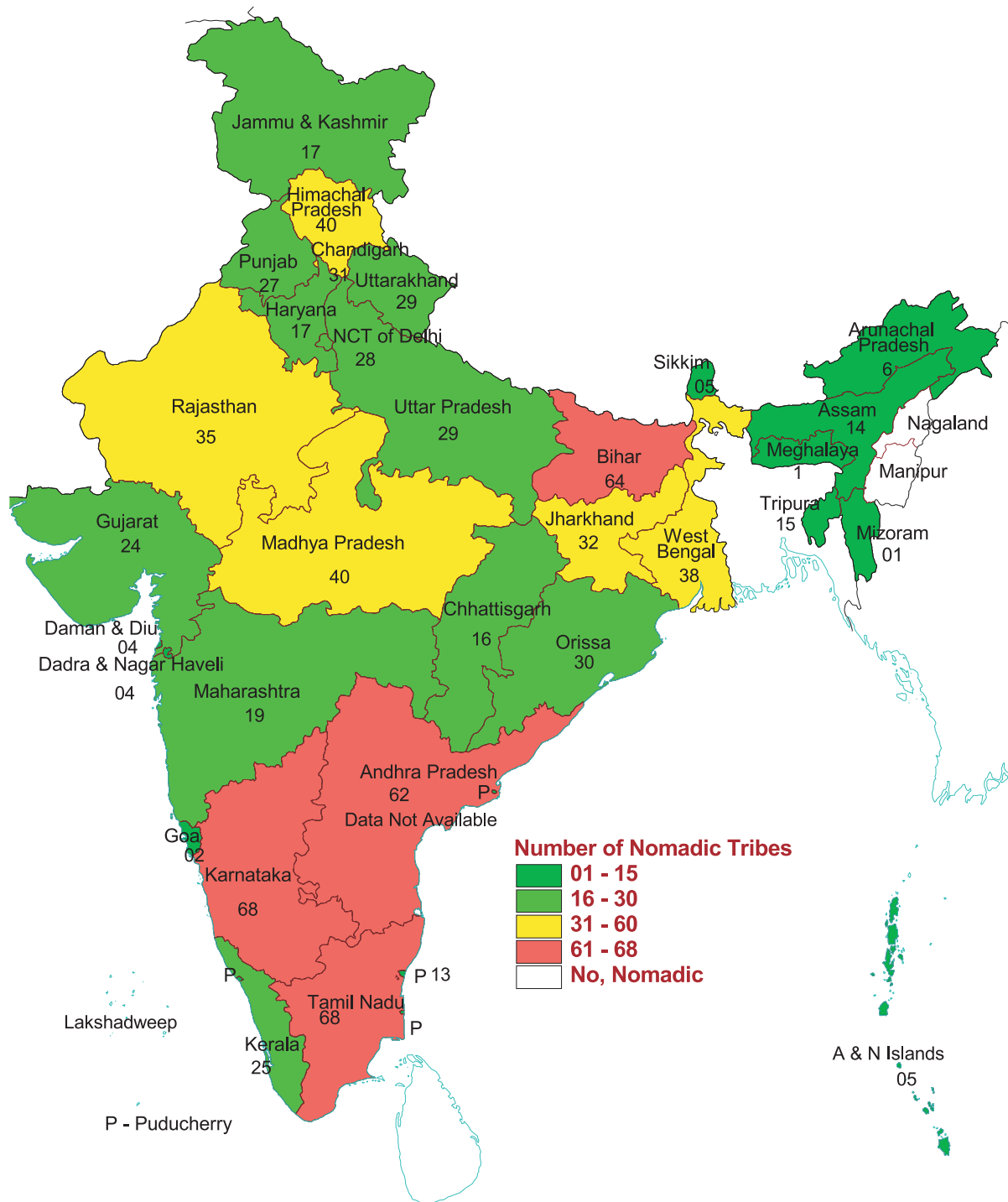
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Data Source:- Renke Report

Total Population of DNTs – 4 37 23 034

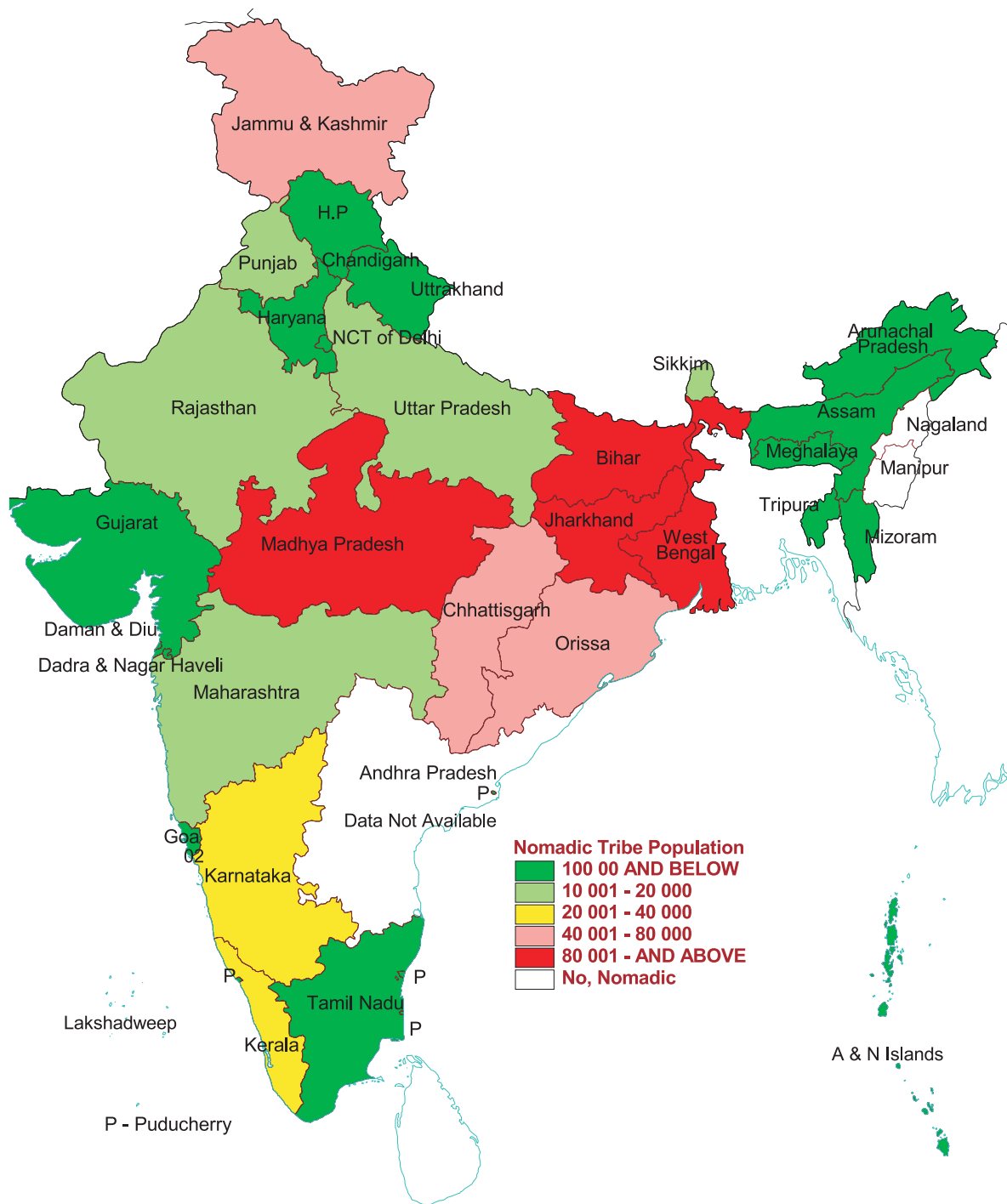
Number of Nomadic Tribes



Data Source:- Renke Report

Total Number of NT-809

Nomadic Tribe Population



Data Source:- Renke Report

Total NT Population – 4 04 59 137

Constitution of Commission for DNT/NT

After the Ayyangar Committee Report in 1950, various other Committees and Commissions which were constituted for the purpose of review of SC, ST, Backward Classes etc, made some observations in the past. Justice Venkatachaliah Commission which was appointed for review the working of the Constitution of India recommended in 2002, for strengthening the programmes for the economic and educational development of DNTs and constituting a special Commission to look into their needs and grievances.

Against the above background, a National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) was constituted earlier in 2005 which had made certain recommendations. In addition, the National Advisory Council (NAC) constituted a Working Group on Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in 2011, also proposed a set of recommendations for the DNT/NT communities.

Having gone into the details of the earlier Commission's recommendations, Govt further felt the need to constitute a new National Commission so as to focus on their identification, inclusion, status, area of habitation, review of their progress of development etc, and constituted the same vide Gazette Notification No. 16014/2/2014-BC-III dated 12th February 2014.

The Commission assumed its functioning w.e.f. 9th January, 2015 with the joining of Shri Bhiku Ramji Idate as Chairman. The tenure of the aforesaid Commission is for three years from the date of assumption of charge by the Chairman.

Chairman, Member and Member Secretary of the Commission



Chairman
Shri Bhiku Ramji Idate

- Shri Idate was Chairman of the Committee for DNT/NT in Maharashtra in 1997. He has previously held responsibilities as Chairman of many educational and social trusts and has earned recognition as a doyen in developmental work amongst DNT/NT in the state of Maharashtra. He has been recognised as ‘Karamveer Dada Idate’.



Member Secretary
Shri H.K.Dash, IAS (Retd), joined on 10.9.2015



Member
Shri Shравan Singh Rathod

- Shri H.K. Dash has retired as Secretary to Government of India, in Ministry of Home Affairs (Inter State Council). He was the longest serving District Collector in Gujarat and has the reputation of being sensitive to the poor and the downtrodden. Having studied from Delhi University, he has a very strong social science background.
- Shri Rathod, a Commerce graduate, retired from the Income Tax Department, Madhya Pradesh in 2009. He joined the Commission as Member on 9.1.2015. He has long experience of working for DNT/NT communities, especially Banjara Samaj and honed their skills to provide employment to the jobless. He has been recognised as ‘Shравan Bhaya’ in Madhya Pradesh.

Terms of References (TOR)

- To prepare a State-wise list of castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes.
- To identify the castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes in the Lists of Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes and Central List/State List of Other Backward Classes.
- To identify the castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes which have not been included in the Lists of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Central List of Other Backward Classes and to pursue their case for inclusion in these lists depending on the modalities laid down for the purpose.
- To evaluate the progress of the development of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes under the Union and the States.
- To identify the places where DNTs are densely populated.
- To suggest appropriate measures in respect of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes to be undertaken by the Central Government or the State Government.
- Any other related work as may be assigned by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Organizational set up

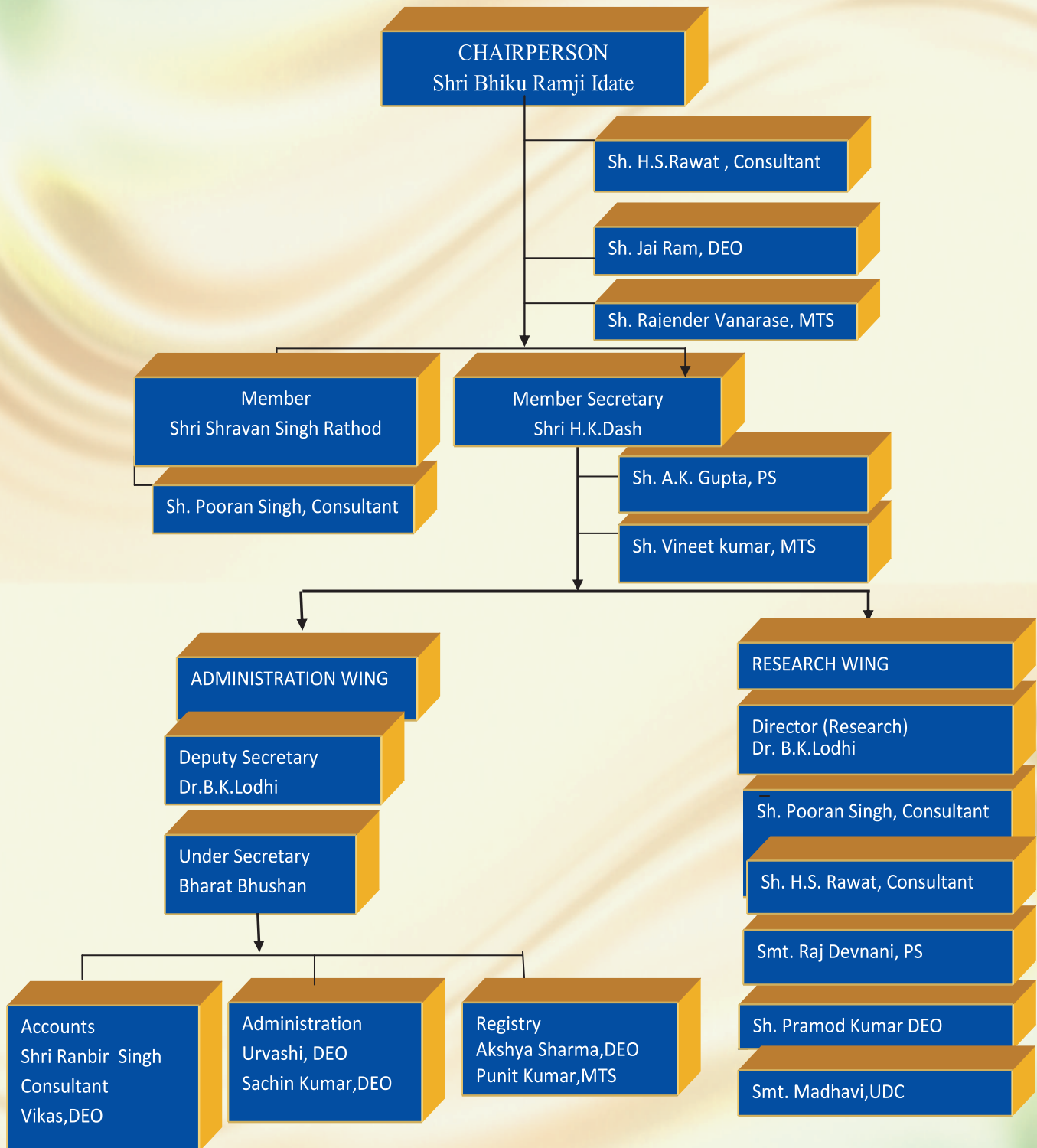
The Commission is organized into following six units

1. Administration/Registry
2. Accounts
3. States Visit and Protocol
4. Research Unit
 - Identity of Communities
 - Review Development
 - Socio-Economic Survey
 - Research
 - Recommendation
 - Grievances of Community
5. Commission Meeting
6. Information/Education/Communication (IEC)/Workshop/Seminar



*Full Commission offering floral tribute at Rajghat, New Delhi
on the occasion of 'Gandhi Jayanti' on 02.10.2015*

Organizational set up



Achievements of the Commission to set up the organization

- **Administrative Action / Rules & Procedure**

1. Filling of the posts of
 - Member Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary,
 - Private Secretary, Assistants, DEOs MTS
 - Delegation of Powers of HoD and Head of Office
2. Cabinet Committee Note on office accommodation
3. Arrangement of residential accommodation
4. Registry/Imprest/Stamps
5. Augmentation of outsourced manpower
6. Office space/Conference Room/presentation facility
7. Obtaining of TAN Number
8. Creation of a separate new Client Code for NCDNT on the portal of M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
9. Outsourcing research associates from market as well as utilising students/teaching faculty etc.

- **Technical support/Infrastructure**

- Setting up Purchase Committee
- Computer/Table
- Printer/Internet connectivity
- Projector and Projection Screen
- Furniture, Almirah, conference table

- Telephone and Fax Line connectivity
- Sitting arrangement/work stations for
 - Member Secretary
 - Private Secretaries
 - Other Staff Members
- **Research Aspects: Work Plan, Methodology & Road Map**
 - Preparation of state folder on DNT/NT communities
 - Preliminary Questionnaire
 - Strategy/Action Plan
 - Road Map
 - Statement on DNT/NT communities (State/UT wise)
 - Detailed Questionnaire
 - Devising working Group/Expert Group
 - Documenting a bibliography & research institutions
 - Our sourcing research institutions to conduct surveys and studies
- **Publicity/Communication efforts**
 - Brochure
 - Website
 - Pamphlet
 - CD
 - First Interim Report of the Commission
 - Booklet
 - Advertisement in newspapers /of public notice.

Commission's Meetings: Formalizing Decision making Process

➤ Full Commission Meetings

- 30.09.2015
- 16.10.2015
- 28.10.2015
- 05.11.2015
- 16.11.2015
- 24.11.2015
- 15.12.2015
- 31.12.2015
- 18.01.2016
- 02.02.2016
- 26.02.2016
- 08.03.2016
- 14.03.2016
- 01.04.2016
- 25.04.2016



Full Commission meeting at NCDNT, New Delhi



Presentation going on during Full Commission meeting

- **Weekly Review meeting by Member Secretary**
- With Financial Corporations for inclusion of DNT/NT
 - 16.10.2015
- With Secretary, SJ&E
- With other concerned

Communication with the Stakeholders & State/UT Governments / Chief Secretaries and others

SN	Date	Subject
1	01.05.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter for appointment of Nodal Officers by State Governments
2	12.10.2015 & 29.10.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary questionnaire to seek information from State/UT Governments regarding issues related to De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes / to make presentation before the Commission.
3	04.12.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder for DO letter dated 1.5.2015 regarding nomination of a Nodal Officer from their State/UT
4	05.01.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosing formats for collecting community list and category wise information on inclusion of DNT/NTs
5	08.01.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosing Data based on previous Commission Report of DNT/NT, for the State/UT Governments to prepare a draft list of DNT/NT communities
6	08.01.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosing a check list / action points for States to facilitate the Commission's work on DNT/NT
7	21.1.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosing a detailed questionnaire to collect data for socio-economic progress of DNT/NT
8	05.02.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For identifying districts/areas where DNT/NT are densely populated
9	17.2.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For orientation visits to the state/UTs, for preparing for full Commission visit/apprising them as to Commission's strategy.
10	23.2.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To call expression of interest of Research Institutions for undertaking Research for DNT/NT community list preparation etc.

Visits to the States/UTs

1. Designing the state visit programme

- Preparation of State folders
- Planning of meetings with State/UT Governments
- Meeting with community leaders
- Visit Research Institutions
- Visit community locations
- Hearing community grievances
- Attending community Sammelans
- Seminar/workshop etc.
- Registering grievances/analysis and follow up
- Started preparation of tour reports and action thereon

2. Commission has undertaken visits to the following States for preliminary discussion with the State/UT Governments functionaries on various Schemes being implemented by the them and to visit the DNT/NT localities

- Karnataka
- Maharashtra,
- Gujarat,
- Punjab,
- Andhra Pradesh
- Bihar,
- Jharkhand,
- Odisha,
- Uttar Pradesh
- Rajasthan
- Delhi
- Madhya Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh
- Haryana
- Tamil Nadu
- Puducherry



Member and Member Secretary are hearing public grievances of DNT/NT in village- Parewada, District-Rajkot, Gujarat

3. Research institutions

- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
- G.B.Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad
- Tribal Research Institute, Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Hyderabad
- A.N. Sinha Institute, Patna (Bihar)
- Gujarat Vidhayapith, Ahmadabad (Gujarat)
- Sardar Patel Institute of Social and Economic Research, Ahmadabad (Gujarat)

4. Community and Association

- Chairman had meetings with several associations in the state of Maharashtra

5. Workshop : One workshop has held at Bangaluru (Karnataka)

6. Liaison with the following

- Office of the Registrar General, India (Census Commissioner) Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi
- Ministry of Food, New Delhi, for Ration Card to DNT/NT
- National Commission for Backward Classes
- National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- Ministry of Human Resource Development
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- Chairman, ICSSR
- Election Commission for giving voter Id. Card to DNT/NT



Member Secretary, NCDNT talking to villagers in DNT/NT village- Parewada, District-Rajkot, Gujarat



It will be interesting to note that this 'basahat' in Meghraj taluka in Gujarat was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister (Now Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi) as early as 2004, before the setting up of any Commission for DNT/NT.



Full Commission got the opportunity to visit Meghraj taluka of Gujarat recently to see the housing/basahat scheme for Madari community (as shown above).

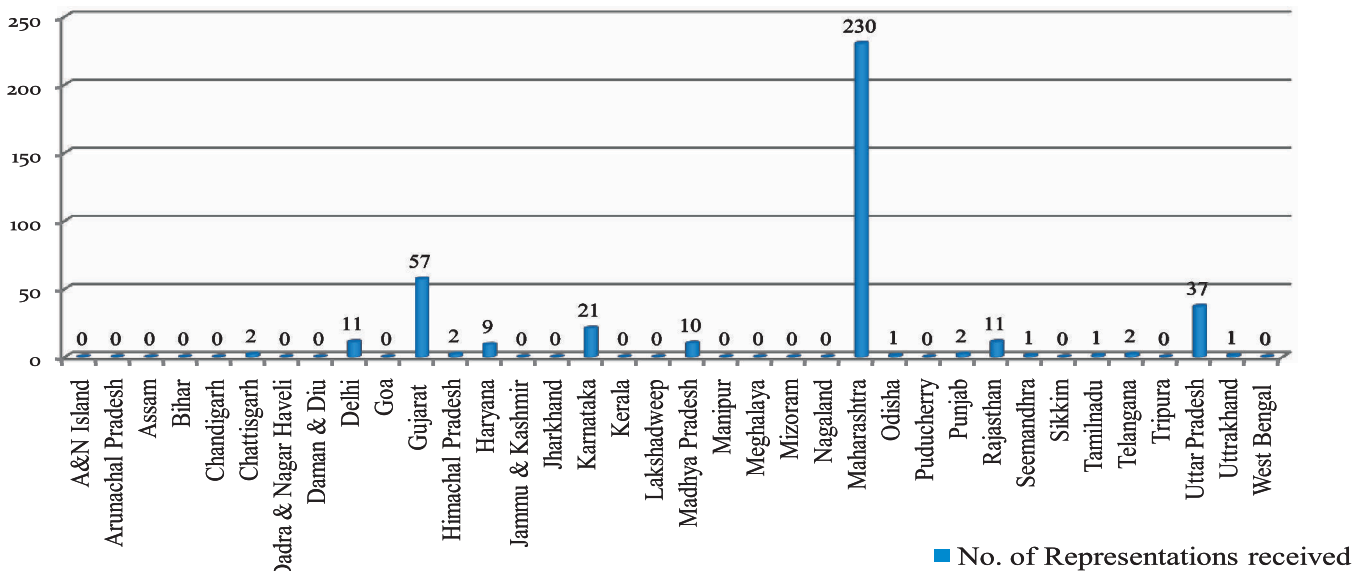
List of Communities Visited

State	District	Name of the Community
Karnataka	Chikmagalur, Tumkur	Golla , Handijogi
Maharashtra	Aurangabad, Ratnagiri, Nanded, Pune, Nagpur, Sangli, Raigad, Bid, Akola, Solapur, Satara, Nashik, Ahmadnagar, Parbhani, Thane, Wasim, Hingoli, Buldana	Gondhali , Dhangar, Banjara, Bhoi, Wadar, Beldar, Masanjogi, Joshi, Vasudev, Gadia Lohar, Sarode, Bahurupi, Gavali, Konchi-Korvi etc.
Haryana	Panipat, Kurukshetra	Sansi, Pal
UP	Kanpur Nagar, Mahoba, Hamirpur	Bhatu, Habuda, Lodh, Dhangir, Banjara, Khangar, Lodhis, Gadia-Lohars, Sahariya.
AP	Hyderabad	Gondhuli , Kakri, Banjara, Gosawi, Vadar
Punjab	Rajpur, Basant pura, Lakkad Mandi	Bazigar, Sansi, Kuchchvand, Gadia Lohar, Gadarrya, Kanjar, Deh
Bihar	Patna	Dom, Yadav, Paswan, Gulguria, Nut
MP	Indore, Khargaon, Dhar, Burahanpur	Gadia Lohar, Nathjogi, Vanjara, Dhangar
Rajasthan	Jaipur, Sikkar, Bharatpur	Gadilohar, Nathjogi, Kalbeliya, Banjara, Bhaat, Sansi, Bawaria, Singhriwala
Jharkhand	Ranchi	Virhor
Gujarat	Patan, Rajkot, Junagadh, Ahmadabad, Baroda, Sabarkantha	Chhara , Baksi Banjare, Baba Baijnath, Baghri, Sapera, Chamera, Devipujak, Nut, Gadia Lohar, Nathjogi, Bauria, Maldari (Giri), Bajigar, Ode, Yogi

Follow-up of Grievances/Representations Received

From September 2015, we have started actions on the following

- Starting of Grievances Register / follow up of the grievances.
- Initiating translation of letters/representations of local language to English
- Reply of letters at the level of Chairman
- Strategy to analyse and work out implications of the representations-Legal input/research input, formulating short term/medium term/long term actions and review
- Follow up of Community visits and tour reports.



Visit of Chairman and Member to the State of Rajasthan and receiving representations/grievances from local DNT/NT people

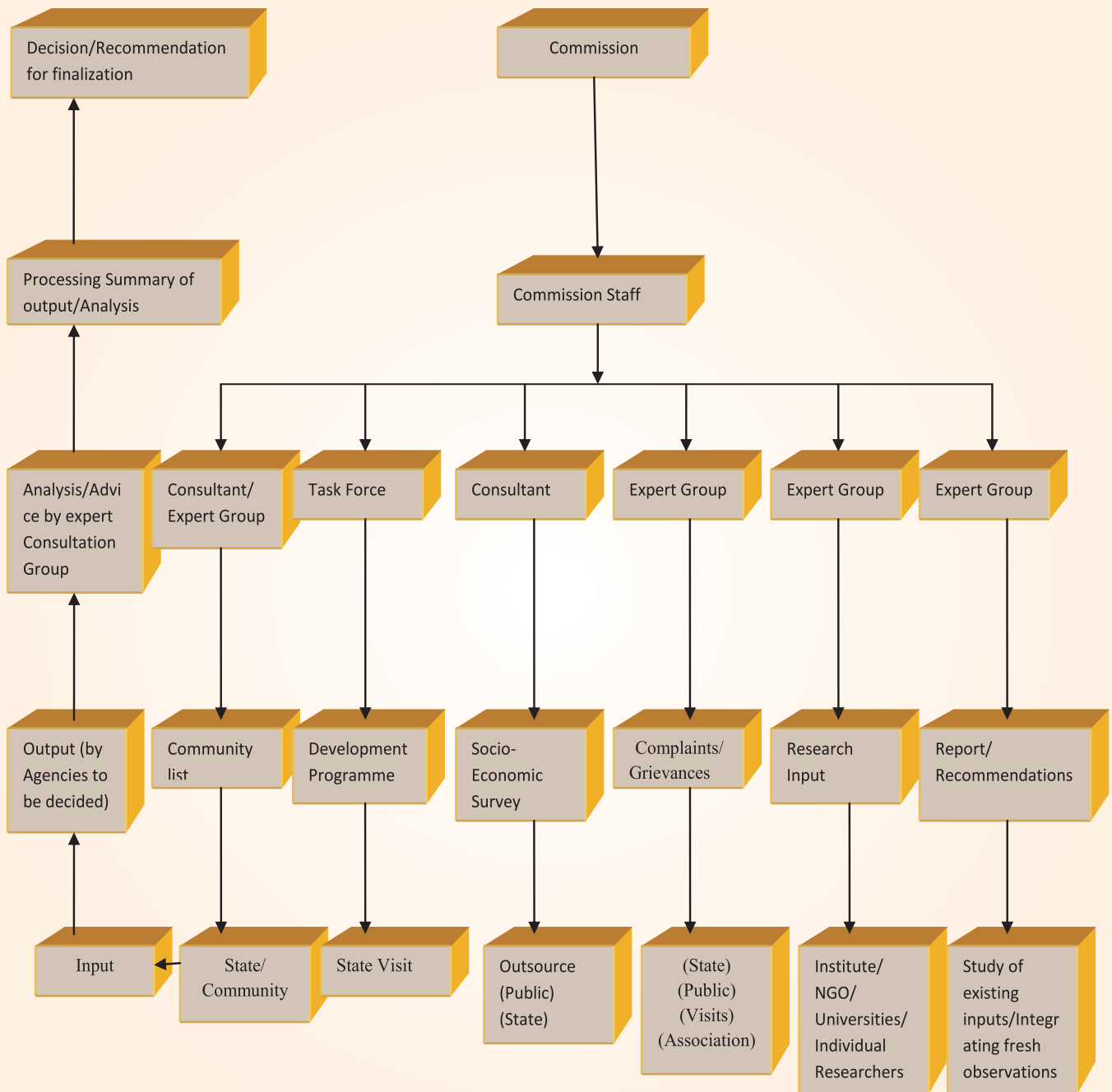
All representations are being perused keenly at this Commission and action has already been taken accordingly. Representations which required the attention of the respective State Authorities were sent to them for doing the needful, while others were retained at Commission for examination/consideration at the Commission. However, some of the common grievances received thereto are stated hereunder, in brief:-

- Lack of basic facilities. Harassment by respective State authorities to DNT communities.
- Insufficient food/education to DNT children.
- Seeking SC or ST Category Caste certificate especially in terms of education to their wards.
- Atrocities on DNT/NT people by police.
- Regarding landlessness of DNT/NT people. Request to regularise their temporary shelters.
- Seeking socio-economy survey of their place of living by the Commission.
- Seeking separate schedule for DNT/NT like SC/ST Category.
- Seeking better policies from Commission to uplift DNT/NT communities.
- Personal problems such as 'individuals deprived of promotion in Government jobs' theft, torture from upper caste class etc.



Meeting with the DNT/NT Community representatives in Maharashtra

Strategy/Action Plan for achieving the TOR

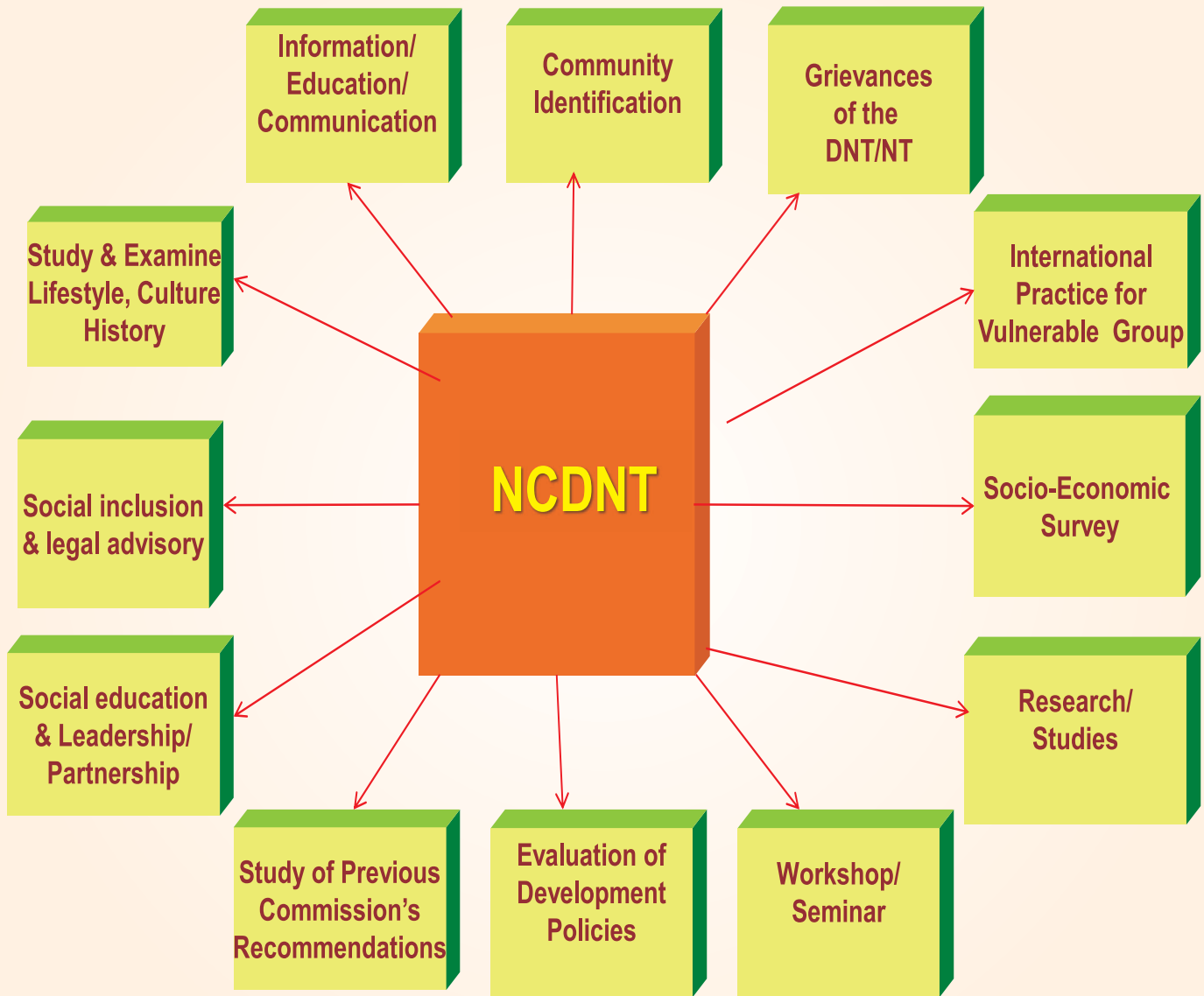


Working Groups Formed

Further, twelve Working Groups have been formed to address the issues concerning the TOR i.e. identification of communities, inclusion status and evaluation of the welfare of the DNT/NT etc. While agencies and institutes will be outsourced to collect data from the field and various resources, they will be processed and put up before an Expert Committee, apart from state government consultations and public consultation, before Commission discusses issues and prepares recommendations. Various dimensions of research work will be finalised through twelve working groups, given hereafter.

1. Community identification (including definition of DNT/NT)	5. Review of grievances and representations received by the Commission	9. Social education and leadership/Partnership/ gender issues/issues of forest dwellers
2. Social inclusion and legal advisory group/support	6. Research/Studies Group/ Decriminalization of DNT/NT etc.	10. Information, Education, Communication group
3. Evaluation of Development, Policy/ Programmes/Institution of the State Government (including progress of financial inclusion)	7. Report – study of previous Commissions’ Reports/ preparation of recommendations /case studies	11. Study to understand international experiences in bringing the vulnerable groups into mainstream
4. Review of Socio-economic progress through survey method / Density of population in districts/ areas	8. Group to study and examine lifestyle, culture and history of DNT / NT	12. Group to organize workshop / seminar/ National Consultation

Pictorial Depiction of working Groups



Special Attention to North East/UTs

From previous Commission reports, we do not get sufficient information as to DNT/NT population of North-East/UTs. Even some states/UTs have given nil reports. Renke Commission has tried to obtain and has given some data. However, recent research shows that many states in North- East have a sizable number of communities/ population. The research work needs to further be intensified and cross checked with the States/ UTs. Preliminary findings are given in annexure 13.



Nomadic Tribes of North East India

Policy Issues Identified by the Commission

- It is observed that in many states still many people do not know what is DNT/NT
- Which Department of the State Government is handling issue of DNT/NT is also something that we are trying to ascertain
- Adequate publicity for establishment of such a Commission is required to be done which we are in the process of doing
- During the visits, we found that many communities and tribes are neither included in SC, or ST or OBC. They are not getting any benefit since they are not part of any of the categories.
- In many of the communities in OBC, SC or ST, they find themselves difficult to compete with other groups or castes in OBC/SC/ST to get the benefits from the policies announced by the State Government
- Many communities are requesting to remove them out of the existing category of SC/ST/OBC and give them a separate schedule
- Many workers and leaders are asking for a special component plan for financial assistance in education, employment, etc for DNT/NT
- Many communities are grouped in SC/ST/OBC differently e.g. one community may be in SC in one state, ST in another and OBC in yet another.
- Many people are telling that they have no access to land. For housing projects, the villagers are opposing the inclusion in the existing castes for political reasons
- Whereas development packages such as housing, road, water, electricity have been given, they have been done in such a manner that there is no town planning and no integrated development
- Many communities have lost their traditional occupations and are resorting to crime, begging, prostitution, etc. Their issues need to be addressed urgently.
- They feel that since they do not get the benefit and protection of Atrocities Act, they have been treated unjustly and their access to health facilities is also very uneven
- Except few states more than 60% people do not have access to voter card, Aadhaar Card, BPL card etc
- Even for giving caste certificates, the authorities are asking for several documents to which these people do not have any access because they do not maintain documents as they are nomadic or they are not aware of keeping papers

- Some communities are asking for reservation in education and in jobs if the reservation for other castes like SC/ST are not filled and vacancies arise
- They should be give recognition and representation in various committees at the district and state level including committees in police department.
- Many communities are facing serious decline in population.



Visit of Ms. Antia Agnihotri, Secretary, MoSJ&E & Sh. Bhiku Ramji Idate, Chairman, Sh. Shravan Singh Rathod, Member, NCDNT in District -Tumkur, Karnataka



Visit to Ashram School of DNT/NT in Chikmangalur district, Karnataka

Interim recommendations of the Commission to Central Government and the State Governments

Commission has decided that based on its visits to the states, communities and meetings with the community leaders/researchers/NGOs, etc and its observations, it will be submitting, from time to time, starting with short-term recommendations, so that action for the upliftment of the DNT/NT communities can be started without waiting for full 3 years of the Commission when the final report will be submitted.

2. Accordingly, the following policy recommendations have been approved by the Commission in the last six months:-

- (i) Formation of district-level Grievance Redressal Committee headed by the District Magistrate
- (ii) On the pattern of Maharashtra Government, each state would be requested to establish a Directorate for DNT/NT to chalk out programmes for their development and allocation of budget, etc.
- (iii) On the pattern of Gujarat, all the state governments should be requested to constitute Corporation/Board for development of the DNT/NT communities

3. Apart from the above, Commission also has considered the following subjects to be examined by sub-groups to prepare policy papers for recommendations to the Government of India:-

- (a) Preparing a Housing scheme and allotment of land for housing as is done for communities in Gujarat
- (b) Reservation of seats for DNT/NT students in hostels constructed for SC/ST/OBC communities as is done in Karnataka.
- (c) In view of the recent budget announcement to establish economic hubs for SC/ST communities in small and medium industries, proposal to allow the produce of DNT/NT communities to be marketed in these hubs.

4. For preparing development programmes and policies, the basic data on DNT/NT are not available as there has been no census on these communities, nor the places where they are densely populated have been identified. So, it would be further examined to request Government of India and Registrar General of India (Census) for conducting census for the DNT/NT communities.

Way forward

- Commission examined in detail the nature and scope of the Terms of Reference, defined the work, re-designed approach and orientation.
- The Commission noted that the Govt. Notification dated 12th February, 2014 is relating to the educational and economic needs of the De-notified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes in the country.
- With this view, the following concerns become very applicable in order to arrive at appropriate solutions for achieving mandates
 - The list of State/UT-wise communities belonging to DNT/NT will need to be drawn up giving their concentration in habitations, communities be identified, which are included as SC/ST/OBC, and which do not belong to any.
 - The communities, not part of SC/ST/OBC, be consulted and seen where they can be included.
 - All States and Union Territories will be approached to furnish data from their SC/ST/OBC Commissions, relating to their inclusion, census data, progress of development of the DNT/NT communities, welfare measures undertaken, etc.
 - To conduct survey for collecting attributes information on Socio-Economic characteristics with the help of outsourced agency.
 - Evaluation and analysis of attribute information.

Conclusion

It would be relevant to mention here that the Commission could not start functioning effectively in full swing in respect of mandates due to gross insufficient manpower, office accommodation and lack of necessary logistic/technical infrastructure, work plan and strategy to support the work of the commission. By September, 2015 only 06 staff and officers including DEOs/MTs were working in the Commission. Now, when we are bringing out this publication, already 26 people are working with the Commission on out sourced, loan basis, part time as well as support basis. Not only that with our efforts, Government has considered to permit us office accommodation so that Commission can work from New Delhi. However, the efforts were made to manage the work with the available resources. The task was difficult.

2. After joining of Member-Secretary, Consultants and Assistants, and with further augmentation of staff and approval of office accommodation in Delhi, by the Cabinet Committee, works have taken tangible shape. Commission had reviewed its methodology and drafted a strategy and action plan with a road map. It also sent communications to stake holders, formalised decision making process, changed the approach, over and above, from visiting to communities, in addition to meet with State Governments to review the list of DNT/NT, evaluate welfare programmes, etc.

3. There was a paradigm shift in the approach. Meetings with State Governments and community leaders were planned and adopted to get a large and total picture of issues, suggestions and representations. The representations and memoranda are registered and followed up with the States and agencies for action. Further analysis was done to get research, legal and inclusion related inputs from them. As shown in the diagram, the strategy and formation of working groups have added not only new dimensions but also kicked up actions to reach higher level performance and momentum.

4. This commission is geared to move to the next stage.



View of a DNT/NT community's village Parewada, District-Rajkot, Gujarat for which Gujarat Government has provided land and financial support under housing scheme.

Annexure

- I. Constitution of the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes dated 12.2.2014
- II. Notification for appointment of Chairman of the Commission and tenure of the Members dated 2.1.2015
- III. Number of DNT Communities available in the states
- IV. DNT Communities below 1000 Population
- V. DNT Communities not included in the SC/ST/OBC
- VI. Distribution on Number of Nomadic Tribes
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संकल्प

नई दिल्ली, 12 फरवरी, 2014

का.आ. 463(अ).—जबकि भारत सरकार ने विमुक्त, घुमंतू और अर्धघुमंतू जनजाति (डीएनटी), जो अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्गों और अन्य के बीच फैली हुई हैं, की शैक्षिक और आर्थिक आवश्यकताओं पर ध्यान दिया है। सरकार का एक मूल सिद्धांत अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्गों और अन्य उपेक्षित वर्गों को शिक्षा और रोजगार में विशेष रूप से पूर्ण समानता का अवसर प्रदान करना है।

2. जबकि, दिनांक 14 मार्च, 2005 की राजपत्र अधिसूचना के जरिए गठित आयोग ने कतिपय अनुशंसाएं की थी; और

3. जबकि, राष्ट्रीय सलाहकार परिषद ने भी 2011 में विमुक्त, घुमंतू और अर्धघुमंतू जनजातियों के संबंध में एक उप समूह गठित किया था, उसने भी डीएनटी की सामाजिक-आर्थिक दशाओं को सुधारने से संबंधित मामले पर विचार किया था और डीएनटी के लिए अनुशंसाओं की एक विस्तृत सूची भी प्रस्तावित की है।

4. इसलिए, अब, भारत सरकार ने अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति की राजपत्र अधिसूचना की तिथि से दो वर्ष की अवधि के लिए एक आयोग का गठन करने का संकल्प किया है। आयोग में एक अध्यक्ष, एक सदस्य तथा एक सदस्य सचिव होगा।

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5. इस आयोग के निम्नलिखित विचारणीय विषय होंगे।
 - (क) विमुक्त और घुमंतू जनजातियों से संबंधित जातियों की एक राज्यवार सूची तैयार करना।
 - (ख) अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूचियों तथा अन्य पिछड़ा वर्गों की केंद्रीय सूची की राज्यसूची में विमुक्त तथा घुमंतू जनजातियों की पहचान करना।
 - (ग) विमुक्त और घुमंतू जनजातियों की जातियों की पहचान करना जो अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूचियों में तथा पिछड़ा वर्गों की केंद्रीय सूची में शामिल नहीं की गई हैं और इस प्रयोजनार्थ निर्धारित क्रियाविधियों पर निर्भर करते हुए इन सूचियों में समावेशन के लिए उनके मामले पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई करना।
 - (घ) उन डीएनटी स्थानों की पहचान करना जहां डीएनटी संख्या का घनत्व है।
 - (ङ) संघ और राज्यों के अंतर्गत विमुक्त और घुमंतू जनजातियों के विकास की प्रगति का मूल्यांकन करना।
 - (च) केंद्रीय सरकार अथवा राज्य सरकार द्वारा विमुक्त और घुमंतू जनजातियों के संबंध में किए जाने वाले उपयुक्त उपायों का सुझाव देना।
 - (छ) कोई अन्य संबंधित कार्य जैसा कि सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय विनिर्दिष्ट करे।
6. आयोग ऐसी सूचना, जिसे वह अपने प्रयोजन के लिए केंद्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकारों तथा किंहीं अन्य प्राधिकरणों, संगठनों अथवा व्यक्तियों से अनिवार्य अथवा संगत समझे, प्राप्त करेगा और संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में प्रतिष्ठित अनुसंधान संस्थाओं से विशिष्ट अनुसंधान और मूल्यांकन करवाने के कार्य को आउटसोर्स कराएगा।
7. आयोग केंद्रीय सरकार के पूर्व अनुमोदन से कार्यकरण की अपनी स्वयं की क्रियाविधि तैयार करेगा और जैसे ही और जब-कभी आवश्यक समझे, भारत के किसी भाग का दौरा कर सकता है।
8. आयोग अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति की तिथि से दो वर्ष के भीतर अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करेगा।

[फा. सं. 16014/2/2014-बीसी-III]

गजाला मीनाई, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 12th February, 2014

S.O. 463(E). —Whereas the Government of India has been seized of the educational and economic needs of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs), who are spread amongst Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and others. One of the basic principles of the Government is to provide for full equality of opportunity, particularly in education and employment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and marginalized sections.

2. Whereas, the Commission set up vide Gazette Notification dated 14th March, 2005 had made certain recommendations; and

3. Whereas, the National Advisory Council also constituted a Sub-Group on Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in 2011, which also deliberated on the issues relating to improving the socio-economic conditions of the DNTs and also proposed a detailed set of recommendations for the DNTs.

4. Now, therefore, Government of India has resolved to constitute a Commission for a period of three years from the date of Gazette Notification of appointment of the Chairperson. The Commission shall comprise of one Chairperson, one Member and one Member Secretary.

5. The Commission shall have the following Terms of Reference :—

- (a) To prepare a State-wise list of castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes.
 - (b) To identify the castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes in the Lists of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Central List/State List of Other Backward Classes.
 - (c) To identify the castes belonging to Denotified and Nomadic Tribes which have not been included in the Lists of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Central List of Other Backward Classes and to pursue their case for inclusion in these lists depending on the modalities laid down for the purpose.
 - (d) To identify the places where DNTs are densely populated.
 - (e) To evaluate the progress of the development of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes under the Union and the States.
 - (f) To suggest appropriate measures in respect of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes to be undertaken by the Central Government or the State Government.
 - (g) Any other related work as may be assigned by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
6. The Commission shall obtain such information, as they may consider necessary or relevant for their purpose from the Central Government, the State Governments and any other authorities, organisations or individuals and outsource the specific research and evaluation studies in the concerned State/Union Territories to the reputed Research institutes.
7. The Commission shall device its own procedure of working with prior approval of the Central Government and may visit any part of India as and when considered necessary.
8. The Commission shall submit its report within three years from the date of appointment of the Chairman.

[F. No. 16014/2/2014-BC-III]

GHAZALA MEENAI, Jt. Secy.



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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 2 जनवरी, 2015

फा. सं. 16014/2/2014-बी.सी. III.—राष्ट्रीय विमुक्त, घुमन्तू तथा अर्ध-घुमन्तू जनजाति आयोग विषयक भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उप-खंड (ii) में दिनांक 19 फरवरी, 2014 को प्रकाशित 12 फरवरी, 2014 के संकल्प के पैरा 4 के उपबंधों के अनुसार, केन्द्र सरकार एतद्वारा निम्नोक्त पदधारियों को उनके द्वारा कार्यभार ग्रहण करने की तारीख से अध्यक्ष तथा सदस्य के पद पर नियुक्त करती है :—

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| (1) श्री भीकू रामजी इदाते,
जिला रत्नागिरी, महाराष्ट्र | —अध्यक्ष |
| (2) श्री श्रवण सिंह राठौड़
इन्दौर, मध्य प्रदेश | —सदस्य |

उपर्युक्त अध्यक्ष तथा सदस्य का कार्यकाल अध्यक्ष द्वारा कार्यभार ग्रहण करने की तारीख से तीन वर्ष की अवधि का होगा।

बी. एल. मीना, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT

(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2nd January, 2015

F. No. 16014/2/2014-B.C. III.—In accordance with provisions of paragraph 4 of the Resolution dated 12th February, 2014 regarding National Commission for Denotified and Nomadic Tribes published in the Gazette of India Extra-ordinary Part-II Section-3 Sub-Section (ii) dated 19th February, 2014, the Central Government hereby appoints the following persons for the posts of Chairperson and Member with effect from the date of assumption of charge by them:—

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| (1) Shri Bhiku Ramji Idate,
District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra | —Chairperson |
| (2) Shri Shравan Singh Rathore,
Indore, Madhya Pradesh. | —Member |

The tenure of the aforesaid Chairperson and the Member shall be three years from the date of assumption of charge by the Chairperson.

B. L. MEENA, Jt. secy.

Numbers of DNT Communities available in the state

State/UT	No. of DNT	State/UT	No. of DNT
Punjab	8	Odisha	11
Haryana	11	Chhattisgarh	4
NCT Delhi	18	MP	21
Rajasthan	9	Gujarat	12
UP	57	Maharashtra	14
WB	7	AP	59
Karnataka	34	Kerala	1
Tamil Nadu	68		



View of Village Parewada in Rajkot district where DNT/NT communities are living

DNT Communities below 1000 Population

State/UT	Community	Population
UT Delhi	Bazigar	315
	Madari	522
Haryana	Barar	693
	Gandhila	458
Kerala	Domban	630
Odisha	Pydis/Paidi	506



Member Secretary & member of Commission meeting with the representatives of the DNT/NT Communities and district level officers at Junagadh district, Gujarat

Annexure-V

DNT Communities not included in the SC/ ST/ OBC

State/UT	No. of DNT Community	State/UT	No. of DNT Community
AP	20	Rajasthan	1
Haryana	23	UP	25
Karnataka	8	WB	1
MP	6	Maharashtra	3
Odisha	2	TN	1
Punjab	26	Total	116



Visit to a Maldhari household in Gir Forest, Junagadh district, Gujarat

Distribution on Number of Nomadic Tribes

No. of NT	State/UT	No. of State/UT
1-15	Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, Goa, D&D, DNH, ANI, Puduchhery	11
16-30	J&K, Punjab, UKD, Haryana, NCT Delhi, UP, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala,	11
31-60	HP, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jharkhand, MP,	6
61-68	Bihar, AP, Karnataka, TN	4
No NT	Nagaland, Manipur, Lakshadweep	6



Member Secretary addressing the villagers of Vadi community in Primary School, Bhojpur, Rajkot, Gujarat

Annexure-VII

NT Communities below 1000 Population

State/UT	No. of Communities	State/UT	No. of Communities
AP	3	Jammu & Kashmir	2
Chhattisgarh	6	Maharashtra	8
Haryana	1	Meghalaya	1
Karnataka	23	Tamil Nadu	5
Kerala	6	Tripura	4
Goa	1	A&N Islands	5
Gujarat	3	D&N Haveli	1
HP	9	Mizoram	9
MP	2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
Odisha	9	Bihar	5
Punjab	2	Chandigarh	11
Rajasthan	2	Uttrakhand	22
UP	1	Jharkhand	2
WB	4	Total	148

Annexure-VIII

NT Communities not included in SC/ST/OBC

State/UT	No. of NT Communities
Karnataka	5
MP	22
Rajasthan	23
UP	19
Maharashtra	38
Total	107



Chairman, NCDNT attended a function of DNT/NT Community & gave away awards in Haryana

Preliminary Questionnaire

The Commission has issued following preliminary questionnaire to seek information from State/UT Governments regarding issues related to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes

- List of castes belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, their Caste wise population as per census 2011 at State/UT level showing where they are densely populated.
- List Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes who are included in the list of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Central/State list of other Backward Classes.
- List Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, which have not been included in the list of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Central/State list of other Backward Classes.
- What steps taken by the State/UT Govt. to settle the Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes community.
- Details of the welfare programme of the State, indicating land, housing, education, health etc for progress of development of the community including % covered in the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna'.
- What are the policies formulated by the State/UTs for ameliorating the conditions of DNT/NT.
- Whether any Commission has been appointed in the State/UT to look into their condition, if so, what are the recommendations (in brief).

- Which institutions/NGOs and Leaders are working for the welfare of such Communities.
- What arrangements have been made for issuing Caste Certificate, Voter list, Ration Cards etc. and %age covered.
- Nos. of officers belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, in Class-I and Class-II services, as on 31 December, 2014.



Demonstration on traditional skill by the Bajigar community in Parewada village, Rajkot district, Gujarat.

Annexure-X

Proforma for collecting category- wise information

Following two proforma-I and II have been devised for collecting category wise information

Proforma-I

S. No.	Name of De-Notified Tribes	Whether belong to SC	Whether belong to ST	Whether belong to OBC	None	Tentative Population	Name of the Districts where they are densely populate *

Proforma-II

S. No.	Name of Nomadic Tribes	Whether belong to SC	Whether belong to ST	Whether belong to OBC	None	Tentative Population	Name of the Districts where they are densely populate *

**We understand that authentic data for population may not be available. However, it is necessary that State Department concerned with DNT/NT provide the Commission with the data, even if it is estimated. We also want to know as to their habitat pockets, where they are densely populated.*

Above Proforma have been sent to State/UT Governments for providing necessary input to the Commission

Preparatory action required to be taken by the States

Following action points have been prepared for taking action by the State/UT Governments to facilitate the National Commission's work on DNT/NT and sent to the State/UT Governments

- Which Department of your state is handling DNT/NT issue?
- Identify a nodal officer with whom Commission will correspond
- Give publicity to the National Commission, at state level and suggest sending representations to the Commission
- Prepare a chart giving list of communities, inclusion status, population and density (habitat mapping) and making a presentation on the communities in the state
- Sensitising district administration by state government
- Arrange community visits
- Identify community leaders/NGOs
- Meetings with community leaders in groups so as to cover maximum or all communities
- Presentation on development programmes, policies and institutions
- Meeting be called with departments – home, revenue, health, education, forest, industry, SC, ST, OBC, etc
- Study/reference of Renke Commission to dig old paper 2003-2008 references for getting input
- Identify research institutions/NGOs etc on DNT/NT
- Arrange a Workshop/Seminar
- Review the grievances/representations
- Any Commission/Corporation appointed for DNT/NT upliftment in the state – details thereof
- Any District Grievance Committee for DNT/NT formed?
- Conduct socio-economic survey of DNT/NT communities
- Communication to State Commissions of SC/ST/OBC (as to our letter of 12.10.15) so that they can also give us input
- Any library/museum on the subject of SC/ST/OBC/DNT/NT communities established in the state?
- Any publication by state to give details on development of DNT/NT

Detailed Questionnaire

Detailed questionnaire have been sent to the State/UT Governments to facilitate respective Governments for conducting socio-economic survey and bring out information which will help in the formulation of suitable policies and programmes for the development of DNT/NT communities

1. Population of the State (Census: 2011). Urban/rural division of population may also be given.
2. Estimated population with reference to date. (Separately for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes). Their family size, age of marriage be ascertained.
3. Source/basis for the above estimate of population of Denotified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes
4. Lists of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in the State/UT (Category wise)
5.
 - i) Number of Communities of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes covered under Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes (Category wise)
 - ii) How many communities and population are not included in SC/ST/OBC
 - iii) What is the opinion of the state government if we include them in any of the three categories?
 - iv) In that case, what procedure you think should be adopted.
6. What criteria is being followed by the State Govt/UT for including various castes/sub-castes into Denotified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
7. Has any survey/study been made so far to identify the socio-economic problems of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in the State/UT? If yes, a brief account of findings of such survey/study be given or if a Report was prepared on the basis of such survey/study, a copy of such Report be made available.
8. Can you give details of their traditional occupational and present status of employment of the DNT/NT.
9. In which districts, they are densely populated.
10. Details of policies/programmes/schemes implemented by the State Govt/UT for socio-economic development of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (Category wise)

11. Number of beneficiaries of such policies/ programmes/ schemes in each category of DNT/NT.
12. Details of Finance and Development Corporation/ Authority etc. constituted by the State Government/UT to disburse loans/subsidies etc to the members of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and their yearly performance in terms of number of beneficiaries and quantum of loans/subsidies disbursed (category wise) till Dec. 2015.
13. Annual Releases in terms of loans/subsidies/grants-in-aid made by the Ministries/ Departments/Organisations of Government of India under Central or Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the welfare of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (category wise) in last 5 years
14. List of NGOs/organisations, if any, working in the State and dealing with the activities relating to the socio-economic development of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
15. List of community leaders in DNT/NT working for the groups be prepared.
16. Number, names, Caste and Sub-caste of MLAs/MLCs/MPs (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha) belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, including earlier members.
17. Number of Heads and Members of Village Panchayats and the number, names, caste and sub-caste of Heads and Members of such Panchayats in the State who belong to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
18. No. Of zilla Parishads and number of members of Zila Parishads in the State and the number, names and caste and sub-caste of Chairpersons and Members of Zila Parishads in the State who belong to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (Category-wise)
19. Rates of literacy (separately for male and female) among Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (Category wise) if figures based on some formal survey are available
20. Percentage of enrolment and dropout at Elementary School, Middle School, and High School levels of students belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes during the last five years
21. Details of scholarships given to students belonging to Denotified, Nomadic & Semi-nomadic Tribes in primary, secondary, high school and college/university level
22. Rates of scholarships at elementary, middle, high school and post matric levels for the students belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes
23. Number of Hostels for Boys & Girls (separately) and the number of boys and girls admitted to such hostels during the last five years

24. Number of residential schools for children belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes and number of students studying in such schools during the last five years
25. Income ceiling for Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes and the income ceiling for students belonging to SC & STs. If the income ceilings are different, reasons for such difference.
26. Whether disbursement of scholarship is made during the first half of the academic year or not. If not, the reasons for not disbursing scholarships during the first half of the academic year
27. Number of students belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic tribes, who passed out of Govt/Private Engineering, Medical and Agricultural Colleges in the state during the last five years. The Caste and Sub-Caste of such students may also be indicated
28. Whether there is reservation for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes at various levels under the control of the State in education, hostels, jobs, professional bodies.
29. Whether persons belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes are given priority in the allotment of government land like persons belonging to SC/STs? If yes, the number of persons belonging to these tribes who have been allotted land during the last 10 years
30. Number of house sites and pattas distributed to the members of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes district wise and community wise during the last five years and number of houses constructed on such sites during this period
31.
 - i) Does the State Government have a scheme/programme for the settlement of the families of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes at various places in the State? If yes, details of such schemes/programmes may be given
 - ii) Availability of electricity, drinking water and village road be given.
32. Number of Cooperative Group Housing Societies consisting of members of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, land allotted by the Government to such societies, number of societies in which construction of houses has been completed and number of such societies in which construction of houses has not been completed. The reasons for non-completion of construction of houses may be indicated
33. Whether it is a fact that a person belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes has to obtain two caste Certificates, one as a member of one of these tribes for the purpose of availing reservation under the State Government and the other as OBC for availing reservation under the Union Government and if yes, is the State Government considering to arrange a single certificate admissible for both the purposes?

34. Is it true that the State Government authorities insist for proof of residence, land record, caste certificate of father, mother or any other close blood relation and birth certificate etc for issuing Caste or age certificates to the children belonging to the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes who apply for such certificates while seeking admission in School/Colleges etc. Is it also true that the same procedure is being followed for the issue of Ration Card, BPL Certificate to the Tent-dwellers etc.
35. Do these Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes generally have their funeral/burial grounds? If not, how do they dispose of their dead bodies?
36. The number of educated unemployed belonging to the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes registered in the Employment Exchanges of the State (Separately for boys and girls) and the number of such educated unemployed (boys and girls separately) who were able to get jobs in skilled and unskilled categories during the last five years.
37. Number of officers in Group A and Group B under the State Governments who belong to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes
38. Number of personnel in police force in the State/Centre belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes
39. No. Of beggars sent to Beggar Homes and rehabilitated during the last 5 years along with details of such beggars and their rehabilitation
40. Details of expenditure incurred in the running and maintenance of Beggars Homes
41.
 - i) Offences registered against these communities in last 10 years and trend of offences be indicated
 - ii) Conviction rate year-wise for last 10 years be given
 - iii) Any efforts to sensitise district officials to hear their grievances
 - iv) Any efforts to reform the communities to prevent them away from crime, if any.
 - v) Are the police officers aware of the Criminal Tribes Act 1871 and its repeal in 1952
42. Steps taken by the State Government to promote self-help groups among the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and the number of such groups and the number of members in such groups
43. Marriage/social assistance, if given to DNT/NT women and men may be given in details.
44. Health related facilities extended to DNT/NT communities including data on MMR, IMR, institutional delivery, attendance in Anganwadis, etc.
45. Beneficiary of DNT/NT percentage wise included in industrial subsidy, employment,

entrepreneurship and Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana etc

- ii) Percentage of DNT/NT card holders in ration card, Aadhaar Card, voter card, BPL card may be worked out.
46. ITI/skill training facilities available to DNT/NT in various skill programmes of the state/Centre of skill/training availed by DNT/NT students.
 47. Number of professional's doctors/ lawyers/ engineers /professors of DNT/NT in the state.
 48. Details of policies and programmes of the State, if any, to preserve language, history and cultural heritage and to promote human dignity of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
 49. Assessment of the State Government about the prevailing socio-economic conditions of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in the State
 50. Recommendations of the State Government regarding steps which need to be taken both by the Union Government and the State Government for the socio-economic development of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes
 51.
 - i) Research institutes in the states doing research on SC/ST/DNT/NT may be listed
 - ii) Museums/library on DNT/NT, if established in the state
 - iii) Any research studies undertaken on DNT/NT



Visit of Chairman and Member to the state of Rajasthan

A Presentation on North-East

North East India

For many, northeast India is a homogenous region comprising of eight states viz Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. Ninety-eight percent of its border is international, shared with Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Nepal and Bangladesh. Therefore, only 2% of its (i.e. only 20 km. wide out of 2, 62,500 sq. Km) corridor is the only passage to the rest of India. Northeast certainly is one of the most diverse and resource rich regions. Its diversity can be seen in different cultures, languages, and religions. Two neighbouring villages of same communities are not able to understand each other language despite their geographical proximity, which opens a whole plethora of inter or intra community dynamics of politics and culture. The North eastern region is mostly hilly, except the Brahmaputra valley of Assam and the bowl-shaped valley of Manipur.

Findings/ Recommendations

- State Governments do not follow common criteria for the classification of denotified, semi-nomadic and nomadic communities. It is difficult to identify under which category they should come under.
- It has been observed that the inclusion and exclusion of communities in the lists was done on local consideration.
- Considering NE as a homogenous entity will be problematic. In fact it is a home of numerous diverse ethnic groups. NE, considered as one of the most culturally diverse regions of the world, is a land inhabited by more than 200 plus fascinating tribes. Most of the people live and earn through the hills and forest.
- There is a need to cross check with the previous commissions besides Renke Commission. There are some discrepancies between Lokur, Mandal and Renke Commission findings.
- No empirical research on the NE states had been carried out so far with reference to the DNTs on the basis of socially, economically, culturally, or educationally backwardness. We could hardly find any proper written record & documentation or data been collected by the state or centre government.
- The communities of North eastern states have a long history of been marginalised, neglected and oppressed.
- It does not appear that Renke Commission had visited far and wide in the Northern States

particularly the most interior part of the region or hilly areas to study on the issue. Therefore, there is an urgent need to visit the region and get the field response.

- Therefore suggestion could be the Commission can visit respective states. Compare with the Virginus Xaxa Commission Report submitted in 2014 under Ministry Tribal Affairs, and other National Commission Reports on the field data.

Following is the tentative Numbers of DNT/NT communities in the NE States

Name of State	No. of DNT/NT
Arunachal Pradesh	27
Nagaland	05
Manipur	38
Mizoram	14
Tripura	19
Meghalaya	18
Assam	35
Sikkim	13



View of Nomadic Tribes, Mizoram

Research methodology and approaches

The Commission has adopted the following methodology to accomplish the mandate entrusted to it:-

- Seeking information from State/UT Governments and Institutions for DNT/NT community identification/list finalization and their categorization among SC/ST/OBC/others
- The Commission will visit the States/UTs and meet the Chief Ministers/ Ministers/Chief Secretaries/other senior officers/social organisations and individuals to elicit their views on the issue relating to DNT/NT to know/study the welfare schemes of the Central/State Government being implemented by them
- The Commission will visit those districts/places which are inhabited by DNT/NT, meet community leaders, political representatives, social organisations and individuals and know their history, culture, problems, suggestions on development /welfare of the DNT/NT communities.
- The Commission will get the surveys and studies on the issues relating to DNT/NT conducted by reputed institution to identify the issues and problems relating to DNT/NT communities
- The Commission will participate in the Workshops/Seminars on the issues relating to DNT/NT organized by State Government/Institutions/NGOs and Commission will also organize same type of Seminars at National, Regional and State level to understand the issues relating to DNT/NT communities
- The Commission will also receive representations from social organizations/NGOs and individuals on the issues relating to DNT/NT communities

Strategy and Action Plan

A. To prepare a state-wise list of castes belonging to DNT/NT:

- i) The list annexed to the Renke Commission report will be sent to all states to amend/add/update and put it in public domain to seek comments of the communities

B. To identify castes of DNT/NT belonging to SC/ST/OBC:

- i) Present status of DNT/NT exclusion to be ascertained;
- ii) To hear the communities of DNT/NT – whether they want to continue in the present category or want change;
- iii) Findings of change and proposed list be prepared;
- iv) To study the possibility of DNT/NT communities included in common categories, throughout the country;
- v) To examine the possibility of sub-classification of DNT/NT in these categories.

C. Identify castes belonging to DNT/NT who were not included in any of the above categories:

- i) Identify these castes, survey the castes for ascertaining number of population;
- ii) Identify the locations in the areas in states;
- iii) Hearing the communities as to their option of joining the category of SC/ST/OBC;
- iv) Recommend policy for their inclusion.

D. Identify places where the DNT are densely populated:

- i) A survey has to be conducted;
- ii) The population data, district-wise, should be ascertained;
- iii) A habitat map be prepared state-wise
- iv) Community leaders have to be identified and a list has to be prepared;
- v) Survey of literature he done to see their habitat and concentration.
- vi) TOR/Bid document be prepared to outsource reports research institute/or consultant

E. Evaluate the progress of development of DNT/NT:

- i) Socio-economic profile of the communities in each state to be studied;
- ii) Population survey has also to be linked to this;
- iii) A detailed questionnaire has to be prepared.

- iv) State data of development programmes and policies to be collected;
- v) They have to be evaluated by a task force;
- vi) A task force consisting of a few states can also identify models of development and present to the Commission.

F. To suggest appropriate measures in respect of DNT/NT:

- i) Reports should be submitted in intervals rather than only one report. Of course the final report has to be given in 3 years time;
- ii) The recommendations of early Commissions will be studied and actionable points and responsibilities will have to be identified;
- iii) This can be done by presentations from time to time;
- iv) It will be commented by a Committee of experts;
- v) Policy input and action points to be picked up from grievances and representations received from the public, etc;
- vi) Recommendations of workshops/seminars can be studied.

G. For soliciting comments/inputs as representations of public:

- i) Information, education and communication strategy to be adopted;
- ii) Advertisement, press notes;
- iii) Exhibitions;
- iv) Workshops and seminars;
- v) Radio talk etc;
- vi) Sensitising district level officials and administration;
- vii) Interaction with financial institutions/skill agencies/Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry etc.
- viii) Study the background, life, culture and history information, education and communication strategy to be adopted involving advertisement, press notes, workshops, seminars, exhibitions, melas, etc.
- ix) Dialogue with NGOs working in the field for the DNT/NT, researchers;
- x) Present to an Expert Committee for their comments;
- xi) Place before the Commission or decision and action.



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Visit to Maldhari settlement in Junagad district, Gujarat and talking to an elderly person of DNT community

