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Dated 30th September, 1997

To

Chief Secretary Admn. Sectt.

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Sub:

Conference of the States' Secretaries in-charges of SC/ST Welfare and Rural Development Departments to review the programmes for development of SCs & STs.

Sir,

According to the Article 338 of the constitution, National Commission for SCs & STs is vested with the responsibility to inter-alia investigate and monitor all matters relating to safeguards provided for SCs & STs and to evaluate the working of such safeguards and to participate and advise on the planning process of socio-economic development of SCs & STs and to evaluate the progress of their development under the Union and any State. It has been decided to discuss various issues relating to SCs & STs in a Conference with the Secretaries in-charge of SCs & STs Welfare and Rural Development Departments of the States & UTs. The Conference is scheduled to be held in the latter half of October,1997 in New Delhi and we have requested the Prime Minister to inaugurate it.

We have separately asked Secretaries in-charge of SC/ST Welfare and Rural Development Deptts of yours State / U.T. to attend the Conference. A set of agenda items to be discussed in the Conference is enclosed. They have been requested to send information in 15 sets on the agenda items to the undersigned by 9th October, 1997 positively. A further communication confirming exact date, time and venue of the Conference will be sent separately.

For kind information.

Yours faithfully,

(Meenakshi Hooja) Joint Secretary