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issue of Scheduled Tribe certificates to migrants from other States/ Union Territories.

- (i) Person belonging to a Scheduled Tribes, who have migrated from one State to another for the purpose of employment, education etc. experience great difficulty in obtaining tribe certificate from the state from which they have migrated. In order to remove this difficulty, it has been decided that the prescribed authority of a State government/ Union Territory Administration may issue the Scheduled Tribe certificate to a person who has migrated from another State, on the production of the genuine certificate issued to his father/ mother by the prescribed authority of the State of the father/ mother's origin except where the prescribed authority feels that detailed enquiry is necessary through the State of origin before issue of the certificate. The certificate will be issued irrespective of whether the tribe in question is scheduled or not in relation to the State/ Union Territory to which the person has migrated. However, they would not be entitled to ST benefits in the migrated State.

PROCESS FOR INCLUSION IN OR EXCLUSION FROM THE LIST OF SCHEDULED TRIBES

- (ii) In June, 1999, the government approved modalities for deciding claims for inclusion in and exclusion from the lists of scheduled tribes. According to these approved guidelines, only those claims that

have been agreed to by the concerned state government, Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes will be taken up for consideration. Whenever representations are received in the Ministry for inclusion of any community in the list of scheduled tribes of a state, the Ministry forwards that representation to the concerned state government for recommendation as required under Article 342 of the constitution. If the concerned state government recommends the proposal, then the same is sent to the Registrar General of India (RGI). The RGI, if satisfied with recommendation of the state government, recommends the proposal to the central government. Thereafter, the government refers the proposal to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for their recommendation. If the National Commission for SCs and Scheduled Tribes also recommends, the matter is processed for the decision of the Cabinet after consulting the concerned administrative Ministries. Thereafter the matter is put up before the Parliament in the form of a Bill to amend the Presidential Order. In case, there is disagreement between the views of the State Government and RGI, the views of the RGI are sent to the state government for reviewing their recommendation or further justifying their recommendation. Such matters remain under consideration till an agreement is reached between the state government and the RGI. Claims that neither the RGI nor the concerned state government have supported are rejected.