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National Commission for Scheduled Castes

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Report of Sh. Chidambaram

A large number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes approach the National Commission for Scheduled Castes for redressal of their grievances regarding harassment by government authorities/agencies or other castes' persons. The Commission has observed that the harassment of these petitioners increases after the officials come to know that they have approached the NCSC. In some cases they are transferred to far away places and in other cases they are placed under suspension on some pretext or the other.

2. The Commission under Article 338 of the Constitution of India has been constituted for addressing the grievances of Scheduled Caste people and they have their legitimate right to approach the Commission.

3. I would, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter and issue strict instructions to the officials under your control to ensure that officials/officers belonging to Scheduled Castes are not harassed for approaching the Commission for protection of safeguards as provided in the Constitution of India, or any other law in force.

Yours sincerely,

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