

certificate, Certificate Book No. & the Certificate No. on the face of the certificates which should bear the clear seal and stamp of the issuing authority. [Para: 7.6.3 (ii)]"

4. Further, the Commission has also recommended (at serial Nos. 5 and 6 in Chapter-8 under heading "Crime and Atrocity on the Scheduled Tribes") in the First Report as under:-

"5. In case the ST victim is not satisfied with the performance of the Public Prosecutor (PP), he/she should be allowed to change the P.P. and engage a private lawyer/advocate and the expenses for engaging private lawyer should be borne by the State Govt. [Para: 8.14.3 (i)]

6. Legal aid, for which there is provision in the SCs and STs (POA) 1989, should be disbursed to the ST victim as early as possible. Awareness programme about grant of legal aid should be launched in tribal areas so that the victims could come to know about availability of free legal aids. [Para: 8.14.3 (ii)]"

5. It is now requested that action taken on the Recommendations of the Commission, as extracted in paras 3 & 4 of this letter, may please be intimated to this Ministry **urgently**.

Yours faithfully

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