

(6) Any other matter connected with the administration of the Scheduled Areas and/or the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the States and Union territories.

3. The Commission may -

- (a) obtain such information as they may consider necessary or relevant for their purpose from the Central Government, the State Governments and such other authorities, organizations or individuals as may, in the opinion of the Commission, be of assistance to their work;
- (b) appoint such sub-committees from amongst their members as the Commission may think fit for the purpose of exercising such powers and performing such duties as may be delegated to them by the Commission;
- (c) visit or depute any sub-committee to visit such parts of India as the Commission may consider necessary or expedient;
- (d) hold their sittings or the sittings of any sub-committee at such times and such places as may be determined by or under the authority of the Chairperson;
- (e) act notwithstanding the temporary absence of any member of the Commission or the existence of any vacancy amongst the members; and
- (f) regulate their own procedure in so far as no provision is made in this Order in that behalf.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the President as soon as possible but not later than one year from the date of publication of this Order.

By Order of the President,

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