

Dear Shri Rae,

It has been observed during the visits of the National Commission for Scheduled Caste's Members and the full Commission to different States that the Govt. offices/State Secretariat, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Universities, Districts, Tehsils, Revenue Offices and the Police Headquarters that many of the officers and employees of these organizations are not aware of the safeguards provided to the members of Scheduled Castes in the Constitution and in various Parliamentary Acts vis-à-vis provisions of Article 338 of the Indian Constitution. Therefore, it has been decided by the Commission to take up with the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs to create awareness of the provisions contained in the SCs/STs (POA) Act, 1989 and PCR Act, 1955 among various organizations as stated above. This will help these organizations to apply the provisions in a better way and the SC people for whom the Constitutional provisions have been made, will be benefited.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly ensure that necessary action is taken by the State Govt. to popularize the PCR Act, 1955 and SCs/STs(POA) Act, 1989 and Rules made there on by displaying the provisions and details of the Act widely among aforesaid organizations where SC people go for redressal for their grievances. A line of action taken in the matter may kindly be intimated to this Commission for information and further necessary action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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