

Dear Shri Sinha

As you may kindly aware that the National Commission for Scheduled Castes set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India has been vested with the powers to investigate and monitor all matters relating to safeguards provided to the members of Scheduled Castes. It also keeps vigil on cases of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes all over the country under the specific provisions of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 with the objective of eradicating untouchability.

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes had earlier planed to organize a national level conference on 'Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and their socio-economic development-issues & challenges' at Vigyan Bhawan (Hall No. 5), New Delhi on 24th October, 2011 and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was to inaugurate the conference and Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment to address the valedictory session. The Chief Secretaries, Social Welfare Secretaries, Director General of Police, and Administrators from all States & UTs are expected to participate for expressing their views on this important subject. However, due to pre-occupancy of Hon'ble Prime Minister on aforesaid date, the conference now has rescheduled on 15th December, 2011. Formal invitations to the State/Union dignitaries will be dispatched in due course of time.

2. The Commission also proposed to invite views of the States/UTs on the topic of discussion in advance which may kindly be forwarded by 15th November, 2011 both hard and soft copies (Email ID: arunabh.b@nic.in) to enable the Commission to prepare an agenda item for discussion.

3. Further and most importantly, I would like to invite your active participation on the above conference. Your kind presence would be great honour for the Commission as the same will enhance the quality of discussion and will facilitate to frame a white paper on welfare of Scheduled Castes by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

An early confirmation regarding your participation will be highly appreciated.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,


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