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• COVERNMENT OF INDIA

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR

DENOTIFIED, NOMADIC & : EMI-NOMADIC TRIBES

(MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT)

Date: 08/08/06

Your Sincerely

Salkrishna Renke)

Respected dear Shri Narendra Modiji,

I am indeed thankful to you for giving us time on 23rd August. As a part of Commission's tunction we have visited states like Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi State & Gujarat. Shri Laxmanbhai Patani, Member of the Commission, earlier visited Gujarat State from 27/06/06 to 03/07/06 and covered Ahmedabad, Amreli, Junagadh and Porbandar Districts. Again between 27/07/06 and 28/07/06, we toured Ahmedabad, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Patan and Mehsana Districts. In Gujarat State, there are 40 Castes and communities among the NT/DNT groups having population approximately around 70 lakhs. At the national level there are about 400 such castes and communities having population of about 12 to 15 cores.

It shall be unfair on my part if I do not, frankly and candidly, accept the better scenario of the welfare activities pertaining to the Nomadic Tribes and Denotified tribes in Gujarat State. I was indeed pleased to see newly built colonies for the O.B.C. & communities such as Madaris, (Snake Charmers) Vadis, Devipujak, Nats, Bajanias, Saranias, Kolis, Chuwalia Colis, Dafer, marwada Vagharies, Bhopa Rabaries, Nath Bawas, Salats, Chamthas, Kangsias, Ods. Yogi Ravals, Fakirs, Gadalia Luhar, etc which are vulnerable classes/most backwards among the O.B.C. and they are categorized as NT/DNT. I visited three such colonies made for Madaries with peoples' participation, and I felt my dreams being realized on the earth because I myself have lived upto 12 years age in tents like these nomads. I was told by the Director, S.E.B.C. welfare that hundreds of such colonies and clusters and thousands of individual houses have been built for NT/DNT as well as other people who are homeless from generations. I very frankly confess that so far housing activities for NT/DNT are concerned; Gujarat is far ahead of other states. While my tour in Gujarat State I have observed that there is a distinct administrative culture that is sensitive for the poor people, result oriented and flexible. For you as the Chief Minister and head of the State deserve appreciation.

Now, when we meet on 23rd August to discuss general socio-economic scenario regarding 40 NT/DNT castes of Gujarat State, commission proposes to discuss and want to have State Government's specific position and responses on the points enclosed herewith. I request that before we meet for discussion you shall get the enclosed points examined by the concerned Departments, Directorates so that specific conclusion can be arrived at, as far as possible, in the meeting itself.

When we sit with a dynamic Chief Minister like you, I hope fruitful and result oriented discussion shall take place.

Thanks again for the invitation extended to the commission for discussion.

<u>To</u> The Hon'ble Chief Minister Gujarat State, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat

<u>C.C.</u>

1) Chief Secretary, Gujarat State, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat

2) Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Gujarat State, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat

3) State Director, SEBC Welfare, Gujarat State, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat



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February 21, 2006

Dear Ski Sudhir Mankad

On behalf of the Prime Minister's High Level Committee and on my own behalf I very profusely thank you and the Gujarat Government for organizing our visit to Ahmedabad very well making it comfortable and purposeful. In this regard, the excellent work done by the following officers deserves special mention:

- (i) Shri O. Ravi, Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Department
- (ii) Shri K. G. Vanzara, Director, Developing Caste Welfare, Gujarat State
- (iii) Shri A. U. Saiyed, Social Welfare Officer

I would request that the Committee's appreciation of their work may be incorporated in their ACR for the current year.

I will be separately writing to you regarding many important matters that were brought to the Committee's attention.

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With profound regards

(Dr. S. Zafar Mahmood)

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ISTATUS OF LOON CABINET MINISTER)

On 27th July, 2005 you along with Director OBC Welfare participated in the discussions and deliberations meant for the various issues pertaining to the welfare OBCs. You and Mr. Vanzara were invited on dias specially to speak about the success story of cancelling thousands of wrongly abtained SEBC Caste Certificates. It was very interesting for all the participants from various states that how Gujarat adminisftration have successfully driven out about 50 Laks people who were wronglly obtaining SEBC cast certificates. It is not so that in other States wrong certificates are not issued, but elsewhere successful drives have not been initiated. Even Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, present in the meeting, in her valedictory speech appriciated and congratulated Gujarat State for this. wonderful and rare drive of detecting intruders into SEBC Castes & Communities. I can say that all other States have learnt lessions from the work done by the Gujarat State. I once again congratulate you and your director, Shri K.G. Vanzara for this marvelous achievement.

National Commission for Backward Classes is contemplating to circulate to the States to follow the method adopted by your State in identifying false Certificates and thereafter getting them cancelled the successfully facing about 70 writ pettitions in Gujarat High Court. In this regard, I suggest you to provide relevant material available with Govt. of Gujarat.

With thanks

Shri O. Ravi, IAS Secretary, Dept. of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of Gujarat,

Gandhinagar. CC: Shri K.G. Vanzara, Director, OBC Welfare, Govt. of Gujarat for

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(Justice Ram Surat Singh) Sir,

Yours sincerely

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