

National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes – Has no power to order the investigation agency nor accept complaints alleging that a FIR against a person is not being properly recorded or investigated. [(210) Punjab Law Reporter 368]

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- National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, with a mandate to monitor/protect the interests of members belonging to the Scheduled Castes, and to make recommendations for the protection of their constitutional rights is set up under Constitution of India, Article 338.
- The Commission's powers do not extend to interfering with the investigation process or issuing any directions to the Investigating Agency on how to <u>conduct</u> their investigation.
- National Commission for Scheduled Castes does not have the power to order the <u>filing</u> of any challan or the cancellation of a <u>fir</u> (First Information Report).
- The Commission also cannot accept complaints alleging that a FIR against a person is not being properly recorded or investigated.
- Such issues are to be examined by a court of competent jurisdiction, either civil or criminal.
- The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is not authorized to initiate parallel proceedings or to make recommendations that could potentially prejudice ongoing legal proceedings.
- (210) Punjab Law Reporter 368
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