

- **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 conduct their investigation.**
- **National Commission for Scheduled Castes does not have the power to order the filing of any challan or the cancellation of a FIR (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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