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**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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Case File No. NCST/ATY-811/MH/11/2022-APCR

Dated: 17.02.2023

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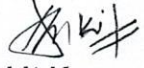
**Subject: 03 बालिकाओं की जघन्य हत्या के संबंध में - आयोग द्वारा स्वतः संज्ञान**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Sitting held on 06.02.2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action. It is requested that compliance report may be submitted to this Commission within 07 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

  
(अंकित कुमार सेन / Ankit Kumar Sen)  
अनुसंधान अधिकारी/ Research Officer

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# National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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No. NCST/ATY-811/MH/11/2022 – APCR

**Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, in the murder case of three tribal girls and their father by drowning them.**

**Date of the sitting:** 06.02.2023; 11.00 AM

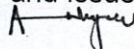
**Officials present in the Sitting:** Collector and District Magistrate, Hingoli, Maharashtra and Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra

The Commission took the Suo –Moto cognizance of the matter based on the Video-clip published on YouTube. As per the report, on June 12, 2014, 3 tribal girls were drowned and murdered by the accused belonging to the Upper Caste while bathing in the village pond. When the father went to save them, he was drowned and allegedly murdered too. Even after the case was filed, the accused got bail within one month. It was also reported that the investigation officers did not find any evidence.

The Commission issued Notice to the Collector and District Magistrate, Hingoli, Maharashtra and Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra on 15.12.2022 seeking reply from the concerned officials within 3 days.

Pursuant to the Notice of the Commission, the Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra vide reply dated 23.12.2022 stated that the matter has been investigated. As per the investigation, three girls and their father was drowned in water and a case was registered at Basamba Police Station. The victims received monetary assistance of nine lakh thirty seven thousand rupees (Rs 9,37,000/-) from the Government of Maharashtra through Social Welfare Department, Hingoli in the year 2014. The victim's wife stated that they need further assistance. Thereby, her request was that her son should get five acres of land from the government for job and livelihood, and a house to live in, and the land they used to graze earlier with grazing cattle and animals should be registered in his name. A report was submitted by the Police Inspector, Police Station -Basamba in Case No. 30/2014 U/S 302, 34 Indian Penal Code Act, 1860 R/W S. 3 (2) (5) of SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989.

The report has been duly considered by the Commission. Considering the report, the Commission decided to hear the matter and issued summons to the Collector and District



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सदस्य/Member

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Magistrate, Hingoli, Maharashtra and Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra to appear on 06.02.2023 before the Commission.

The Commission asked the Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra regarding the current status of the investigation to which the official informed that the matter was closed in 2014 after the due sanction and orders of the then Superintendent of Police, Hingoli on the plea that the facts of the case were false and it was treated as an accidental death. The official also stated that a witness corroborated the same and the victim's wife was not ready to submit her statements before the Court.

The Commission viewed it as a sensitive matter involving members of Pardhi community which is a vulnerable tribe. The Commission expressed its displeasure as reply was not submitted by the Collector and District Magistrate, Hingoli, Maharashtra upon the receipt of the Notice. Further, the Commission sought to know from the District Collector and District Magistrate regarding the current status of the matter to which the official apprised that compensation amounting to the Rs. 9,37,000 have been given to the victim's family under ST/SC (POA) Act, 1989. The official further stated that the application for monetary assistance to open a new grocery shop and providing 11 animals has been sanctioned. Further, the application of providing the monetary assistance of Rs 2,70,000 to buy an Auto-rickshaw has been sanctioned. Moreover, the proposal to assist victim's family with a new housing facility under Sabari Adivasi Gharkul Yojana, Maharashtra has been approved. The official further stated that an alternate cultivation and grazing land could not be provided to the family of the victim as Gochar land cannot be given as per the Guidelines of Department of Revenue and Forest, Government of Maharashtra dated 12.07.2011 taken out subsequent to the Supreme Court Judgement, Jagpal Singh vs. State of Punjab and Ors.

After hearing the case in detail, the Commission recommended the followings: -

- The Collector and District Magistrate, Hingoli, Maharashtra will ensure,
- i. the benefits of all the social welfare schemes of State and Centre to the victim's family.
  - ii. the Grocery Shop and 11 animals are given to the family of the victim within 7 days.
  - iii. the compensation of Rs 2,70,000 for the purchase of Auto-Rickshaw is given within 7 days.
  - iv. the benefits of housing facility are given to the family of the victims under Sabari Adivasi Gharkul Yojana, Maharashtra.

  
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- v. the Free Legal Aid Assistance is given to the family of the victim as the case re-opens.
- vi. to take action against the subordinate officer who was responsible for the lapse to furnish the reply to the Commission's Notice dated 15.12.2022.

The Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra has to ensure the followings:

- i. re-open the case of the victim upon which the Commission took Suo-moto cognizance vide Crime No. 30/2014
- ii. record the statement of the wife of the victim under Section 164 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.
- iii. provide comprehensive investigation report to the Commission within 7 days.

The Collector and District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, Hingoli, Maharashtra shall submit a detailed Action Taken and Compliance report to the Commission within 7 days.



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- That I will ensure the compensation of Rs 2,70,000 for the purchase of Auto-Rickshaw within 7 days.
- That I will ensure the benefits of housing facility to the family of the victim under Sabari Adivasi Gharkul Yojana, Maharashtra.
- That I ensure the Free Legal Aid Assistance to the family of the victim as the case re-opens.
- That I state that the alternate cultivation and grazing land could not be provided to the family of the victim as Gochar land cannot be given as per the guidelines of Department of Revenue and Forest, Government of Maharashtra dated 12.07.2011 on the basis of the Supreme Court Judgement, Jagpal Singh vs. State of Punjab and ors.
- That I assure the Commission to take action against the subordinate officer who was responsible to provide the Reply to the Commission upon the receipt of the Notice.
- That I will provide a detailed, comprehensive and compliance report to the Commission within 7 days.

This declaration is hereby executed and submitted to the concerned authorities. I hereby state that whatever is stated hereinabove is true to the best of my knowledge.

Solemnly affirmed at National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023




*Abha Tomar*  
Deponent

**VERIFICATION:**

Verified on this day 06.02.2023 at the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi that the contents of the affidavit are true and correct, nothing material has been concealed and no part of it is false.

  
Deponent



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- That I will ensure that the wife of the victim records the statement under Section 164 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.
- That I will provide the detailed and comprehensive investigation report to the Commission within 7 days.
- That I will provide the compliance report to the Commission within 7 days.

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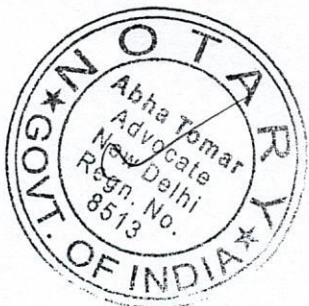
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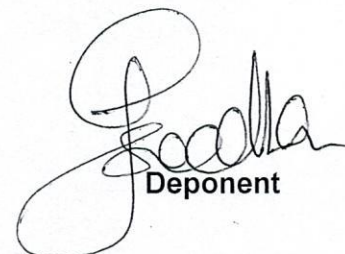
  
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