



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
(A Constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F. No. NCST/DEV-770/MZ/2/2022-ESDW

Dated: 10.04.2023

To,

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
Civil Secretariat, Itanagar - 791111
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Sub: Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 17.03.2023 at 11:00 AM regarding Representation dated 02-09-2022 from Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi - Request to save people of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland from Cancer.


Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 17.03.2023 at 11:00 AM on the above mentioned subject for information and necessary action.

2. You are directed to send the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations of the Commission **within 07 days** from the date of receiving of the Minutes.

Encl: as Above.

Yours faithfully,


(H.R. Meena)
Research Officer

Copy for information to: -

Shri Radhakanta Tripathy,
Advocate & Rights Activist.
27, Old Lawyers Chambers,
Supreme Court of India,
New Delhi

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, on representation of Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate and Rights activist, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Requesting to save people of Mizoram, Arunchal Pradesh and Nagaland from the rise in Cancer Cases.

Date of the sitting: 17.03.2023

List of Participants: As per Annexure

The Petitioner Shri Radhakanta Tripathy through his representation stated that in the north eastern states of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland the cancer cases are higher as compared to other parts of India even as per data of ICMR released major cases were from the above-mentioned states. He further mentioned that there is lack of preventive measures, proper treatment for the disease. None of the Governments has taken sincere steps to control this menace. Hence the petitioner seeks the intervention of the commission in the matter for permanent solution.

On 02/11/2022 the Commission issued Notice to Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. T. Lalhmangaihi, Principal Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Mizoram, Dr. K. Vikato Kinimi, Principal Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, Dr. Surat Chauhan, Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Arunachal Pradesh to submit an action taken report within 15 days.

Pursuant thereto reply dated 05/12/2022 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India received by the Commission. In the said reply it was stated that under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM). Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS. Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTS as part of National Health Mission (NHM) in ratio of 60:40 except for North Eastern and Hilly States, where the share is 90:10. Under the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCCs) facilities Scheme of NPCDCS, financial assistance is provided for setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) in different


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parts of the country. Under the programme, 19 SCIs and 20 TCCCs were approved in different states/UTS under the said scheme. Out of 39 tertiary care centre, 5 are dedicated for North-East States (One each for Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura).

Remaining authorities have not submitted ATR/Replies despite issuance of notice. The Commission has viewed the lackadaisical attitude of the Authorities very seriously.


On considering the negligence of authorities in submitting the Action report, the Commission issued summons to Shri Dharmendra, Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh to appear for hearing on 17th March 2023 to explain the situation of Cancer in the State.

In the Sitting on 16.03.2023 Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh appeared on behalf of Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and submitted that they have taken all the initiatives in reducing the cases. He also admitted the intoxication and addiction of drugs with traditional belief system gives rise to cancer. However, Government is aware of all these and taking sincere steps. He submitted a report before the Commission.

On the other hand, the petitioner stated that the steps taken by the State and Center are not adequate. Since the report is submitted during the hearing the same should be provided to him for rejoinder and other Authorities must be asked to submit Action Taken Reports.

After hearing the case, the Commission recommends the followings: -

1. Copy of the reports submitted by the Authorities to be given to the Petitioner who shall submit re-joinder for further perusal of the Commission within 7 days.


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सदस्य/Member
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(ANNEXURE)

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: -

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Ananta Nayak	Hon'ble Member
2.	Shri K. Touthang	Joint Secretary
3.	Smt. Miranda Ingudam	Director
4.	Dr. Jayant Sarode	Director
5.	Shri H.R. Meena	Research Officer
The Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Sharat Chauhan	CS I/C
Petitioner		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Radhakanta Tripathy	Petitioner