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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-259/OR/34/2022-ESDW

Dated: 17.07.2023

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
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Government of Odisha,  
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Sub: Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 30.06.2023 at 12:30 PM representation dated 27.12.2021 received from Shri Raghu Jani and Others, President, Ganjuguda Gramsabha, At-Ganjuguda, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh, District-Kalahandi, Odisha regarding take legal action against the DFO, South Forest Division Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna, Odisha.

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 30.06.2023 at 12:30 PM on the above mentioned subject for information and necessary action.

2. You are requested to send the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations of the Commission within 30 days from the date of receiving of the Minutes.

Encl: as Above.

Yours faithfully,

(I.R. Meena)  
Research Officer

Copy for information to: -

Shri Raghu Jani,  
President,  
Ganjuguda Gramsabha,  
At-Ganjuguda, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh,  
District-Kalahandi, Odisha

Shri Gouri Majhi,  
Secretary,  
Cheramahul Gramsabha,  
At-Cheramahaul, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh,  
District-Kalahandi, Odisha

Shri Ishwar Patra,  
Secretary,  
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At-Suruguda, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh,  
District-Kalahandi, Odisha

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Secretary,  
Upar-Jaring Gramsabha,  
At-Upar-Jaring, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh,  
District-Kalahandi, Odisha

Shri Kailash Majhi,  
President,  
Michasola Gramsabha,  
At-Michasola, PO-Nandol, Via-Junagarh,  
District-Kalahandi, Odisha

Shri Byasadabe Majhi,  
Secretary,  
Mahasanga Gramsabha,  
At-Pipadi, PO-Dudukaranja, Via-Narala,  
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# 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, in the case of Shri Raghu Jani & others regarding the intentional withholding of the Transit Permit Book of 5 Gramsabha by the DFO, Kalahandi.**

**Date of the Sitting: 30.06.2023**

**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**

In the representation dated 27.12.2021, Shri Raghu Jani, a resident of Kalahandi, Odisha, submits that Gunjuguda, Michasola, Upar-jaring, Chermahul and Surugudal Gramsabhas, Junagarh Block, Kalahandi district, Odisha are facing undue hardships regarding the collection of bamboos (NTFP) under the Forest Rights Act 2006 and the notification of the Odisha Forest Department. Despite multiple requests since June 7, 2020, the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of the South Forest Division Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna, Odisha, has disregarded the Forest Rights Act 2006, Notification No-24314 of the Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha, as well as directives from the Central and State Governments. The intentional withholding of the Transit Permit Book by the DFO deprives Scheduled Tribes and forest dwellers of their livelihoods. The villagers demand swift action against the DFO and the issuance of the Transit Permit Book to all villages. They have already raised this matter with the Chairman SLMC (FRA 2006) cum Chief Secretary, but no action has been taken yet. The petitioner seeks immediate intervention of the Commission and requests for justice in this matter.

The Commission after due consideration of the representation issued notice dated 14.02.2022 to The Special Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change department, Govt of Odisha and the District Collector, Kalahandi to submit the Action Taken Report ("ATR") within 15 days. However, no report could be submitted by the Authority even after the lapse of time duaration granted by the Commission.

The Commission took the view that the seriousness of the issue and the authorities' lackadaisical attitude towards addressing the grievances requires Sitting. Therefore, Summons dated 09.06.2023 issued to Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Addl Chief



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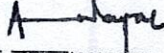
Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt of Odisha and Ms P. Anvesha Reddy, District Collector, Kalahandi District, to appear before the Commission on 30.06.2023 for Sitting.

During the hearing on 30.06.2023, Shri Lade Gajanan D, Divisional Forest officer, Kalahandi district, Odisha appearing on behalf of Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Addl Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt of Odisha and Ms P. Anvesha Reddy, District Collector, Kalahandi stated that out of the TT Permit Books claims pending with the district forest division, TT Permit Books were granted for transportation of harvested Bamboo within the assigned forest area under the Forest Right Act, 2006, to four claims from Gunjuguda, Michasola, Upar-jaring, Chermahul, and Surugudal Gram Sabhas. However, it was clarified that the claim of the Mahasang Gram Sabha is not related to the Kalahandi division.

After the hearing, the Commission recommends the following: -

1. The Divisional forest officer, Kalahandi will submit the detailed compliance report on the claims of the petitioners within 30 days
2. The Divisional forest officer, Kalahandi will coordinate with concerned division and ensure that Mahasang Gramsabha will be given TT Permit Book within 30 days.

Detailed Action Taken Report with compliance of the Recommendations has to be submitted to the Commission within 30 days.

  
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(ANNEXURE)

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:-**

<b>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri Ananta Nayak	Hon'ble Member
2.	Dr. Jayant Sarode	Director
3.	Shri H.R. Meena	Research Officer
<b>The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha,</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri Lade Gajanan	DFO, Kalahandi, Odisha
<b>The Collector &amp; District Magistrate, District Kalahandi, Odisha</b>		
1.	Absent	
<b>Petitioner</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Absent	