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राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

Case File No. NCST/ATY-527/MP/2/2022-APCR

Dated: 21.07.2023

To,

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
Subject: News Clipping published in Hindustan Times dated 27.07.2022 captioned "the bodies of 3 tribal sisters were found hanging from a tree in Khandwa was it suicide or were they killed and hanged?"

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Sitting held on 15.06.2023 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 30 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully


(आर.के. दुबे / R.K. Dubey)
उप निदेशक/ Deputy Director

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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 on news clipping on Hindustan dated 27.07.2022 captioned "The bodies of 3 tribal sisters were found hanging from a tree in Khandwa, was it suicide or were they killed and hanged?".

Date of the Sitting: 15.06.2023 at 12:00 PM

List of Participants: As per Annexure

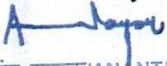
The Commission received a news clipping stating that 3 tribal girls (sisters) were found hanging from a tree behind their home. The police received information at 02:00 am, they immediately reached the spot and started to investigation. It is stated that the incident looks like suicide, but the actual reason behind it is not known. The rope that was used by the 3 girls was new.

Considering the gravity of the issue the Commission issued Notice dated 04.08.2022 to the Collector and District Magistrate, Khandwa District, Madhya Pradesh and the Superintendent of Police, Khandwa District, Madhya Pradesh to take necessary action and submit the Action Taken Report ("ATR") within 03 days.

The Commission received ATR dated 12.08.2022 from the Collector and District Magistrate stating that on investigation, it was found that the 3 girls committed suicide due to distress in the family. The father of the girls passed away a few years ago. This caused a lot of depression in the family. Thereafter the family split up. The eldest brother started living separately and the eldest girl was looking after the family. On the night of 26.07.2022 the girls had a quarrel with the sister-in-law. The girls requested wheat from their sister-in-law for a festival, but she denied them outrightly. Due to this, the girls committed suicide. The cause of death under the Post Mortem Report mentioned as "Cause of Death is Asphyxia as a result of ante-mortem hanging".

The Commission issued Summons dated 05.06.2023 to Shri. Anoop Kumar Singh, Collector and District Magistrate, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh and Shri. Satyender Kumar Shukla, Superintendent of Police, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh to appear before the commission on 15.06.2023 at 12:00 PM

To appear before the commission on 15.06.2023 at 12:00 PM Shri. Satyender Kumar Shukla, Superintendent of Police, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh submitted that based on the investigation conducted they have not found any evidence that shows that the girls were


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murdered. During the investigation, the family members of the girls have mentioned that since the death of their father, the girls have been depressed. On the day of incident, refusal of their sister-in-law to give them wheat hurt them very badly, making them take such an extreme step.

Shri. Anoop Kumar Singh, Collector and District Magistrate, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh submitted that they will look into compensation under Welfare Schemes that can be provided to the mother and other family members of the girls.

The Commission observes that there are lapses in the investigation conducted by the police authorities. There are no statements taken from witnesses outside the family. Out of the three girls who have passed away, the statement of only the boyfriend of the eldest girl has been recorded. Even in the said statement there is no mention of the girls undergoing depression. The Commission further observes that no independent witnesses of the other 2 girls were inquired.

In the foregoing, the Commission recommends the following: -

1. The Investigation team of the Commission's to visit the place of incidence for fact-finding and investigation and submit the report to the Commission.
2. The Superintendent of Police, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh to re-investigate the case based on the observations made by the Commission.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh to furnish the audios, videos, photographs and documents pertaining to the case.
4. The Collector and District Magistrate, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh to ensure that compensation and benefits under Social Welfare Schemes be provided to the mother and other family members of the girls.

Action Taken Report in compliance of the recommendations to be furnished within 30 days for further perusal of the Commission.



अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK

सदस्य/Member

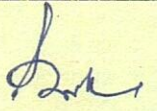
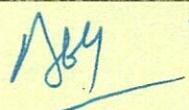
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Sitting held on 15.06.2023 at 12.00 Noon in the case of हिंदुस्तान समाचार पत्र, खंडवा मध्य प्रदेश दिनांक 27.07.2022 में प्रकाशित शीर्षक आदिवासी बहनों का शव पेड़ से झंडवा में " लटका मिला, खुदकुशी की या मारकर फंदे से टांग दिया

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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