

## राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No. Review/28/M/o Steel (RINL)/2023-SSW

Dated:- 13.11.2023

To,

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Sub:- Review of Constitutional Safeguards for Scheduled Tribes of RINL, Visakhapatnam.

महोदय,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 24.09.2023 at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be submit to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter, for taking appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above

(अार.एस.मिश्र / R.S. Misra) अनुसंधान अधिकारी / Research Officer Tel:-24641640

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 338A(5)(e) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA ON THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY THE RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD. (RINL) FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND REVIEW AND MONITORING OF SCHEMES FOR THE PROTECTION, WELFARE AND SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEDULED TRIBES BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES.

> [File No. Review/28/M/o Steel(RINL)/2023-SSW] Date of Review: 24.09.2023 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is a constitutional body set up under Article 338A of the Constitution of India to investigate and monitor all matters relating to protection, welfare and socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. As per constitutional provisions, the Union and every State Govt. shall consult the Commission on all major policy decisions affecting Scheduled Tribes. The Commission is required to present to the Hon'ble President of India reports upon working of those safeguards and all such reports are to be laid before each House of Parliament along with Memorandum explaining the Action Taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for non- acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

- In pursuance of the above constitutional mandate, Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, in the presence of Shri K. Touthang, Joint Secretary, NCST and other officers of the Commission took review meeting with the CMD, RINL, Visakhapatnam on 24.09.2023 to evaluate the working of constitutional safeguards available to the Scheduled Tribes employees in the RINL and to review implementation of various service safeguards and other developmental schemes / programmes for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes employees and Scheduled Tribes in the country.
- The list of Officers of RINL, present in the Review Meeting at 11:30 AM on 24.09.2023 and office bearers of SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, RINL and ST employees of RINL, who attended the meeting at 10:00 AM on 24.09.2023 are Annexed.
- 4. Before the Review Meeting with the management of RINL on 24.09.2023, the Hon'ble Member, NCST had interaction and discussion with the Office bearers of SC/ST Employees Welfare Association of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, ST employees of RINL and Liaison Officer, RINL on the problems and difficulties faced by ST employees in the RINL. The SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, RINL, ST Employees of RINL and Liaison Officer has submitted the following issues before the Hon'ble Member, NCST:-

The interest of Scheduled Tribes employees may be kept in mind during process of disinvestment of RINL.

> सदस्य/Member राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनवाति क्षायोग NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES भारत सरकार/Govl. of India नर्स दिल्ली/New Dethi

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- b. There is no ST representation in the General Manager level of the company.
- c. None of the Heads of Department is from the ST category.
- d. There is no promotion in various posts during last 5 years.
- e. There are 16 Chief General Manager but there is no representation of ST inspite of availability of eligible STs candidates.
- f. The statue of Eklavya may be erected in the Eklavya Park of RINL.
- g. There should be representation for STs in the contractual posts.
- h. More movement passes may be issued to office bearers of SC/ST Employees Welfare Association of RINL.
- The roster system is adopted by the VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, RINL. Hence, there is no need for bifurcation of the organization into two associations. At present, the President of the Association belongs to ST category.
- 5. After meeting the representatives of VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, RINL, Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST in the presence of the Joint Secretary, NCST and other Officers of NCST reviewed RINL with the CMD, RINL and Sr. Officers. After round of introduction, the RINL made power point presentation covering the background and history of RINL and activities being taken by the organization for welfare of ST Employees and Scheduled Tribes in the country. In addition, the presentation also covers about manpower, reservation, roster and CSR activities being under taken by the company during last 5 years.
- The main activities of RINL include production of steel products in the long category 6. from its operating unit at Visakhapatnam (AP) and operation of three captive mines viz., Jaggyyapeta Limestone Mine and Garbham Manganese Mine in Andhra Pradesh State and Madhram Dolomite Mine in the State of Telangana. The RINL has setup a Forged Wheel Plant at Lalgunj, (District-Rae-Bareli, Uttar Pradesh) with a production capacity of one lakh wheel per annuam, to cater the requirement of Indian Railways for import substitution. Unit is under commercial operation and production is being ramped up. The company is having one subsidiary viz Eastern Investment Limited (EIL) with 51% shareholding, which is having two subsidiaries, viz M/s Orissa Mineral Development Company Ltd. (OMDC) and M/s Bisra Stone Lime Company (BSLC). The RINL is one of the largest producer of bars and rods in the country with a market share of 6.2% in 2022-23. The Commission was also informed that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in is meeting held on 27.01.2021 had given "in Principle" approval for 100% disinvestment of GOI shareholding in RINL along with RINL's stake in its subsidiaries/JVS through strategic disinvestment by way of privatization.
- 7. As on 01.09.2023 the total number of employees, as reported to the Commission, is 14051 out of which ST employees were 1088 which constitute 7.74%. The percentage of ST employees in Group- B & C category were reported at 6.93% and 7.22% respectively which were not up-to the percentage stipulated for STs.

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### 8. Observations of the Commission:-

The management of RINL has provided an office building in the Steel Plant Township to the VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association with all necessary facilities. The activities taken by RINL under CSR in Scheduled Tribes areas and action taken by the management for allotment of accommodation for STs are appreciable.

#### 9. Recommendations:-

After discussion with the CMD & other Sr. Officers of RINL during the presentation and on the issues raised by VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, Ukkunagaram, Visakhapatnam the Commission make the following recommendations:-

- a. RINL may examine the issues raised by the VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association at para 4 (a) to (i) for taking necessary favourable action and sending the report to the Commission within one month.
- b. A list of employees of RINL, who obtained fake ST certificate may be sent to the Commission.
- RINL may clarify regarding Displaced beneficiaries/employees who are kept in ST category.
- d. The Executive Promotion Policy may be finalized.
- e. Adequate representation of Scheduled Tribe to be ensured for all contractual/temporary appointments which are to last for 45 days or more. In case such works are to be outsourced to private agencies, RINL may incorporate in their "term and condition" of the contract with the respective agency.
- f. The "Internal Grievance Committee" to be setup separately for resolving of the problems of Scheduled Tribes Employees of the RINL.
- g. The year wise details of CSR activities undertaken by RINL during the last 5 years may be provided.
- h. Action taken/ to be taken on the proceedings of the last two meetings between management and VSP SC/ST Employees Welfare Association may be furnished.
- i. The local need based "skill training" may be imparted to ST persons under CSR activities.

10. Action taken report to be furnished by RINL within one month from receipt of the Minutes of the Review Meeting.

(Ananta Nayak) Member, NCST, New Delhi

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List of participants of the Meeting with the Office bearers of SCs & \$Ts Employees Welfare Association, RINL, Visakhapatnam on 24.09.2023 at 09:00 AM at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi.

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