



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-5343/TS/82/2025-RU-III

Dated: 03.10.2025

1. **The Collector & District Magistrate,**
District- Bhadradi Kothagudem,
Integrated District Offices Complex,
Bhadradi Kothagudem, (Telangana)-507101
2. **The District Forest Officer,**
District- Bhadradi Kothagudem,
Office of DFO, Bhadradi Kothagudem,
(Telangana)-507101
3. **The Chief Commissioner of Land Authority,**
Government of Telangana,
Nampally Station Road, Opp. Annapurna Hotel,
Abids Hyderabad, (Telangana)-500001

Sub: Request for restoration or alternate allocation of land taken by Forest Department in 1970 at Aknepally Village, Khammam District – a representation dated 14.05.2025 by Shri Turram Venkatesh and legal heirs of the affected ST families.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 19.9.2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject.

2. It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be submitted to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
Director
Ph No. 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Turram Venkatesh,
Jalavagu Village, Narappagudem Gram Panchayat,
District-Bhadradi Kothagudem, (Telangana)-507306
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), NCST.
3. NIC, NCST for uploading on the website of the Commission.

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatotu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Shri Turram Venkatesh and others regarding seizure of their ancestral land by Forest Department.

Date of the Sitting: 19/09/2025, 04:00 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
NCST/DEV-5343/TS/82/2025-RU-III

Shri Turram Venkatesh, Smt. Charugulla Usha, and Shri Naradala Nageswar Rao, all legal heirs of ST farmers, vide their petition dated 14.05.2025, have stated that the Forest Settlement Officer, Khammam had taken possession of their ancestral land measuring 21.34 acres in Survey Nos. 625, 626, 627, and 712 in Aknepally Village, Dammepet Mandal, during 1970, which was later merged into forest land. Although Gazette Notification No. 23-B dated 12.06.1986 and Khammam District Gazette No. 32 dated 14.06.1989 provided for allotment of alternate land to their ancestors, the same has not been implemented till date. Despite repeated representations over the years, no relief has been granted, and the petitioners, now in a financially weak condition, request allocation of alternate land or return of their original land from the Forest Department.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadravati Kothagudem, District Forest Officer, Bhadravati Kothagudem and Chief Commissioner of Land Authority, Hyderabad, Telangana vide NCST letter dated 14.08.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.

3. Since reply was not received hence the Commission has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 19.09.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 12.09.2025.

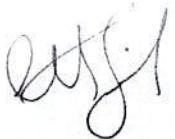
4. The Project officer, ITDA Bhadrachalam has attended the hearing on behalf of the District Collector. The petitioner has attended the hearing.

5. The petitioner has informed that their ancestral land admeasuring 21.34 acres in Survey Numbers 625, 626, 627 and 712 in Aknepally Village, Dammepet mandal during 1970 was merged into the forest land. Although Gazette notification No. 23-B Dated 12.6.1986 and Khammam District Gazette No. 32 Dated 14.6.89 provided for allotment of alternate land to their ancestors, the same has not been implemented till date. Their request for allocation of alternate land is not realized. It is further informed that the Forest Department has not made use of the land that is acquired from them merged into the Forest.

6. The authority has informed that though the alternate land is allocated and handed over, it was encroached and some of the WPs were filed by either sides in the Court. Hence the same could not be materialized to restore possession to rightful beneficiaries, however partial possession of 8 acres has been given as per High Courts directions.

7. After hearing to the authority and petitioner the following recommendations were made and ATR may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.

- The commission took serious note on the long pending issue since last 40 years.
- An alternate dispute free land may be immediately allocated to the petitioners in 30 days time as they are dependent on it for their livelihood.
- The option of possibility of allocating the unused sericulture land may be explored as per the request of the petitioner.



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सदस्य / Member
भारत सरकार / Government of India
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

List of participants of the sitting held on 19.09.2025 at under the chairmanship of
Surrejatum Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Dilkhush Guest House, Hyderabad.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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I National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

1 Dr. P.K. Reddy
Director
NCS, Officials

II District Collector & Magistrate, Bhadrakali Kothagudem

Sr. No.	Name, Designation and Address	Phone No.	Signature
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PO, IRDA, Bhadrachalam *[Signature]*

III DFO, Bhadrakali Kothagudem

K. Damodar Reddy
FDO, Paloucha 9440810095 *[Signature]*
19/09/2025

IV Chief Commissioner of Land Authority

V Petitioner

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