



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No. NCST/DEV-5559/TS/621/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

15.10.2025

To

The Collector & District Magistrate,
District – Bhadrak Kothagudem,
Collectorate, Integrated District Office Complex,
Bhadrak Kothagudem, Telangana - 507101
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Sub: Representation received from Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Kondapuram, Manuguru, Bhadrak Kothagudem District regarding illegally conducted the PESA Grama Sabha by the Land Acquisition Officer for land acquisition for extension project without consent of the tribals.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 26.09.2025 at 01:40 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatotu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, near Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject, for information.

Yours faithfully,

(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेडी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)

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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 Dilkhusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Bhadradi Kothagudem regarding the Land Acquisition Officer of Manuguru Mandal, Telangana illegally conducting PESA Grama Sabha meetings for acquiring 813 acres of land for the Singareni Collieries Company Limited – MNGOC Extension Project.

Date of the Sitting: 26/09/2025, 01:20 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Bhadradi Kothagudem, vide his representation dated 14.07.2025, has alleged that the Land Acquisition Officer of Manuguru Mandal, Telangana illegally conducted PESA Grama Sabha meetings for acquiring 813 acres of land for the Singareni Collieries Company Limited – MNGOC Extension Project. It has been stated that in the three earlier Grama Sabhas held on 06.03.2024, 11.03.2025, and 30.05.2025, the ST residents had withheld consent and demanded permanent employment under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, but the officer rejected their demand. Despite this, on 11.07.2025, another Grama Sabha was convened where no consent was given by the STs, but the officer allegedly obtained signatures from non-STs of nearby villages, declared consent, ignored objections, and even used police force to silence ST participants. The petitioner association claims that the process violated the Samatha Judgment, PESA Act, 1996, Andhra Pradesh PESA Rules, 2011 (G.O.Ms.No.66), and the Land Acquisition and R&R Act, 2013, thereby infringing constitutional and fundamental rights of STs. They have requested the Commission to take strict action against the Land Acquisition Officer and to direct a reconduct of the PESA Grama Sabha as per rules.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Collector & District Magistrate, District- Bhadradi Kothagudem vide NCST letter dated 01.08.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.
3. No reply has been received hence the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 26.09.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 15.09.2025.
4. The petitioner has attended the hearing. The authority is represented by the Additional Collector, Revenue.
5. The petitioner has reiterated the plea and informed that the District Collector has not conducted any enquiry inspire of the objections raised by the petitioners that there is a mismatch with regard to the information given by Panchayat Secretary and the LAO on the attendance and participation of the villagers in the Gramsabha.
6. The authority has informed that land acquisition process for the Manuguru OC Extension Project was conducted transparently and as per Schedule II of RFCLARR Act, 2013 employment opportunities are being provided to one eligible member per affected family. The PESA Gram sabha conducted on 11.7.25 presided over by the village elder Sri Kuram Mutthaiah is attended by over 182 land losers. It is further informed that Rs.22.50 lakhs per acre are being paid for patta lands and Tribal encroachment on Government lands besides compensation for structures, wells, trees etc separately with 100% solatium added to the estimated value. The entire process has been conducted in compliance with Section 41(3) of RFCLARR Act, 2013, PESA Act 1996 with Gramsabha proceedins Videographed and Photographed. Further the WP No 22757 of 2025 is pending before the High Court of Telangana and the counter affidavit has been filed by the LAO and the matter is subjudice.
7. After hearing to the petitioner and authority the following observations/recommendations are made.
 - a. No Action is warranted on part of NCST as the issue is under sub-judice.
 - b. However the Attendance and PESA Gram sabha resolution may be furnished to NCST for examination in view of the contradistinctions expressed by the petitioner.
 - c. Further it is advised that in such instances of contradictions, the Gramsabha may be reconducted in presence of District Collector or a High Power committee constituted by the District Collector.



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List of participants of the sitting held on 26.09.2025 at under the chairmansh
Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
1.	Dr. P.Kalyan Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Collector & District Magistrate, District – Bhadrak Kothagudem</u>		
Sr. No.	Name, Designation and Address	Phone No.	Signature
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