



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-3717/OR/2/2024-ESDW

06.01.2025

The Collector & District Magistrate,
Collectrate, Sundargarh,
District Sundargarh,
Sundargarh – 770001.
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Sub: Representation dated 05.08.2024 of Smt. Jharjo Kerketta, Sarna Samiti, Sarna Pooja Sthal, Udit Nagar, Rourkela, Odisha-769012 regarding allotment of Land for Sarna Puja Sthal.

Mam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 17.12.2025 at NCST, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

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

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Copy to:-

1. Smt Jharjo Kerketta,
Managing Trustee, Sundargarh
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Mobile No: 9438710660
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 Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Smt Jharjo kerketta, Managing Trustee. Sarna Samiti, Rourkela regarding allotment of Land for Sarna Puja Sthal in favour of the Sarna Samiti.

NCST/DEV-3717/OR/2/2024-ESDW (RU-III)

Date of the Sitting: 17/12/2025, 11:50 AM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Smt. Jharjo Kerketta, Managing Trustee of Sarna Samiti, Rourkela vide letter dated 05.08.2024 has requested for allotment of Ac.7.62 of Sarna Puja Sthal land at Uditnagar, Rourkela in favour of Sarna Samiti with a proper Record of Rights. She states that although the then Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST in the sitting related to the issues of Rourkela held on 18.10.2019 (in file bearing no. Odisha/1/Rourkela Steel Plant/2016 - RU-III) at NCST had recommended the said land may be handed over to organisation immediately. Further, directive from the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha to release the land for Sarna Samiti, the land has not been allotted to Sarna Samiti. Hence, do the justice.

2. NCST vide notice dated 16.12.2024 sought facts and comments from the District Collector & Magistrate, District:-Sundargarh within 15 days from receipt of the Notice. The Collector & District Magistrate, Sundargarh vide letter no. 512/Judl. dated 04.02.2025 informed allotment of land for Sarna Puja Sthal was enquired into by the Tahasildar, Rourkela. The land was originally recorded in the name of SAIL, and after NCST's earlier recommendation, SAIL surrendered Ac.7.62 to the Tahasildar, Rourkela on 08.06.2020, which was later brought under Government Khata. The Land Allotment Committee approved allotment of land for Sarna Puja Sthal on 09.11.2021. The Collector clarified that the petitioner's claim regarding a High Court direction is incorrect, as the Court vide order dated 29.06.2022 only allowed Sarna Samiti to approach the Government but did not order release of land. The Government vide notification dated 09.09.2022 reserved Ac.6.82 for communal use and recorded it in Sarbasadharana Khata with the remark "Sarna Puja Sthal," while the remaining Ac.0.80 surrendered land is under Government Khata but not part of the Puja Sthal.

3. The petitioner vide letter dated 1.12.2025 has requested for allotment of land of Sarna Puja Sthal in favour of Sarna Samiti. Hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 17.12.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 08.12.2025. The Collector & Magistrate, Sundargarh vide letter dated 11.12.2025 has sought exemption and deputed Addl. District Magistrate, Sundargarh to attend the sitting.

4. In the sitting, the ADM, District – Sundargarh and petitioner were present. The petitioner reiterated her submission and requested for allotment of said land in favour of Sarna Samiti. The ADM, Sundargarh has reiterated the facts submitted by District Administration vide letter dated 4.2.2025 and it was informed that there is no restriction for conducting social and cultural activities in the Sarna Puja Sthal. The petitioner has alleged that they are not in position to develop the said land without allotment of land in the favour of Sarna Samiti.

5. After discussion with the ADM, District – Sundargarh and petitioner, the following recommendations were made and action taken report thereon may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the Minutes.

- The petitioner is advised to meet the ADM, District – Sundargarh for framing the bylaws of the association for processing the case for allotment of said land in the favour of Samiti.
- The District Administration is advised to advertise that the "Sarna Puja Sthal land measuring Ac.6.82 in Mouz-RTU-43 in Rourkela Tahsil" will be allotted in favour of Sarna Samiti for conducting social and cultural activities related to STs at the said place and call for the objections if any, within 30 days from date of publication so as to allot the said land in favour of Sarna Samithi.

(Jatothu Hussain)

जाटोतु हुसेन / Jatothu Hussain
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