



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/ATY-3348/TS/917/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Dated: 10.03.2026

To,

1. The Collector & District Magistrate,
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Integrated District Office Complex
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2. The District Forest Officer
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Sub: Representation received from Shri Gundi Veerabadram, Yatalakunta village of Sattupally mandal, Khammam District regarding harassment by the Forest Officials in the matter of encroachment of their patta land which is under cultivation since 1951.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 16.02.2026 at 11:35 AM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi 110003 on the above mentioned subject.

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

Yours faithfully,


(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
निदेशक/Director
Telephone No. : 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri G Veera Bhadram,
Yathalakunta (V), Sathupalli Mandal,
Khammam District, Telangana - 507303
Mobile No:9704105151D.
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH)
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 New Delhi in the case of Shri Gundi Veerabadram, Yatalakunta village of Sattupally mandal, Khammam District regarding harassment by the Forest Officials in the matter of encroachment of their patta land which is under cultivation since 1951.

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Date of the Sitting: 16.2.2026 at 11:35 AM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Gundi Veerabhadram S/o Narasimhulu, resident of Yathalakunta Village, Sathupalli Mandal, Khammam District, Telangana, vide his representation has stated that ancestral patta land belonging to his grandfather late Chavalam Venkappa, an ST (Koya), recorded since 1935 in revenue records and continuously possessed by the family, was unlawfully interfered with by Forest and Revenue officials and private persons, resulting in wrongful change of pattadar entries. He submitted that the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana in W.P. No. 18686/2008, vide order dated 17.09.2008, directed the concerned authorities to resolve the issue within six months in respect of land measuring Ac. 4997-00 in Survey Nos. 78, 52, 53 & 54 of Yathalakunta Revenue Village, but even after lapse of about 16 years, the directions have not been implemented. He has further alleged harassment, threats and caste-based abuse by private individuals, and inaction by authorities, and has sought implementation of the High Court order, protection of possession of land of about 150 ST families, and release of compensation amount of Rs. 4,32,50,000/- for acquisition of Ac. 45-00 for Seetharama Project canals, requesting intervention by the District Collector, Khammam and other concerned authorities.

2. NCST issued notice to the District Collector & Magistrate, District- Khammam and District Forest Officer, District- Khammam on 04.12.2025 seeking facts and comments within 15 days from receipt of the Notice. The District Collector & Magistrate, District- Khammam vide letter dated 29.12.2025 has referred the matter to DFO, Khammam and Sub Collector, Kalluru for facts and comments. The reply was not received, hence, NCST has decided to discuss the issue with the authorities and the petitioner on 16.02.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 06.02.2026. The District Forest Officer, Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana vide letter no. Rc.No.876593/2025/S4 dated 10.2.2026 has furnished the facts and comments. In the letter, they have also requested for exemption and deputed Forest Range Officer, Sathupally to attend the sitting.

3. The District Collector vide the reply dated 12.2.26 has stated that the petitioners claim over Ac.4997.00 Gts is not supported by the revenue records or documentary evidence. The extent under his actual cultivation is limited to Ac.30.00 Gts which is claimed by the Forest Department as Reserve forest land. Further Sy.No.78 is presently under dispute and subject to pending writ petitions with status quo orders in force. And it is requested that as the matter is subjudice, it is requested to drop further proceedings.

4. In the sitting, the Forest Range Officer, Sathupally was present and petitioner joined over phone. The petitioner has reiterated their earlier submission and requested for justice. The Forest Range Officer, Sathupally has reiterated the comments submitted by the District Forest Officer, Forest Department, Govt. of Telangana vide letter dated 10.2.2026. In the letter, it was mentioned that the said land notified as Reserved Forest under the Hyderabad Forest Act through valid Govt. orders and Gazette Notifications. The complaint is based on misrepresentation of records and suppression of material facts. Hence, allegation made by petitioner are factually incorrect and legally untenable.

5. After discussion with the authority and petitioner, the following observations/recommendations were made by NCST. The ATR may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of Minutes.

a. The report submitted by the District Collector vide No.DCO/C1/SSAA/0055/2025 Dated 12.2.2026 may be shared to the petitioner for further comments/rejoinder if any.

b. A Gramsabha may be conducted to verify the claim and satellite maps may be examined if they are cultivating the said land before the cut off date as per the Forest Rights Act. If found eligible the claimants may be issued FRA title deeds as per the existing rules of procedure of ROFR Act.

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List of participants of the sitting held on 16.02.2026 at 11.35.... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

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	D. C. & Nagaraj <u>Commissioner of Police, Khammam</u>		
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Phone No.	Signature
III	<u>DFO.</u>	<u>Khammam.</u>	
	P. Snehalingi FRO Saltupally	9246999936	Snehalingi
IV	<u>Petitioner</u>		
		Over phone	