



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-6627/AP/9/2025-RU-III

Dated: 10.03.2026

To,

The Registrar,
JNTUK University, Kakinada,
Andhra Pradesh - 533003,
Email: registrar@jntuk.edu.in
Tel.No.:0884-2300900

Sub: Non return of Original Education Certificate of ST woman candidate by the Priyadarshini Institute of Technology and Management, Guntur- a representation dated 6.12.2025 of Ms. Devarakonda Sridevi, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh).

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 17.02.2026 at 02:30 PM 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. Ms. Devarakonda Sridevi,
Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, GVR Residency
7th Line, Syamala Nagar
Guntur City (Andhra Pradesh)- 522006
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 Ms. Devarakonda Sridevi, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) regarding with holding of Original Education Certificate of ST woman candidate by the Priyadarshini Institute of Technology and Management, Guntur.

File No.: NCST/DEV-6627/AP/9/2025-RU-III
Date of the Sitting: 17.2.2026 at 2:30 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Smt. Devarakonda Sridevi, D/o Krishnarao, Syamala Nagar, Guntur, belonging to ST (Yerukala), vide her petition dated 06-12-2025 has submitted that she joined B.Tech (Mechanical) during the academic year 2015–2016 at Priyadarshini Institute of Technology & Management College, Guntur, and deposited her original 10th and Intermediate certificates along with payment of Rs.17,000/- fees. She discontinued the course after one month and requested to return her original certificates, but the Principal and Vice Principal allegedly demanded Rs.1,00,000/- for releasing them. Despite complaints to the Collectorate (Grievance No. GNT202509156198 dated 15-09-2025), Registrar, JNTU Kakinada vide letter dated 28-10-2025, Member Secretary & CEO, APHER&MC vide letter dated 30-10-2025, and UGC dated 22-10-2025, and directions reportedly issued for return of certificates and refund of fees, the Institute has not complied. She has requested the Commission to issue necessary directions for immediate return of her certificates and to take appropriate action against the Institute.

2. NCST vide notice dated 16.01.2026 sought facts and comments from the Registrar, JNTUK University, Kakinada within 7 days from receipt of the Notice. The reply was not received, hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 17.02.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 06.02.2026.

3. In the sitting, the Registrar, JNTUK was present and petitioner joined over phone. The petitioner has reiterated her earlier submission and requested for justice. The Registrar of JNTUK has informed that priyadarshini Institute of Technology & Management have returned back the certificates of the petitioner from their College on 29.12.2025 and received Acknowledgement copy from her regarding the same. The petitioner has submitted that she has lost her academic year for non returning of her original certificates.

4. After discussion with the Registrar, JNTUK and petitioner, the following observations/recommendations were made and action taken thereon may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the Minutes.

a. JNTU, Kakinada may furnish the circular issued to the colleges with guidelines of Fee structure.

b. A online mechanism may be established by the Universities to monitor and address the grievances of such nature of withholding of the original certificates, exploiting students with hidden fee collection which affect the vulnerable sections of Scheduled Tribes.

c. The Technical Education and Higher education departments of the State may obtain the data of such grievances related to the fee structure and address them in a time bound manner to avoid any academic loss of the students.

(Jatothu Hussain)

जाटोतु हुसेन / Jatothu Hussain
सदस्य / Member

भारत सरकार / Government of India

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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List of participants of the sitting held on 17.02.2026 at .2.7.30... 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 <u>JNTU, Kakinada</u>			
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Phone No.	Signature
1	R. Srinivasa Rao Registrar, JNTUK	9640462814	R. Srinivasa Rao
III <u>Petitioner</u>			