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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(A Constitutional Body set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution of India)

File No. BCN/15/2017/STGAP/DEOTH/RU-IV

Dated: 13.12.2019

To,

1. **The Chief Secretary,**
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velgapudi,
Amaravati – 522 238 (AP).
2. **The Principal Secretary,**
Panchayati Raj & Rural Development Deptt.,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velgapudi, Amaravati – 522 238 (AP).
3. **The Principal Secretary,**
Tribal Development Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
A.P. Secretariat,
Velgapudi,
Amaravati – 522 238 (AP).
4. **The District Collector,**
District – Ananthapur,
Ashok Nagar, Anantapur,
Andhra Pradesh 515001
5. **The Engineer-in-Chief,**
Panchayati Raj & Rural Development
Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Enikepadu, Vijayawada,
Andhra Pradesh 521108

Sub: Proceedings of the sitting taken by Dr. Nand Kumar Sai, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 21.11.2019 in the in the case of Shri B. Chekre Naik, General Secretary, All India Central/PSUs & State Government ST EWA, Vijayawada regarding various grievances of STs in Anathapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Sitting held on 21.11.2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Nand Kumar Sai, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action and submission of compliance report to this Commission within 30 days from the receipt of the letter for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST.

Yours faithfully,

(Y.K. Bansal)

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

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PROCEEDINGS OF SITTING HELD ON 21.11.2019 AT 02.00 P.M. CHAIRED BY DR. NAND KUMAR SAI, HON'BLE CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES (NCST) IN THE CASE OF SHRI B. CHEKRE NAIK, GENERAL SECRETARY, ALL INDIA CENTRAL/ PSUS & STATE GOVERNMENT ST EWA, VIJAYAWADA REGARDING VARIOUS GRIEVANCES OF STS IN ANATHAPURAMU DISTRICT (ANDHRA PRADESH).

List of officers present in sitting is Annexed.

Date of Sitting – 18.11.2019


The petitioner Shri B. Chekre Naik vide his representation dated 20.08.2017 has submitted grievances of Tribal dominant area of Anantapuramu District which is as under.

- a) Many of the Thandas (Tribal dwelling areas) of the Anantapuramu district are not connected with roads which in-turn resulted in non- transportation of Medicines, food products etc. and also many tribal people migrating to Kerala for their survival.
- b) Maximum number of High School dropouts are recorded due to non- connectivity of roads from the Thandas to the nearby panchayat headquarters/ Tehsil Head Quarters.
- c) During the rainy season many Tribes are suffering with various seasonal diseases varying from Dengue to Chikkun Gunya which are very prevalent in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- d) Due to katcha roads which are laid with the cheap grade gravel, they are clumpy, slippery, un-hygienic and muddy resulting in difficulty in walking and many people were resulted in hospitalization primarily for limb fractures.
- e) There is a dire need of primary medical services like Ambulance during emergency. But due to inconvenient road infrastructure these emergency Services are facing hurdles.

In addition, there are two issues of renovation of roads i.e. Yerrdoddi Gangamma temple to Ramdas thanda, Bode naik Thanda and Mete Naik and Babe Naik Thanda to Kokkani National Highway which has not been constructed so far.

2. The NCST vide its notice dated 01.11.2017 and 31.07.2019 sought a report from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

3. In pursuance of the Commission's Notice, the Panchayati Raj & Rural Development Deptt. Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi vide its letter dated 22.08.2019 has submitted a report that the Suptd. Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Ananthapuramu District/ Engineer-in- Chief, Panchayati Raj has submitted a proposal for administrative sanction for 39 works with an estimated amount of Rs. 36.78 crores in Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri constituencies of Ananthapuramu District. Out of 39 road works proposed, 32 number of road works have been considered and is under examination in consultation with Tribal Welfare Deptt. Rest proposals will be considered in view of cost effectiveness and availability of budget fund. In addition, no representation from any other


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District other than Ananthapuramu District in the State for BT road works in Tribal Thandas is received.

4. Finding the report unsatisfactory, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST fixed a Sitting on 21.11.2019 in the Commission to have a discussion in the case.

5. As per schedule, the Sitting was held on 21.11.2019. In the Sitting the Engineer in Chief, Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (on behalf of Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh) and Deputy Collector Ananthapuramu appeared. The petitioner Shri B. Chekre Naik was also present.

6. In the sitting, the petitioner submitted grievances relating to developmental activities for the welfare of STs of Ananthapuramu District. He stated that there is long pending issue of non-construction of BT road which has a distance of 3 Kms from Golleladoddi to Sevagadh which is a holy place to the tribal community, formation of road upto BT SA from NH 205 near Penkulagate to Akkamma swamy temple @ Mudigubba M at Dharmavaram and providing BT surface to the road from Kondananayunipalyam to BT Naidu thana Via Kanuma Akkamadevathala temple H/O Yerradoddi in Kadiri Mandal of Ananthapuramu. In addition, there are several pending road construction works of Puttaparthi, Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri Mandals of Ananthapuramu District. The District Administration has also recommended developmental work for tribal dominated areas to the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Andhra Pradesh and the same has not been undertaken by the concerned agencies in Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department. He has also made several request/ representations to the Higher authorities of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and no action was taken on the representations. In addition, the State Government has not sanctioned funds to complete the work due to which, the Scheduled Tribe people are facing a lot of difficulties.

7. In the sitting, the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Panchayati Raj, Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that the Panchayati Raj has already submitted a proposal for Administrative sanction for 39 works with an estimated amount of Rs. 36.78 crores in Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri constituencies of Ananthapuramu District. The Panchayati Raj Department has also initiated action and send a proposal for providing budget allocation for the roads (STC)/ (SCC)/ (Plain) grant for BE 2019-20 to the Finance Department. However, the requisite funds from the Finance Department and concerned Department of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh are yet to be received.

The Deputy Collector, Ananthapuramu has submitted a report regarding providing roads to Tribal Habitations/ Thandas stating that necessary proposals along with estimations were obtained from the S.E. Panchayati Raj Department pertaining to laying of BT roads and submitted the same to the Tribal Welfare Department. However, budget is yet to be received from the Tribal Welfare Department. Regarding providing drinking water, the S.E. RWS, Ananthapuramu is the concerned Department to provide drinking water facilities in the tribal localities/ colonies/ Habitations/ Thandas in the District. During the TSP meeting the S.E. RWS has informed that all the Tribal Habitations/ Thandas have been provided drinking water through RWS schemes on par with the other villages in the District. In addition, the Director of Tribal Welfare, AP, Vijayawada has requested to sanction



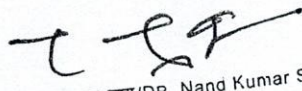
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Ekalavya Model Residential School at Kadiri Division of Ananthapuramu District and sanction is awaited.

8. The case was discussed in detail. The Commission observed that the issues raised by the petitioner seems to be serious and important for the welfare of Schedule Tribes of Ananthapuramu District. In the instant case, the Scheduled Tribe community of the Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri constituencies of Ananthapuramu District have been deprived from basic infrastructure development and availability of proper health, education, safe drinking water, irrigation facilities etc. The petitioner has been representing before the Panchayati Raj & Rural Development Department and Ananthapuramu District Administration for developmental work at Tribal dominated areas since, 2017 and no action has been taken to address the grievances of the STs in these constituencies. The Commission also felt that many of the Thandas (Tribal dwelling areas) of the Ananthapuramu District are not connected with roads which in-turn resulted in non-availability of Education facilities, Health facilities, Food facilities, Safe drinking water facilities, Employment and many more basic facilities. There is no school in the Tribal Thandas and due to which, most of Tribal population are illiterate. The Commission further observed that after intervention of the Commission, the Panchayati Raj Department has sent a proposal for 39 works with an amount of Rs. 36.78 crores in Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri constituencies of Ananthapuramu District to the Finance Department and Tribal Welfare Department in 2018. But the requisite funds have not been released to the Department concerned so far. In addition, it was brought to the Commission that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued guidelines for declaring the Tribal Thandas as Separate New Gram Panchayat having population more than 500 with 100% ST population. Due to this decision, out of total 13000 Panchayats, only 145 tribal Thandas has been declared as New Gram Panchayats which is not fair and there needs to grant relaxation in ST population criteria of 75% instead of 100% for declaration of Gram Panchayats.

9. In the light of the above observations, the Commission recommends as follows:

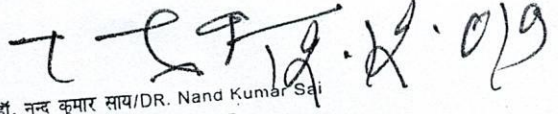
- The Panchayati Raj & Rural Development Department will expedite the fund allocation matter with the Finance Department as well as other respective Department for immediate completion of developmental work at Tribal Thandas in Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Kadiri constituencies of Ananthapuramu District. In this regard, the Department concerned will follow up the matter at personal level and will get necessary sanction of fund as early as possible preferably within two month's time.
- The Panchayati Raj Department will give first priority to three developmental work viz:
 - (i) Providing BT road from Golleladoddi to Sevagadh, Ananthapuramu District which is a holy place of Tribal community
 - (ii) Formation of road upto BT SA from NH 205 near Penkulagate to Akkamma swamy temple @ Mudigubba M at Dharmavaram and
 - (iii) Providing BT surface to the road from Kondananayunipalyam to BT Naidu thana Via Kanuma Akkamadevathala temple H/O Yerradoddi


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in Kadiri Mandal of Ananthapuramu. These developmental work should be completed in time bound manner as the Tribal festival at Sevagadh is going to be held in the month of January, 2020.

In addition, other issues of renovation of roads i.e. Yerrdoddi Gangamma temple to Ramdas thanda, Bode naik Thanda and Mete Naik and Babe Naik Thanda to Kokkani National Highway will be given priority to complete the work.

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh (Water Resources Department and Tribal Welfare Department) will take necessary action to construct bridge in between Ramdas Thanda, Meete Naik Thanda and Bode Naik Thanda of Khadiri Mandal, Anathapuram District and submit action taken report to the Commission.
- It was informed to the Commission that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued guidelines for declaring the Tribal Thandas as Separate New Gram Panchayat having population more than 500 with 100% ST population. Due to this decision, out of total 13000 panchayats, only 145 tribal Thandas has been declared as New Gram Panchayats and there needs to grant relaxation in ST population criteria of 75% instead of 100% for declaration of Gram Panchayats. The Panchayati Raj Department and Tribal Welfare Department of Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to take appropriate action for granting relaxation in ST population criteria of 75% instead of 100% for declaration of Gram Panchayats related to Tribal Thandas and submit action taken report to the Commission.
- The Tribal Welfare Department, AP will take immediate action to construct Ekalavya Model Residential School at Kadiri Division of Ananthapuramu District and it should ensure that there will be no delay in the establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential School.
- The District Administration will ensure that the safe drinking water in all Tribal Thandas should be made available without fail to all Tribal Thandas.
- The Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare and Director, Tribal Welfare who are the Principle Nodal Officers to protect the interest of the Scheduled Tribes will monitor all the developmental work and providing requisite funds to the implementing agencies and will submit progress report with action taken to the Commission.
- An action taken report will be submitted by the Panchayati Raj Department, Finance Department, Water Resources Department, Tribal Welfare Department and District Collector, Anathapuram District within 30 days.


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