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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No. NCST/DEV-2008/OR/4/2023-ESDW(RU-III)

24.03.2025

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Sub: Representation dated 10.07.2023 received from Smt. Hema Ekka, President, R/o- Jhirpani, R.S Colony, Raurkela, District Sudargarh, Odisha- 769042 Grievances regarding deliberate interference in land rights of Scheduled Tribes by Revenue Authorities and Odisha Mining Corporation.

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 05.03.2025 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,

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Copy to:-

1. Smt Hema Ekka (President) - Office Jhirpani,R.S. Colony,RourkelaDist Sundargarh(Odisha), Sundargarh -769042 Mobile No:9437434668
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
(F.NO., NCST/DEV-2008/OR/4/2023-ESDW)

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 Hema Ekka, President, Displaced Settlement Committee, District-Sundargarh regarding deliberate interference in land rights of Scheduled Tribes Pf Pradhanpali, Sundergarh District, Odisha, by Revenue Authorities and Odisha Mining Corporation.

Date of the sitting: 5.03.2025 at 5:00 PM
Participants in the Sitting - As per Annexure

The petitioner vide representation dated has drawn the attention in respect of the affected and landless persons residing in Pradhanpali, Sundergarh District, Odisha, about the deliberate interference by the revenue authorities of the Government of Odisha and the Odisha Mining Corporation in the enjoyment of their land rights and highlight that the affected persons belong to the Scheduled Tribes. The ancestral land property in question is located at Sabik Mauza: Bankia, PS: Raghunathpally and consists of multiple account numbers. The ancestors of the affected persons cleared and cultivated the land, establishing their authority with the recognition of the village-chief of the pre-Gangapur state. After India's independence, the ex-Gangpur State became a part of Odisha and was declared a Scheduled Area. The complainants have cited violation of Odisha Regulation 1 of 1954, which protects the rights of tenants cultivating the land.

2. NCST vide notice dated 14.07.2023 has referred the matter to Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Odisha, Collector & District Magistrate, District – Sundargarh and MD, Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) for facts and comments within 15 days. The OMC vide letter dated 28.7.2023 has furnished the facts and comments and This reply was forwarded to the petitioner 16.08.2023. The Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Odisha vide letter 10.8.2023 has forwarded a copy of letter dated 31.07.2023 of the District Collector and Magistrate Sundargarh in which it has been stated that the prayer of the petitioner Smt. Hema Ekka appears to be illegitimate in the eyes of law. This reply was forwarded to the petitioner on 18.08.2023.

3. The petitioner vide rejoinder dated 24.1.2025 has refuted the facts and requested for justice. Hence, NCST has decided to discuss the issue with the concerned authorities and petitioner on 05.03.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 21.02.2025 to all concerned.

4. The MD, OMC vide letter dated 3.3.2025 has deputed the Director(HR) to attend the sitting. District Collector, District – Sundargarh vide letter dated 1.03.2025 has requested for exemption and deputed Addl. District Magistrate (Revenue) to attend the sitting. There was no response from the Revenue and Disaster management Department, Govt. of Odisha.

5. In the sitting, the above officials and the persons of affected families were present. The persons of affected families has alleged that their families are residing in the said land from generations. The facts submitted by authorities are not correct. The officers of concerned Department has reiterated their earlier submission and denied the issues raised by the persons of affected families.

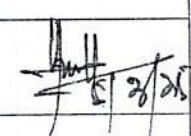
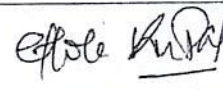
6. After discussion with both the parties, the followings were recommended and action taken thereon may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from the receipt of Minutes.

- A copy of the rejoinder dated 24.1.2025 of the petitioner is enclosed for further comments.
- The District Administration of Sundargarh may re-examine the issue raised by the persons of affected families in the sitting.
- The persons of affected families are also advised to meet the Addl. District Magistrate (Revenue), Sundargarh with supporting documents in respect of their claims.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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सदस्य / Member
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
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List of participants of the sitting held on 5.3.2025 at 5:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST in the case of Subject: Representation dated 10.07.2023 received from Smt. Hema Ekka, President, R/o- Jhirpani, R.S Colony, Raurkela, District Sudargarh, Odisha- 769042 Grievances regarding deliberate interference in land rights of Scheduled Tribes by Revenue Authorities and Odisha Mining Corporation.

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