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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No. NCST/DEV-2299/DL/19/2023-ESDW (RU-III)

07.03.2025

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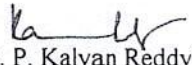
Sub: Representation dated 26.09.2023 of Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001 regarding request to provide basic amenities and FRA patta to the poor viillagers from ST, PVTG communities living in Nagada, Tala Nagada, Upara Nagada and Majhi Nagada which house around 500 juang tribals and etc..

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 12.02.2025 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. Shri Radhakant Tripathy, Advocate and Rights Activists, 27, old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001
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
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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 on the representation of Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, New Delhi regarding severe neglect and deprivation faced by Juang ST and a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), residing in villages such as Nagada, Guhiasal, Tumuni and Ghatiasahi under Jajpur- District (Odisha).

Date of the Sitting: 12/02/2025, 12:20 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001, vide his representation dated 26.09.2023, has highlighted the severe neglect and deprivation faced by Juang STs and a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), residing in villages such as Nagada, Guhiasal, Tumuni and Ghatiasahi under Jajpur District (Odisha). The petition underscores alarming malnutrition cases, including recent child deaths, lack of basic amenities like potable water, healthcare, education, road connectivity and land rights, despite the region's affluence due to chromite mining. It alleges administrative apathy, inaction, corruption, and failure in implementing Government welfare schemes, including the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds, leading to systemic violation of the constitutional Right to Life.

2. The NCST issued notice on 13.10.2023 to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha for seeking facts and comments within 15 days.

3. The ST/SC, M & BC Department, Govt of Odisha vide letter no. STSCD-TPR-COMMT-0003-2018/27385/SSD dated 29.12.2023 has furnished the facts and comments along with the compliance report of the District Collector of Jajpur. In the report outlining various government interventions in Nagada, Tumuni, and Guhiasal villages were mentioned. The report refutes claims of malnutrition deaths, attributing the deaths of two children to fever and epilepsy. It highlights efforts in education, stating that 56 ST children are enrolled in Chingudipal Ashram School, while younger children attend local Anganwadi centers. Infrastructure development includes road construction projects, piped water supply, and ongoing electrification in Tumuni. Healthcare services are provided through regular camps and immunization drives. Social security measures benefit 81 individuals, and 136 households receive PDS rations. Under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 117 land titles have been distributed, with remaining beneficiaries to be covered under the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana. Livelihood initiatives include SHGs receiving seed money and livestock support, alongside MGNREGS employment. Additionally, 60 houses have been sanctioned under the BPGY Mining Scheme. The administration affirms ongoing efforts to enhance connectivity, welfare, and living standards for the Juang STs in the region. This was sent to petitioner vide NCST letter dated 23.02.2024.

4. The petitioner requested the NCST for present position on the action taken by the Govt. of Odisha and District Administration in the matter. NCST decided to discuss the issue with Principal Secretary, SC and ST Development Department, Government of Odisha and the petitioner on 12.02.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 31.01.2025.

5. In the sitting, the Principal Secretary, SC and ST Development Department, Government of Odisha and District Collector, Jajpur were present via video conferencing. The petitioner was also present.

6. The Principal Secretary, SC and ST Development Department, Government of Odisha informed the Commission that a lot of work had been done in Jajpur district and three villages were already connected. He also assured the Commission that SC and ST Development Department will work in coordination with district administration to expedite the development work in the affected area of Jajpur district.

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7. After discussion with the officers of State Govt. of Odisha and petitioner, the following were recommended and an action taken report may be submitted within three months from the receipt of the minutes. Thereafter NCST will decide further course of action.

- SC and ST Development Department, Government of Odisha to work with District Administration, Jaipur to expedite the creation of basic infrastructure and developmental work in Jaipur district for improving the condition of STs in the said area.
- The updated progress report on the issue raised in the petition may be submitted to NCST.

(Jatothu Hussain)
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