

Tribal panel's notice to Kerala govt on alleged illegal sale of protected land

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New Delhi, Jun 7 (PTI) The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has issued a notice to the Kerala chief secretary and its forest department, asking them to submit facts relating to the alleged illegal sale of protected land at Attappady in Palakkad district.

Taking suo motu cognisance of a news report, the commission said it has decided to inquire into the matter in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it under Article 338A of the Constitution.

"You are hereby directed to submit the facts and information on the action taken on the allegations within three days of receipt of this notice," the NCST said.

The news report published on July 1, 2022, talks about immigrant businessmen from Tamil Nadu and other parts of Kerala illegally purchasing land belonging to members of the Irula tribal community at Attappady in the state's Palakkad district.

The tribal people of the area have alleged that these immigrants fabricated documents with the help of some government officials to prove land ownership.

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