

## 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)

File No.- NCST/ATY-702/OR/8/2022-APCR

Date: 28.04.2023

To,

Shri Suvendhu Kumar Patra Agarwal Superintendent of police, District - Kandhamal Kandhamal -762001 (Odisha) E-Mail: spkdml.odpol@nic.in

Subject: Press clipping published in Hindustan Times dated 08.10.22 captioned "class 7 girl in Odisha Tribal Hostel dies day after delivering stillborn" in Kandhamal District, Odisha.

Ref (i) Court Officer, NCST Summon dated 12th April, 2023 for personal appearance in the sitting scheduled on 28.04.2023

(ii) Letter No-101/Con Dated - 27.04.2023

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject and reference cited above and to state that your request for permission for appearance before the Commissioner in the Sitting through Video Conferencing has been duly considered by the Commission. Your request for exemption from personal appearance has been declined. The Commission has observed repeated lackadaisical attitude on your part in complying with personal appearance before the Commission.

- 1. Summons dated 02.01.2023 was issued to you to appear before the Commission on 11.01.2023 at 11:00 AM. You failed to appear on 11.01.2023. Subsequently the Commission received a letter dated 14.01.2023 from the Superintendent of Police, Jaipur, Odisha stating that he relieved as Superintendent of Police, Kandhamal, Odisha and was posted as Superintendent of Police, Jaipur, Odisha.
- 2. Summons dated 18.01.2023 was issued to you to appear before Commission on 10.02.2023 at 11:00 AM. Subsequently the Commission received letter dated 06.02.2023 wherein you had sought an exemption from personal appearance and requested for appearance through VC. The Commission vide letter dated 10.02.2023 informed that your request for VC was not allowed.
- 3. Summons dated 12.04.2023 was again issued to you to appear before Commission on 28.04.2023 at 01:00 PM. There has been no communication from your end regarding the Summons until 27.04.2023. On 27.04.2023 at 07:15 PM, after the working hours of the Commission you have sought an exemption via email from personal appearance and have requested for appearance through VC again.
- 4. Keeping view of the gravity of the issue and the lackadaisical attitude on your part, the Commission has taken serious view to take next course of action. You are hereby directed to furnish the reasons for seeking exemption at such a delayed stage to the Commission before 04:00 PM on 01.05.2023.

5. Please take notice that in case the Commission does not receive reply from you within the stipulated time, the Commission may exercise the power of Civil Court conferred upon it under Clause (8) of Article 338A of the Constitution of India and take the next course of action against you.

(Dr. Jayant Sarode)
Court Officer, NCST, HQ
National Commission for Stabilities

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