



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)

F. No. NCST-251/21/DEV-45/300/2021-ESDW

Dated: 26.05.2023

To,

Smt. Anu Garg,  
Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary,  
Department of Water Resources,  
Rajiv Bhawan, Keshari Nagar,  
Bhubaneswar-751001,  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar - (Odisha)  
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**Sub:** Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 02.05.2023 at 11:00 AM on the representation dated 06.10.2021 received in the Commission on 07.10.2021 from Shri Saheba Naik, Murusuan, Chamakpur, District Keonjhar, Odisha regarding forceful demolition, displacement of poor ST/SC people during implementation of Kanpur Project in Keonjhar District, Odisha.

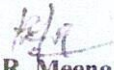
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 02.05.2023 at 11:00 AM on the above mentioned subject for information and necessary action.

2. You are directed to send the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations of the Commission **within 60 days** from the date of receiving of the Minutes.

Encl: as Above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H.R. Meena)  
Research Officer

Copy for information to: -

1. Shri Saheba Naik,  
Murusuan, Chamakpur,  
District Keonjhar,  
Odisha.

2. NIC Cell for upload in NCST  
Website.

**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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NCST/DEV-478/OR/56/2022-ESDW

**Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi, in the case of Shri Saheba Naik and Smt Sombari Munda, regarding rehabilitation and resettlement of tribal families affected by Kanupur Irrigation Project, Keonjhar, Odisha.**

**Date of the Sitting:** 02/05/2023, 11:00 AM

**List of Participants** - As per Annexure

This is in continuation of the earlier proceedings, Summons was issued to Collector and District Magistrate, Keonjhar and Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha to appear before the Commission on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The petitioner was also informed to attend the Sitting.

The ACS, Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha vide her letter dated 25.04.2023 requested the Commission to exempt her from personal appearance and deputed the Director(R&R) to appear on her behalf. The Commission allowed her request. The Collector and District Magistrate did not appear before the Commission.

The Director(R&R) informed the Commission that the department has written to Bank Officials and directed them to stop deducting TDS on compensation amount as it is against the rules and expedite the process of refund of TDS as well which was deducted earlier. He also informed that 215 left out families had been provided compensation amounting to a total Of 16.08 crores. Further, 122 homeless families also had been provided compensation of 1.5 Lakh each. He stated that the department had published notices for skill development program but the local people had not shown much interest. He also informed that significant number of tribal deities had been shifted for the convenience of tribal population of the area. Further 721 persons had been provided extended Displaced Persons(DP) status as well. He also stated that the documents relating to forest and revenue land could not be submitted since the District Administration had not provided the same. The Commission took a serious view of the same and noted that the Collector is not acting on the issue and even not present in the Sitting of the Commission.

*A. Nayak*

The Commission recommends the following : -

- The Director(R&R) to personally visit and survey the area and compile a report about the ground situation, the work done and existing problems to be resolved.
- The Director(R&R) to make all efforts to ensure that homestead land is provided on higher elevation ground and make all the land allotted to the Displaced persons fit for construction.
- The Director(R&R) to inquire into the workings of officers working at ground level and take action against any errant officials who are found to be indulging in bribery or any other illegal activities.
- The Director(R&R) to conduct Skill Development Program/Sessions again after giving wide publicity to the same. Prior to this, he may also visit the area and hold a discussion with the local people and youth in this regard.
- The Director(R&R) to appoint a Complaint Redressal Officer or devise any other mechanism through which the people might bring their complaints, grievances directly to his notice

The Action Taken Report to be sent to the Commission within 60 days.

*A. Singh*

(ANNEXURE)

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: -**

<b>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri Ananta Nayak	Hon'ble Member
2.	Dr. Jayant Sarode	Director
3.	Shri H.R. Meena	Research Officer
4.	Sh. Avinash Mattur	JLRC
5.	Sh. Neelmani Thakur	JLRC
<b>The Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Water Resource Odisha</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri Alok Kumar	Director, RR
<b>District Collector, Keonjhar, Odisha</b>		
1.	Absent	
<b>Petitioner</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Absent	Petitioner