

## 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)

Case File No. NCST/ATY-809/MP/94/2022-RO-BH

Dated: 21.07.2023

To,

1 Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil
Principal Secretary,
Tribal Affairs Department,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Commissioner's Office, Satpura Bhawan,
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462004
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2 Shri Narendra Kumar Suryavanshi Collector and District Magistrate, District - Ratlam Office of the District Collector, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh - 457001

Subject: News Clipping published in Ratlam Nai Duniya dated 08/12/2022, captioned 'Suspicious death of a student in the hostel, reference to falling from the roof'.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Sitting held on 14.06.2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action. It is requested that compliance report may be submitted to this Commission within 07 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully

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(आर.के. दुबे / R.K. Dubey) उप निदेशक/ Deputy Director

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Navak, Hon'ble Member, NCST on press clipping of Ratlam's "Nayi Duniya" dated 08.12.2022 captioned 'Suspicious death of a student in the hostel, cited to have fallen from the roof.

Date of the Sitting: 14.06.2023 at 04:00 PM

List of Participants: As per Annexure

The Commission received press clipping of Ratlam's "Nayi Duniya" dated 08.12.2022 captioned 'Suspicious death of a student in the hostel, cited to have fallen from the roof stating that Ms. Krishna Damor, 14 year old girl, studying in 9th Class is said to have fallen from the roof of the hostel. She was admitted in the District Hospital where she passed away.

Considering the gravity of the issue the Commission issued Notice dated 14.12.2022 to the Director General of Police, Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Collector and District Magistrate, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh and the Superintendent of Police, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh to take necessary action and submit the Action Taken Report ("ATR") within 07 days.

The Commission received ATR dated 18.01.2023 from Superintendent of Police. Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh stating that that Ms. Krishna Damor was found cheating in exams by her teacher and the same was informed to the concerned subject teacher, CCTV footage from the hostel of Ms. Krishna Damor talking to the friends before jumping off from the roof is seized by the police and that the investigation was under progress.

No ATR was received from the Collector and District Magistrate, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh.

The Commission issued Summons dated 07.06.2023 to Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Chief Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs, Madhya Pradesh and Shri. Narendra Kumar Suryavanshi, Collector and District Magistrate, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh to appear before the Commission on 14.06.2023 at 04:00 PM

अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK

सदस्य/Member राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES भारत सरकार/Govt. of India नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

During the course of hearing on 14.06.2023 Shri. Sunil Jaiswal, Deputy Collector, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, present on behalf of Shri. Narendra Kumar Suryavanshi, Collector and District Magistrate, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh submitted that through Magisterial Enquiry, statements from over 20 people were recorded wherein it was found that Ms. Krishna Damor was caught cheating in the exam. There was no harsh treatment by any of the teachers towards her. After the exam she, she went to the terrace of the hostel with her friends from where she fell. She was thereafter admitted to the District Hospital where she passed away.

Smt. Reeta Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Tribal Area Development, Madhya Pradesh submitted that compensation of Rs. 25,000/- was given to Ms. Krishna Damor's family by the Department of Tribal Affairs. Apart from this, the Department from the past 8-9 months has been conducting online trainings every week for 2 hours to all the teachers to counsel students on mental health and career counselling. They are training hostel staff as well.

The Commission expresses serious disappointment over the lackadaisical attitude on part of the Collector and District Magistrate for the non-compliance with regard to submission of Action Taken Report to the Commission. The Commission notes that it has been over since Notice was issued, but there is no correspondence from the Collector and District Magistrate, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh regarding the case. The Commission points out that there is a rise in similar instances of sudden deaths of tribal girls in hostels. The Commission expresses uncertainty on the conclusion of the report that Ms. Krishna Damor fell off from the terrace while she was talking to her friends. The Commission further points out that Ms. Geetha, friend of Ms. Krishna Damor was also found dead within 2 days after the death of Ms. Krishna Damor. not Based on the circumstantial evidences, the Commission finds that there are lapses in the investigation of police authorities.

In the foregoing, the Commission recommends the following that the Superintendent of Police shall re-investigate the matter based on the observations made by the Commission and submit report within 7 days.

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सदस्य/Member
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
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Sitting held on 14.06.2023 at 04.00 P.M in the case of दिनांक 08/12/2022 के रतलाम नई दुनिया दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित खबर, शीर्षक- 'छात्रावास में छात्रा की संदिग्ध मौत, छत से गिरने का हवाला' के सम्बंध में

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