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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/SER-1491/MRLY/54/2024-SSW

Dated: 12.11.2024

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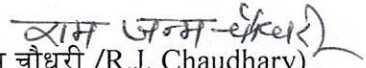
The General Manager,
Southern Railway,
Park Town, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)- 600003
Email Id: gm@sr.railnet.gov.in, Tel. No: 04425332157

**Sub:- Non release of pension, Gratuity and other retirement benefits to ST employees (Retd.)
by the Southern Railway- A representation dated 11.06.2024 of Zonal President, Akhil
Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Shastri Nagar, Chennai**

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I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 16.10.2024 at 5:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi 110003 on the above mentioned subject, for information.

Yours faithfully,


(राम जन्म चौधरी /R.J. Chaudhary)
सहायक निदेशक /Assistant Director
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2. PS to Hon'ble Member (J.H), NCST.
3. NIC, NCST for uploading on the website of the Commission.

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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, regarding caste verification by Southern Railways based on third party complaints at fag end of career of Shri K. Kesavan, Zonal President (South), Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Shastri Nagar.

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Date of the sitting: 16.10.2024, 05:00 PM

Participants in the Sitting - As per Annexure

Shri K. Kesavan, Zonal President (South), Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Shastri Nagar, Chennai vide his representation dated 11.06.2024 has alleged that the Southern Railways are seeking community verification of the Scheduled Tribes employees at the verge of retirement and thus denying timely payment of retirement benefits. Despite repeated reminders, no action has been taken by them.

NCST vide notice dated 25.08.2024 had referred the matter to Shri R.N. Singh, General Manager, Southern Railways, Chennai for submitting facts and information within 15 days. No reply has been received so far.

The Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authorities and the petitioner on 16.10.2024. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent to concerned authority and petitioner vide NCST Notice dated 07.10.2024. General Manager, Southern Railways, Chennai deputed Chief Personnel Officer/Administration to appear on his behalf. Chief Personnel Officer/Administration attended the Sitting while the petitioner was not present.

CPO/Administration informed that the Southern Railway was following due procedure with regards to caste verification. Since the petition's purview was broad in nature and the petitioner was not present, no specific discussion could be held on any particular person's case/grievance. The Commission observed that such exercise of Caste Verification is an essential activity which ensures that non-STs do not occupy seats meant for STs. Hence it was concluded that it would not be appropriate to make any broad recommendations in this regard.

(Jatothu Hussain)


Member

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

New Delhi

Jatothu Hussain
Member
Government of India
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
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List of participants of the sitting held on 16.10.2024 at 5:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST in the case of Zonal President, Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Shastri Nagar, Chennai regarding non release of pension, Gratuity and other retirement benefits to ST employees (Retd.) by the Southern Railway

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<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>			
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4.	Shri Akash Tripathy Sr. Investigator		
5.	Shri Mukesh Investigator		
6.	Shri Neelmani Thakur Consultant - Legal		
7.	Shri Ajay Andley, Consultant		
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<u>Southern Railway</u>			
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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III			
<u>Petitioner</u>			
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