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राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No. - NCST/DEV-4416/JH/38/2025-RU-IV

Date : 16.06.2025

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West Bengal Power Development Corporation,
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2. **Chairman and Managing Director**
Punjab State Power Corporation,
Pseb Head Office The Mall,
Patiala, Punjab - 147001
3. **Collector & District Magistrate**
District - Pakur,
DC Office Road Saharkol,
Pakur, Jharkhand 816107

Sub: Request for hearing for exploitation of tribal land oustees by West Bengal Power Development Corporation & Punjab State Power Corporation at Pachwara Coal Mining Project (North & Central) Amrapara, District Pakur, Jharkhand- letter dated 22.01.2025 of Ms. Munni Hansda, Secretary, Tribal Welfare Council, Kathikund, Village + Post – Kathikund, District – Dumka (Jharkhand).

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the sitting held on 30.05.2025 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action.

It is requested that compliance report in the matter on the recommendation may be furnished to this Commission within 30 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully

(एच.आर.मीना/H.R.Meena)

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(ii) PS to Humble Member (Dr. Asha Lakra)

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Minutes of the Hearing held under the Chairmanship of Dr Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Mrs. Munni Hansdah regarding the exploitation of tribal land oustees by West Bengal Power Development Corporation & Punjab State Power Corporation at Pachwara Coal Mining project (North & Central) Amrapara, District- Pakur , Jharkhand.

Date of the hearing : 30/05/2025,
Participants in the hearing - As per Annexure

Complaint received on 22.01.2025 in the Commission from Mrs. Munni Hansdah, Secretary ADIVASI KALYAN PARISHAD, kathikund , Dumka, Jharkhand mentions that WBPDCCL has been operating (15+8) MTPA coal mines at Pachwara Pakur for catering the power fuel requirement of WB & Punjab State. WBPDCCL & PSPCL has been operating the mines illegally through Mine Developer cum Operator (MDO) for 27 years. Innocent tribals were evicted forcefully by the MDO's with the local police authorities. No FIR has been registered by SP Pakur/Local Police Station. Also no legal compensation as declared by Govt. of Jharkhand (i.e. Rs 1.65 Cr/Acre) has been given to the tribals. NOCs from Gram Sabha are manipulated by District Administration & Project proponents for recommendation of Environment & Forest Clearances, Mining Lease etc. Houses of ryots have been demolished and they have not been relocated.

2. The Commission, in its notice dated 13.03.2025, referred the matter to the Chairman and Managing Director of West Bengal Power Development Corporation, Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab State Power Corporation and Collector & District Magistrate, District – Pakur for facts and comments.
3. Given the gravity of the matter, the Commission decided to hear the case and accordingly issued a Sitting notice dated 20.05.2025 to the Chairman and Managing Director of West Bengal Power Development Corporation & Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab State Power Corporation, Collector & District Magistrate, District – Pakur.
4. A letter dated 21.05.2025 was received from the CMD, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited requesting exemption from personal appearance at the hearing due to pre-scheduled and pressing official engagements.
5. During the hearing, CMD, WBPDCCL Kolkata, DIR (Mining) NBPDCCL, Kolkata, Dy, CE/Fuel-1 DBL-PSPCL, and DDC, Pakur, appeared before the Commission. The petitioner was also present during the

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hearing. During the hearing, the petitioners raised several grievances before the Commission, including major concerns that in cases where a piece of land had multiple owners, compensation was paid to only one owner, and no legal compensation or settlement was made to the remaining rightful landholders. It was also alleged that houses of ryots were demolished without providing any relocation or rehabilitation. In response, the Chairman and Managing Director of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC), Kolkata, stated that the coal blocks were acquired through due process from the earlier allottee, and the ongoing mining activities are a continuation of those previously carried out by M/s. Bengal Emta & Coal Mines. He further informed that the land acquisition and compensation process for the Pachhwara North Coal Mine was undertaken and completed by the previous allottee in the year 2011-2012 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

After hearing both parties, the Commission recommends the following: -

- i. A detailed report regarding the acquisition of the above-mentioned land, including:
 - The authority or agency that undertook the acquisition,
 - The date on which the acquisition was carried out,
 - The names of the ryots (landowners) who received compensation, along with complete land particulars, details of employment provided, and information regarding their relocation.
 - The bank details (name of bank and account numbers) where the compensation amounts were deposited.
- ii. A comprehensive explanation of the process followed for the land acquisition, along with submission of the minutes of the stakeholders' meetings held in this regard. These documents shall be submitted to the Commission for review.
- iii. A detailed list of all previous allottees who have undertaken mining activities on the said land, including:
 - The legal rights under which the land was acquired or allotted for mining,
 - The names of the companies currently or previously involved in mining operations on the said land.
- iv. The Commission shall undertake a visit to the above-mentioned land in the near future.
- v. The CMD, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, shall provide a written clarification regarding his absence and the letter submitted to the Commission requesting exemption. The Commission seeks detailed information about the pre-scheduled and pressing official engagements that prevented his appearance before the Commission.

(Dr. Asha Lakra)

Member

Govt. of India

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

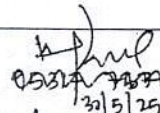
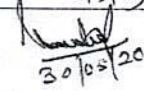
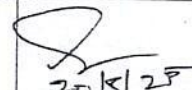
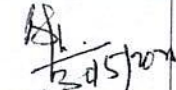
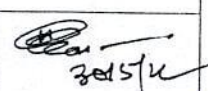
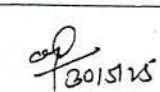
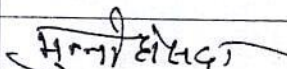
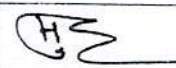
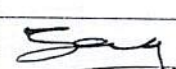
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Attendance Sheet
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Sitting to be held on 30.05.2025 at 02:00 P.M- Request for hearing for exploitation of tribal land oustees by West Bengal Power Development Corporation & Punjab State Power Corporation at Pachwara Coal Mining Project (North & Central) Amrapara, District Pakur, Jharkhand- letter dated 22.01.2025 of Ms. Munni Hansda, Secretary, Tribal Welfare Council, Kathikund, Village + Post – Kathikund, District – Dumka (Jharkhand).

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
1.	Dr. Asha Lakra Hon'ble Member	In Chair	
2.	Shri Yogendra Prasad Yadav Deputy Secretary		
3.	Shri H.R. Meena Research Officer		
4.	Shri Rahul Investigator		
5.	Ms. Riya Investigator		
6.	Shri Rahul Yadav Legal Consultant		
7.			
II	Officers from O/o CMD, West Bengal Power Development Corporation		
1.	P. B. SALIM IAS CMD, WBPDC	WBPDC, KOLKATA	 30/5/25
2.	C. GOSWAMI DIR (MINING)	WBPDC, KOLKATA	 30/5/2025
3.			
III	Officers from O/o CMD, Punjab State Power Corporation,		
1.	En. S.M. Chohan Dy. C.E (Fuel-1)	PSPCL 9646110855	 30/5/25
2.	BRAJESH KUMAR	DBL PSPCL 6232169087	 30/5/2025
3.			
IV	Officers from O/o Collector & District Magistrate, District - Pakur,		
1.	Mahesh Kumar Santhia D.D.C, Pakur	District Administration, Pakur	 30/5/25
2.	Ajay Singh Baran	D.D.AO, Pakur	 30/5/25
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2.	S. Singh	Ranchi	

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 - Mohan Murmu Pakur " 9608960313
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