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राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
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File. No. NCST/DEV-3330/TS/29/2024-RO-BHUV

Date: 12/06/2025

To,

1. **The Collector & District Magistrate,**
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(Telangana)- 506101
Email Id: collector-mbd@telangana.gov.in

2. **The Member Secretary,**
Telangana Pollution Control Board
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Hyderabad – 500018

3. **The Superintendent of Police,**
Office of Superintendent of Police,
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Sub: Representation dated 07.10.2024 of Dr. Srinivas and other STs of Maripeda Municipality & Town, District Mahabubabad of Telangana regarding health hazard due to setting up of Vidya herbs Cilly Process Flow Chart.

Mam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that a Sitting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST on 09.05.2025 at 05:50 PM at NCST, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi. A Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is enclosed herewith.

2. It is requested that Action Taken / to be taken Report on the recommendations may be submitted to National Commission for Scheduled Tribes within 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
Director

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Copy to:-

1. Dr. Srinivas, R/o Maripeda Municipality, Mahabubabad, (Telangana)-506315
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST.
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
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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 in the case Shri Srinivas and other STs of Maripeda Municipality & Town, District Mahabubabad (Telangana) regarding Health Hazards from Vidya Herbs Chilly Processing Unit.

Date of the Sitting: 09/05/2025, 05:50 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Srinivas and other STs of Maripeda Municipality & Town, District Mahabubabad, Telangana, vide their representation dated 07.10.2024, have stated that toxic gases released from Vidya Herbs Chilly Processing Unit. are severely affecting the health of nearby ST habitations and students of tribal residential schools. The factory started operations in 2021 and despite several complaints to the District Collector and Mandal-level officials, no concrete action has been taken. The public held a protest in 2022, prompting temporary shutdown of operations, but strong foul-smelling gases resumed upon reopening, resulting in respiratory distress and illness among elderly people and children. Though the matter was taken up with the Pollution Control Board, MP, MLA and other officials, only superficial inspections have been done and the issue remains unresolved.

2. In this matter a sitting was held on 11.12.2024, the following recommendations were made and minutes sent on 15.1.2025 to Collector & DM and Superintendent of Police, Mahabubabad.

- The Gram sabha approval prior to the establishment of the industry may be examined by the District Authorities and Pollution control board.
- As the management of the said industrial unit is planning to further scale up the capacity of the industry, mandatory approvals of the Gram panchayat/Municipality may be taken prior to such attempt and any further scaling may be taken up after the consensus of the neighboring tribal thandas/villages.
- The details of the manpower of the unit, their composition of local and non localtribals and the turnover of the unit and its contribution for the CSR may be submitted to the commission.
- As it is represented by the villagers that the neighboring tank of Nallacheruvu, the mango gardens of tribals and the children studying in tribl welfare residential schools near Arlagaddathanda are affected due to the pungent odours and gases released by the unit and pollution caused by the unit, the commission proposes to undertake a field visit to the said village in January 2025 and interact with the villagers for factual analysis."

3. The Superintendent of Police, Mahabubabad District, vide letter no. 06/NC-ST-P/D6-DCRB/MHBD/2024 dated 23.01.2025 has furnished the fact and comments and stated that the factory holds various legal permissions, including environmental, town planning and safety certifications. The SDPO has also sought a report from the Telangana State Pollution Control Board and further action will be taken based on the findings. Hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the Telangana Pollution Control Board and the petitioner on 09.05.2025. Accordingly, a sitting notice was sent on 25.04.2025.

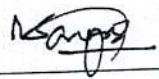
4. In the sitting, the Member Secretary, Telangana Pollution Control Board was present, but the petitioner was not present. The Member Secretary, TGPCB provide a letter TGPCB/NCST/UNIT-VI/HO/2025 dated 7.5.2025 alongwith the action taken report by them. A copy of action taken report dated 27.11.2024 and the recommendations of the review held on 11.11.2024 by the task force committee issued on 17.12.2024 enclosed with the letter.

5. After discussion and submission made by the Member Secretary, Telangana Pollution Control Board, it was decided that the Commission will visit the Vidya Herbs Chilly Processing Unit to assess the situation.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
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List of participants of the sitting held on 09.05.2025 at S.M.S. under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu, Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I National Commission for Scheduled Tribes			
1.	NCST Officials		
II Member Secretary, Telangana Pollution Control Board			
Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
1	G. Ravi member secretary	9949314315	
III Petitioner			