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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)

File No. NCST/DEV-3741/TS/88/2024-RO-BHUV

Date:-10.06.2025

To,

1. **The Collector and District Magistrate**
Collectorate,
District Bhadradi Kothagudem,
Bhadradi Kothgudem,
Telangana - 507101

2. **The District Forest Officer**
Bhadradi Kothagudem,
Office of DFO,
Bhadradi Kothagudem,
Telangana - 507101

Subject: Representation dated 02.11.2024 received from Smt. Banothu Baby of Muthyalampodu X Road, Tekulapally, Bhadradi Kothagudem District regarding land issue.

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 07.05.2025 at 02:10 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
Tel: 20819841

Copy to:

Smt. Banoth Baby,
4-33, Muthyalampadu X Road,
Tekulapalli, Bhadradi Kothgudem,
Telangana- 507123;
Mobile No: 9701628651.

1. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST.
2. NIC, NCST to upload on the website.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
NCST/DEV-3741/TS/88/2024-RO-BHUV

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 of Smt. Banothu Baby of Muthyalampodu X Road, Tekulapally, Bhadradi Kothagudem District regarding restoration of her assignment pattas in Survey No. 17 of Laxmidevipalli Village, Bhadradi Kothagudem District.

Date of the Sitting: 07/05/2025, 02:10 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Smt. Banothu Baby of Muthyalampodu X Road, Tekulapally, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, vide her petition dated 02-11-2024 has requested restoration of her assignment pattas in Survey No. 17 of Laxmidevipalli Village, Bhadradi Kothagudem District. She stated that the land was assigned in 1954 following disreservation orders issued due to law and order concerns in the Telangana area, and that she and other assignees have been in continuous possession since then. Despite repeated directives from revenue authorities and interim protection granted by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, forest officials are allegedly interfering with their possession, claiming the lands fall under a reserve forest. The petitioner has requested the Commission to direct the forest officials not to interfere with their peaceful possession, to grant suitable compensation for harassment and hardships, and to ensure justice.

2. NCST vide notice dated 22.01.2025 sought facts and comments from the Collector and DM, Bhadradi Kothagudem and District Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem within 30 days. The reply was not received, hence, decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 07.05.2025. Hence a sitting notice was sent on 22.04.2025.

3. The District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem vide letter no. C2/398/2025 dated May 2025 has informed that the petition filed by Smt. Banothu Baby W/o Anantharam and one other pertains to land in Sy. No. 17/26 and 17/27 of Laxmidevipalli Village, claimed to have been gifted by her father. The Revenue Divisional Officer's inquiry found that the land falls within Chatakonda Reserve Forest, notified as such in 1945, and the petitioner's name is not reflected in pahani records. The land was originally assigned irregularly in 1956, and subsequent pattas issued in 1989 and 2012 were cancelled by the District Collector for violating forest and revenue laws. These cancellations were upheld by the High Court, Supreme Court, and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration. The District Forest Officer confirmed through field inquiry that the land remains under exclusive control of the Forest Department and that the petitioner's claims are unfounded. Citing the need to protect forest wealth and legal precedents, the Collector has requested that the Commission treat the claim as untenable and dispose of the case on merits.

4. In the sitting, the FDO, Bhadradi Kothagudem was present and petitioner joined via Phone. The FDO, Bhadradi Kothagudem has informed about the case and reiterated that the said lands were under continuous possession of forest Department and have never been under the petitioners and the Revenue Department also has cancelled the pattas which were irregularly given. The petitioner claimed that they still possess the pattas and documents relating to them and there is a political conspiracy behind the cancellation of the pattas of STs whereas the non tribals still hold mangal plantations in the same area.

5. After discussion with the DFO, Bhadradi Kothagudem and petitioner (joined via phone), the following recommendations were made and action taken there on may be submitted within 30 days from receipt of the minutes.

- a. The District Collector and DFO may submit a detailed chronological report over the possession of the said lands.
- b. The District Collector, DFO and the petitioner may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing with all relevant documents.

(Jatothu Hussain)

जाटोथु हुसैन / Jatothu Hussain
सदस्य / Member
भारत सरकार / Government of India
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

F.No. NCST/DEV-3741/TS/88/2024-RO-BHUV

List of participants of the sitting held on 07.05.2025 at 6.45... under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu, Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I <u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>			
1.	NCST Officials		
II <u>Collector & DM, District - Bhadravadi Kothagudem</u>			
Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
III <u>District Forest Officer, Bhadravadi Kothagudem</u>			
	V. Koteswara Rao		
IV <u>Petitioner</u>			