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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No.- NCST/DEV-4149/TS/232/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Dated 10.07.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary
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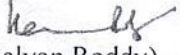
Sub: Representation received from Shri Pasula Buchaiah, President, Adivasi Naikpod Seva Sangam, Telangana regarding segregation of Naikpod community from Gond community and to give separate identity.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 23.06.2025 at 03:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/to be taken in the matter may be intimated to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter for placing it before the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


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2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), 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 Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Shri Pasula Buchaiah, President, Adivasi Naikpod Seva Sangam, Telangana regarding recognition of Naikpod as a separate Scheduled Tribe in Telangana.

Date of the Sitting: 23/06/2025, 03:00 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
NCST/DEV-4149/TS/232/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

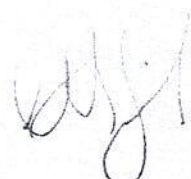
Shri Pasula Buchaiah, President, Adivasi Naikpod Seva Sangam, Telangana, vide his petition has requested for segregation of the Naikpod community from the Gond tribe and recognition of Naikpod as a separate Scheduled Tribe in Telangana.

2. NCST vide notice dated 24.01.2025 sought facts and comments from the Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Telangana within 30 days. No reply was received from the authority. Hence the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 08.05.2025 which was postponed, as the authority and petitioner was not present.

3. Hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 23.6.2025 at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad. Accordingly, a sitting notice was sent on 18.6.2025. On behalf of Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, the Additional Director, Tribal welfare, Telangana and Director, Tribal Cultural Research and Training Institute have attending the sitting. The petitioner Shri Pasula Buchiah and the members of Adivasi Naikpod Seva Sangam, Telangana State Committee have also attended the sitting.

4. The petitioner, Shri Pasula Buchaiah, President, Adivasi Naikpod Seva Sangam, Telangana informed that despite several petitions are submitted to Hon'ble Presidents Secretariat, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, General Administration Department, Tribal welfare Department for segregation of the Naikpod community from the Gond tribe and recognition of Naikpod as a separate Scheduled Tribe in Telangana, no concrete action has been taken. The petitioner furnished historical documents, including Hyderabad State regulations of 1949, writings of Christoph von Fürer-Haimendorf, and other official communications to assert that Naikpods were originally recognized as a distinct tribe, but were later wrongly classified as a sub-tribe of Gonds in the 1950 Constitution Order. He emphasized linguistic, cultural, and marital distinctions between Naikpods and Gonds. Due to the current classification, Naikpods face difficulties in securing community certificates and availing welfare benefits. He has requested that necessary proposals may be sent by the State Government of Telangana to GoI for (i) inclusion of Naikpods as a separate ST in Telangana, (ii) conduct of separate census.

5. The authority has informed that as per the research studies made by the Tribal cultural research and training institute, the Gonds and Naikpods are Distinct communities and the same are documented in terms of their culture and traditions. The same will be placed in the next meeting of Telangana Tribes Advisory committee meeting scheduled shortly and will be resolved to send the detailed proposal to the Government of India for segregation of Gond and Naikpod community.



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6. After discussion with the petitioner and authority, the following recommendations are made by NCST. The Action taken report of the same may be submitted in 45 days.
- The inclusion proposal may be placed in Tribes Advisory Council in its next meeting for its approval for separate listing as ST in an independent S.No from the existing synonym at S.No 6 alongside Gond, Rajgond and Koitur
 - Wider consultations may be made with Gond community to obtain a statement of No objection from the Gond community elders.
 - A detailed ethnographic study report along with the minutes of TAC resolution supporting the segregation of Naikpod community from Gond community may be submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and ORGI for a justification and necessary strength to the proposal.
 - The Government of Telangana may address to request the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner for a separate enumeration of the Naikpod community.
 - Pending segregation of the Naikpod from Gond community for official purposes, the Naikpod community may be given priority in the admissions in Ashram schools, livelihood schemes and other welfare schemes as per their due share of population.



(Jatothu Hussain)

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