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File No. NCST/ATY-1324/OR/13/2023-APCR

Dated: 08.07.2025


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Sub: Representation dated 03.07.2023 from Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist – New Delhi regarding allegedly chopped off hand of Shri Angad Mallick, from Dahalapadi Sahi in Baliguda NAC a young migrant worker of Kandhamal's Baliguda by miscreants in Mumbai while he was on the way to Gujarat in search of work.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 06.06.2025 at 12:00 noon under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at New Delhi on the above mentioned subject, for information.

Yours faithfully,


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1. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
2. 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 in the case of Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist regarding the plight of tribal migrant workers, particularly from districts like Kandhamal, Koraput, Gajapati, Nuapada, and Kalahandi.

(NCST/ATY-1324/OR/13/2023-APCR)

Date of the Sitting: 06/06/2025, 12:00 Noon

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, New Delhi vide his petition dated 03/07/2023 has highlighted incident of gross human rights violations and inaction by the State Government of Odisha and the Centre concerning the plight of tribal migrant workers, particularly from Districts of Kandhamal, Koraput, Gajapati, Nuapada and Kalahandi of Odisha. The petition focuses on the gruesome case of Angad Mallick, a young tribal from Kandhamal, whose hands were allegedly chopped off by miscreants in Mumbai while en route to Gujarat for work. The petition also narrates several similar cases of brutal violence, exploitation and deaths of tribal migrant workers across different States due to lack of protection, regulation, and support systems. It attributes these incidents to systemic negligence, poor implementation of labour laws, and the absence of coordinated welfare mechanisms for inter-state migrant workers. The petitioner has urged the Commission to intervene strongly, suggesting both short-term and long-term policy measures including migrant data tracking, proper implementation of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, compensation mechanisms, national registration portals and establishment of a nodal agency under the Ministry of Labour.

2. NCST vide notice dated 04.07.2023 sought facts and comments from the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha, DGP, Odisha and Director General, RPF within 15 days from receipt of the Notice.

3. The Railway Board (Inspector General (HQ), vide letter no. 2022/Sec Cr/45/27/NCSC/NCST dated 12.7.2023 has informed that the policing and public order are State subjects under the Constitution and the State Governments are responsible for investigation and law enforcement through agencies like Government Railway Police (GRP) and District Police. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) is not empowered to register or investigate IPC cases. The Director General of Police (Railways), Maharashtra has been requested to examine the matter and submit a report directly to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. Coordination between RPF and DGP Railways Maharashtra has been advised for early report submission. Any further requirements related to this case should be directed to DGP Railways Maharashtra, and any issues related to RPF's functioning may be brought to the Railway Board's notice.

4. The Collector and District Magistrate, Kandhamal, vide letter dated 13.07.2023 has informed that Superintendent of Police, Kandhamal has investigated the case by deputing a special team to Mumbai and the victim's village. The incident likely a railway accident with no evidence of an attack by named individuals. The victim's statement is pending verification and compensation is on hold pending investigation outcome. The District Labour Officer reported the victim was beaten by 3-4 persons with an iron rod in Mumbai and is not registered under the state welfare board. The District Social Security Officer stated a disability certificate and pension are being processed after medical examination found 90% disability. Artificial limbs are expected within 3-4 months. The district administration supports rehabilitation and further detailed reports will be provided after completion of investigations.

5. The Collector and District Magistrate, Kandhamal vide letter dated 1.8.2023 has furnished additional information regarding the financial assistance of Rs. 30,000 from the District Red Cross Fund, which has been sanctioned and credited to the victim. Shri AngadMallick has also been issued a disability certificate by the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer, Kandhamal.



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6. The Commissioner of Police, Railways Mumbai, vide letter dated 31.08.2023 reported that the incident involving Angad Mallick occurred on 01.05.2023 at Kalyan Railway Station when he was hit by Train no. 15268 Ruksol Express, resulting in the amputation of both his hands. Eyewitnesses confirmed that Mallick attempted suicide by lying on the railway track and entering under the train. He was immediately treated at Rukhminibai Hospital and then at KEM Hospital, Mumbai. Post-treatment, he was rehabilitated at an ashram in Gujarat before moving to Rajasthan. No complaints of assault or torture were recorded during his treatment or rehabilitation. The police concluded the allegations of assault mentioned in the representation by Advocate Radhakrishna Tripathi are misleading and untrue. These were forwarded to the petitioner for information vide NCST letter dated 10.05.2024. Further progress in the case was not received, hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 06.06.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 28.05.2025.

7. In the sitting, ADM, Kandhamal, Addl. SP, Kandhamal and other officers from Govt. of Odisha were present on behalf of Chief Secretary and DGP, Govt. of Odisha. The petitioner was also present. The petitioner drawn the attention regarding providing artificial limbs (Hands) to the victim. The ADM, Kandhamal provided letter no. 1152/Judl dated 3.6.2025 of the Collector & District Magistrate, Kandhamal (Phulbani). In the letter it has been informed that the Artificial Limbs has been provided to the victim on 3.4.2025 at SVNIRTAR, Olatpur, Cuttack.

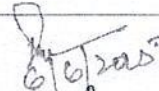
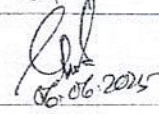
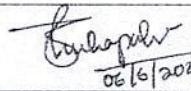

8. The Commission appreciated the positive steps taken by the District Administration, Kandhamal but noted that systemic gaps in protection, regulation, and welfare of tribal migrant workers remain unaddressed. Issues such as unsafe migration routes, lack of accountability for interstate violations and weak implementation of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, which need urgent examination and coordinated policy response. The State Government of Odisha is advised to focus on these issues.

9. After discussion with the officers of Govt. of Odisha and petitioner, it was decided that no action is required on the part of NCST in this case. However, the M/o Labour is advised to formulate a policy for protection of Inter -State Migrant Labours.



(Jatothu Hussain)
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List of participants of the sitting held on 6.6.2025 at 12:45 under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST

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