



**राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग**  
**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

File No. NCST/DEV-4837/TS/410/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Dated: 11.07.2025

To,

1. The Principal Secretary,  
Govt. of Telangana,  
Irrigation Department  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Secretariat,  
Hyderabad (Telangana)-500022
2. The Director ,  
Horticulture Department  
Govt. of Telangana  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Secretariat,  
Hyderabad (Telangana)-500022
3. The Managing Director  
TG Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers  
Federation Ltd, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Parishrama Bhawan, Besides GST  
Building, New MLA, Quarters,  
Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad  
(Telangana)- 500004

**Sub:- Representation received from ST oil palm farmers regarding supply of poor quality seedings to them for which the Palm trees are not bearing any fruit even after attaining age of 7 years.**

महोदय / महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of sitting held on 23.6.2025 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), New Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be submitted to NCST within stipulated time for placing it before the Hon'ble Member, NCST.

Yours faithfully,

  
(P.Kalyan Reddy)  
Director  
Tel:- 24641640

Copy to:-

1. Karam Sri Ramulu,  
Jaggaram Village,  
Bhadradri Kothgudem (Telangana) – 507306
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri J.H), 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 Karam Sri Ramulu and other Schedule Tribe Oil Palm Farmers, Bhadadri Kothagudem District regarding supply of poor-quality oil palm seedlings between 2016 and 2021.

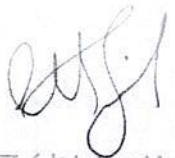
**Date of the Sitting: 23/06/2025, 12:00 Noon**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**  
**NCST/DEV-4837/TS/410/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III**

Karam Sri Ramulu and other Schedule Tribe Oil Palm Farmers, Bhadadri Kothagudem District, Telangana, vide their petition dated 18th March 2025, have informed the Commission that around 6,000 ST farmers cultivating 40,000 acres under TG OIL FED's factory zone were supplied poor-quality oil palm seedlings between 2016 and 2021, resulting in nearly 30% of palm trees not bearing fruit even after 7 years. Despite repeated complaints to the MD, TG OIL FED, and other authorities, no action or compensation has been provided. He alleges that nurseries under TG OIL FED are managed by non-technical officials, fail to follow SOPs of IOPR, and distribute substandard or aged seedlings, including batches that should have been destroyed due to curling issues. This situation has caused significant losses to the farmers and discouraged new plantation efforts. He has requested an enquiry into TG OIL FED nurseries and inspection of plantations, and seeks compensation for the crop loss.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government Of Telangana, the Commissioner, Horticulture, Government Of Telangana, and the Managing Director, TG Co-Operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation Ltd vide NCST letter dated 25.04.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days. No reply was received.

3. The Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 23.06.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 18.06.2025. On behalf of the Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Telangana, the authorities Director of Horticulture, MD, TG Oilfed, Dt Manager and OSD have attended the hearing. The petitioner was also present during the hearing.

4. The authority has informed that the oilpalm is being promoted in Telangana region since 1992 but after the Government of India launched National Mission on edible oils and oil palm (NMEO-OP) in 2021, the SOP for oil palm nurseries are communicated to all the companies vide Lr.No.OP/12/2021 Dated 19.5.2022 and it is mandated that only quality plant material reaches the farmers as per IOPR guidelines. Further the norms and standards for establishing oil palm nursery and SOPs for management of oil palm nursery received from Gol are communicated to oil palm companies vide Lr.No.OP/54/2024 Dated 1.2.2025. Support assistance of Rs.50918 are provided per acre towards oil palm-plant material, inputs and intercrop for 4 years, drip irrigation etc., and the price of fresh fruit bunches is fixed by the state government every month and the present FFB price is 18,748 Rs. per MT. The Commissioner, Horticulture has further informed that the Government of Telangana is fully committed to the welfare of the farmers and all efforts are being made by the Government for successful implementation of oil palm area expansion in the State. Further informed that safety measure like post entry quarantine, tracking of the consignment were also taken. In order to show the evidence of the failed crop and their quality the plantation is not culled.

  
जाटोतु हुसैन / Jatothu Hussain  
सदस्य / Member  
भारत सरकार / Government of India  
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5. The petitioner has informed that the institutional strategy is followed to decline OER, there are over 65000 oil farmers cultivating 2.43 lakh acres and only in specific nurseries the problem arised . As per the protocol, 10 seeds to be sent to IOPR for examination of genetic defects if any, there are instances of selling of the material to the private nurseries in neighboring state. The farmers needs to be supported by crop insurance and bearing the loss and new saplings may be provided in place of failed saplings.

6. After discussion with the authorities and the petitioner, the following recommendations were made and the ATR may be submitted in 30 days

- a. A four member committee of experts having ample knowledge about the oil palm plantations may be constituted. It may compose of 2 scientists from IOPR, Mr. K.V. Ranga Reddy, Retired Senior Manager-OIL Palm Development TS OIL FED who played important role in oil palm development in these Districts and having ample knowledge on this area and oil palm plantations and nurseries and Sri. Venugopal Rao – Dy. Director Horticulture who has through knowledge in oil palm nursery management and import of pregerminated seed from other countries.
- b. This 4 member committee may be made to visit all effected plantations and submit detailed report on the quality of the plantations/plants and reasons for poor yields and not bearing any Fruit bunches and genetically defective plants. Further a detailed report on all plantations for whom seedlings from 2016 to till date are acquired ie, from Aswaraopet, Apparaopet and Regallapadu nurseries with all details i.e Farmer name, extent planted, variety supplied, batch Number, sprouts planted date, age of plant , date on which seed is supplied to farmer and present state of plantation.
- c. A detailed assessment may be made ie, the extent and number effected oil palm farmers from 2016 to till date and also the quality of seedlings lying in nurseries and recommend whether they are fit for planting.
- d. Investigation may be made on all TG OIL FED nursery activities from 2016 to till date and find root cause of curled and genetically defective plants into farmers' plantations and on corrupt practices in oil palm nurseries and complete audit on seed imports, utilization and balance of seedlings in the nurseries.
- e. Assessment may be made and necessary steps may be taken for payment of compensation to the affected farmers plantations above 4 years old @1,00,000 per acre per year and in case of less than 3 years old plantations for removal and replanting of affected plants by TG OIL FED and for paying maintenance cost for 4 years.
- f. Stringent action may be taken on employees of TG OIL FED and the contractors who are responsible for issuing poor quality and genetically defective planting material into farmers' plantations and cause huge loss to the oil palm farmers from 2016 to till date.
- g. Investigating the role of third-party persons involved in seed import from other countries and his role in other private oil palm processing companies to avoid such kind of incidences in future
- h. Penal action may be taken on culprits for causing huge financial loss to Scheduled Tribe (KOYA) farmers including other farmers from 2016 to till date.



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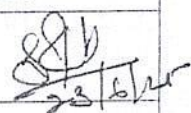
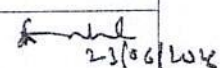
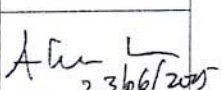
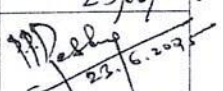
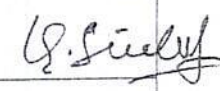
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List of participants of the sitting held on 23.6.2025 at 12:00 (Noon) under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu, Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Agriculture Department, Govt. of Telangana</u>		
Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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3.	P. Praveen Reddy Dy. Manager (Agr)	7981440080	 23.6.2025
III	<u>Petitioner</u>		
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	Kalam Sripavanth	9000430813	 23.6.2025