



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-4984/TS/469/2025-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
(Tel No-040-23450606).
2. Collector & District Magistrate
Bhadradi Kothagudem
District – Bhadradi Kothagudem-507101
(Telangana)


Sub:-Representation received from Patha Reddygudem, Bandaru Gumpu, Nadimireddygudem, Suddagothulagudem and Naramgumpu villages of Bhadradi Kothagudem District, Telangana regarding irrigation and road facilities to the Koya and Kondareddy ST lands.

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. Ummala Durga Reddy,
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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 Scheduled Tribe farmers belonging to Konda Reddy and Koya communities regarding silt accumulation in the Gundeti Vaagu tank and damaged canals on both sides

Date of the Sitting: 23/06/2025, 11:40 AM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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A group of poor Scheduled Tribe farmers belonging to Konda Reddy and Koya communities from villages like Pata Reddygudem, Bandaru Gumpu, Nadimireddygudem, Suddha Gothulagudem, and Narangumpu in Ashwaraopet Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, have submitted a petition regarding silt accumulation in the Gundeti Vaagu tank and damaged canals on both sides. They stated that their agricultural lands depend on this 1908 tank (Survey No. 369D) located in Bandaru Gumpu. Due to complete siltation, the water storage has drastically reduced, severely affecting their farming. They have requested the Commission to direct concerned authorities to desilt the tank and repair both side canals immediately.

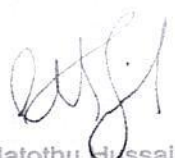
2. The Commission issued notice to The Principal Secretary to Government Of Telangana, Irrigation Department and The Collector And District Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem vide NCST letter dated 16.05.2025 seeking facts and comments within 15 days.

3. Additional Secretary to Government, Irrigation & CAD (MK) Department, Government of Telangana, vide Memo No. 4298/MK/A1/2025 dated 05.06.2025 has forwarded the petition to the Engineer-in-Chief (General), Hyderabad who has been directed to take necessary action as per rules and submit an Action Taken Report directly to the NCST and furnish a compliance report to the Government immediately.

4. 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. The authority ie, The District Collector and Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem and the petitioner Shri Ummala Durga Reddy have attended the hearing.

5. The petitioner informed that three of their grievances remain unresolved: (i) desilting of the Gundeti Vaagu tank and repair of the canals to increase water storage capacity, (ii) assignment of pattas for 70 acres of land currently under cultivation by STs, for which old pattas already exist, and (iii) construction of an 11 km road to the Korrajula Kuladevatha temple. He stated that no initiative has been taken on these issues, even after considerable time has passed since the grievances were first raised during the Commission's visit to Bhadradri Kothagudem District.

6. The authority informed that the Irrigation Department has reported the existing water storage capacity to be sufficient for irrigation needs, and the Government has instructed that farmers may be allowed to take silt from the tank bund, upon receiving requests from them. Further, the Revenue Department has already submitted a proposal to the Government regarding the 70 acres of land currently under the control of the Irrigation Department. The process for assigning the said land to the STs cultivating it will be undertaken in due course. With regard to laying the road from Pata Reddygudem to the Pedda Korrajula temple, it was informed that since the route passes through reserved forest and requires a cross-drainage structure, it may not be feasible.


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


7. After hearing both the petitioner and the authority, the following recommendations were made, and an Action Taken Report (ATR) may be submitted within 30 days:
- ST farmers may be permitted to desilt the stream to enhance its capacity.
 - The District Collector may prepare a list of farmers, with the assistance of the Revenue authorities, for the assignment of land already under cultivation by ST farmers.
 - The feasibility of laying a metal road or cart track for access to the Korrajula Kuladevatha temple may be examined, and estimates for the sanction of a culvert/bridge over the stream en route may be submitted to the Government.



(Jatothu Hussain)

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List of participants of the sitting held on 23.6.2025 at 11:40 AM 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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| I | <u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u> | | |
| 1. | Dr. P. K. Reddy Director | | |
| 2. | NCST Officials | | |
| II | <u>Irrigation Department, Govt. of AP</u> | | |
| Sl. No. | Name and Designation | Address & Phone No. | Signature |
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| III | <u>Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadradi Kothagudem</u> | | |
| | Jitesh V Patil | 9490636535 |  |
| | A. SRINIVAS RAO CE/KOTHAGUDEM | 800827345 |  |
| III | <u>Petitioner</u> | | |
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