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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)

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

Dated:- 25.07.2025

To,

1. The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Telangana,
Agriculture 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
9th Floor, Parishrama Bhawan, Besides GST Building,
New MLA, Quarters, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad
(Telangana)- 500004

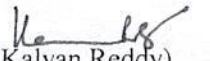
Sub:- Representation received from ST oil palm farmers regarding supply of poor quality seedings to them for which the Palm trees are not bearing any fruit even after attaining age of 7 years.

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.
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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.

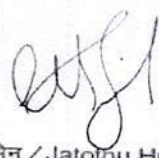
Date of the Sitting: 23/06/2025, 12:00 Noon
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Karam Sri Ramulu and other Schedule Tribe Oil Palm Farmers, Bhadadri Kothagudem District, Telangana, vide their petition dated 18th March 2025, have informed the 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.

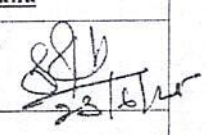
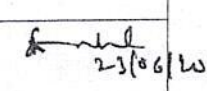
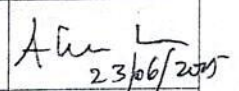
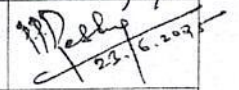
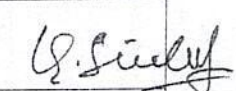
2. The Commission issued notice to the Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government Of Telangana, the Commissioner, Horticulture, Government Of Telangana, and the Managing Director, TG Co-Operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation Ltd vide NCST letter dated 25.04.2025 seeking facts and comments 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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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

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
I National Commission for Scheduled Tribes			
1.	Dr. P. K. Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II Agriculture Department, Govt. of Telangana			
Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
III Horticulture Department, Govt. of Telangana			
1.	S. Yameen Basha, IAS Director of Horticulture	8922314488	 23/6/25
IV TG Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation Ltd			
1.	J. Shankaraiiah MD, TG oilfed	9866514545	 23/06/2025
2.	Dr. A. Kiran Kumar OSDC (OPD)	9440108930	 23/06/2025
3.	P. Praveen Reddy Dy. Manager (Agri)	7981440080	 23/6.2025
III Petitioner			
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	Karam. Srikumar	9000430813	 23/6.2025