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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No. NCST/DEV-4599/AP/240/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Dated: 31.07.2025

To

The Collector And District Magistrate
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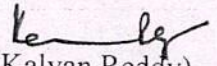
Sub: Representation received from the Kondareddy ST Tribal people of Velairpadu Mandal of Eluru District regarding denial of various developmental schemes to their village.

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I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 09.07.2025 at 04:50 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at New Delhi 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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(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)

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2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), 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 New Delhi in the case of Guru Guntla Ganesh Reddy and other residents of Modela village under Koyida Panchayat, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh, regarding denial of Development infrastructure to their habitation.

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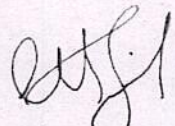
Date of the Sitting: 09/07/2025, 4:50 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Guru Guntla Ganesh Reddy and other residents of Modela village under Koyida Panchayat, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh, have submitted that their hamlet, inhabited by 28 Kondareddy ST families for over 150 years, lacks basic amenities like road connectivity, electricity, school, Anganwadi center, and drinking water, due to objections from forest officials. Though 24 houses are under construction under the PMAY scheme, the forest officials — Ranger Edakondalu Rao, Forester Somaraju, Guards Vidyasagar and Kesava Rao — have halted the work. The village falls under Polavaram project-affected area, and the approach road passes through forest land, which is being objected to on grounds that the area is part of a proposed wildlife sanctuary. Despite 10 families receiving land pattas under the Forest Rights Act, 20 more pattas are pending. Due to objections from forest staff, construction and infrastructure works are stalled, severely affecting the ST residents. The villagers have requested the Hon'ble President of India to ensure resolution of these objections and provide essential facilities to the village.

2. NCST vide notice dated 20.3.2025 has referred the matter to issued notice to the Collector And District Magistrate, Eluru for seeking facts and comments within 30 days from receipt of the Notice. The reply was not received from the concerned authority, hence, NCST has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 09.07.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 27.06.2025. The District Collector & Magistrate vide letter dated 5.7.2025 has sought the exemption and deputed Project Officer, ITDA, K.R. Puram, Eluru.

3. In the sitting, the PO, ITDA, K.R. Puram, Eluru was present and the petitioner was not present. The PO, ITDA, K.R. Puram, Eluru has provided the letter no. e-87895/2025/F2 dated 5.7.2025 of District Collector, Eluru. In the letter, facts and comments on the issue raised by the petitioner was mentioned. As far as the electric line is concerned, as the proposed project falls within the National Park areas and its Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), the proposal is "Not Recommended" under the provisions of the RoFR Act and the Executive Electrical Engineer (Operation), APEPDCL, Jangareddygudem was instructed to submit for Wildlife Clearance through the PARIVESH Portal by the , in accordance with the rules and guidelines in force. With regard to Housing, The Executive Engineer (Housing), Jangareddygudem has informed that under PM-Janman 2023-2024 scheme, 19 houses were sanctioned to Modela village and subsidy amount of Rs. 12,60,000/- was also credited to the SB accounts of the (18) beneficiaries @ 70,000/- each. The EE, Housing has further informed that the Forest officials denied permission to construct new houses in the village as the said village falls in the Reserve Forest Area. With regard to the Road work, The Deputy Executive Engineer (TW), K.R.Puram has reported that the Villagers of Koida Panchayat of Modela Village is a PVTG habitation having population of 82 and situated at a distance of 5.40 km from Dolugandi Village of Buttayagudem Mandal. The present connectivity status of road is Cart track. Permission is required from the Forest department as entire length of road is passing through Reserve forest area. With regard to school building, The Academic Monitoring Officer, PMRC, ITDA, K.R.Puram has reported that earlier Mandal Praja Parishad school was running in the village and it was closed due to low enrollment. Further, during the current academic year 2025-2026, there are only (03) school going children and action is being taken to admit them at the nearest school i.e. Lakapalaka Village of Buttayagudem mandal.



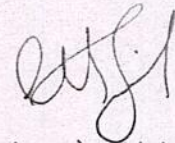
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4. PO, ITDA has requested to grant three months time for obtaining the permission from forest department and in the meantime alternative arrangements were being made like solar electricity, drinking water etc. Efforts have been made to convince them to relocate to R&R Settlement colony of Polavaram Project, however it is not materialised and Statement accordingly is being collected from the 23 Kondareddi families.

5. After discussion with the PO, ITDA, K.R. Puram, Eluru, the following recommendations were made and action taken there on may be submitted to NCST within 90 days from receipt of the Minutes.

- The PCCF, Forests Department and the District Collector, Eluru may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing with detailed plan of action.



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