



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)

File No.- NCST/ATY-1997/WB/48/2024-RO-BHUV (RU-III)

Date: 23/9/2025

To,

1. The District Collector & Magistrate
Birbhum
Prashasan Bhawan, PO- Suri,
District – Birbhum (West Bengal)-731101
2. The Superintendent of Police
Birbhum
District – Birbhum (West Bengal) -731101


Sub: Representation dated 22.11.2024 received from Shri Sarat Hembram, S/o of Lt. Babui Hembram, Vill:Dakshinharirampur(Barabagan), PO:Ruppur, PS:Santiniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal regarding unauthorised occupation of the tribal land by the land mafias.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of sitting held on 9.9.2025 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


(P.Kalyan Reddy)
Director

Phone No. - 011-24641640

Copy to

1. Sri Shyam Soren And Others,
S/O- Late Kamak Soren, Vill-Dakshinharirampur,(Barabagan), Po-Ruppur, Ps-Santiniketan,
Birbhum (West Bengal) - 731101
- ✓ 2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JII), 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 Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Shri Sarat Hembram, S/o of Lt. Babui Hembram, Vill:Dakshinharirampur (Barabagan), PO:Ruppur, PS:Santiniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal regarding unauthorised occupation of the tribal land by the land mafias.

(NCST/ATY-1997/WB/48/2024-RO-BHUV)

Date of the Sitting: 09/09/2025 at 5:30 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

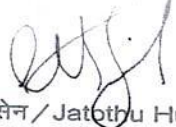
Shri Shyam Soren and Shri Sarat Hembram, residents of village Dakshin Harirampur, P.S. Santiniketan, District Birbhum, West Bengal, vide their petition dated 22.11.2024 have stated that their lands in Dakshin Harirampur mouza are being forcibly occupied by land mafias led by Shibapada Ghosh, Bijay Kumar Ghosh of Ruppur and Dr. Kedar Ranjan Banerjee of Kolkata, while the local administration has remained inactive despite repeated complaints. They have submitted that despite approaching the local police, SP Birbhum, DM Birbhum, and the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, no effective action has been taken, creating a threat of breach of peace and injustice to the ST community. They have requested the Commission's intervention for protection of their property, punishment of offenders, and enforcement of provisions under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, enclosing copies of earlier complaints for reference.

2. The Commission issued notice to the District Collector & Magistrate, District- Birbhum and Superintendent of Police, District-Birbhum on 26.12.2024 for seeking facts and comments within 30 days from receipt of the Notice.

3. The Superintendent of Police, Birbhum, vide letter no. 30.01.2025, has informed the Commission that an enquiry was conducted by Shri Rickey Agarwal, SDPO Bolpur into the petition of Shri Sarat Hambram, S/o Late Babui Hambram, Vill-Dakshin Harirampur, P.S. Santiniketan, regarding alleged unauthorized occupation of ST land. The enquiry revealed that the disputed land is recorded in the name of Dr. Ketaki Ranjan Banerjee under Mouza Dakshin Harirampur, JL No. 51, Khatian No. 491, measuring 4.060 acres. The petitioner could not produce any ownership or ancestral documents to substantiate his claim. It was further reported that Title Suit No. 28/2014 had already been decreed on 15.12.2022 by the Court of Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Bolpur, in favour of the plaintiffs, and an appeal, Title Appeal No. 07/2023, is pending before the Additional District Judge, Bolpur, as directed by the Hon'ble High Court for early disposal. The police have concluded that the matter is civil in nature, sub judice, and advised the petitioner to await the outcome of the appeal, noting that his claim presently lacks supporting evidence. This was sent to the petitioner vide NCST letter dated 11.02.2025. The petitioner has submitted a rejoinder which was referred to concerned authority for comments.

4. The District Collector & Magistrate, Birbhum vide letter no. 742/BCWTD/Birb. Dated 18.3.2025 has furnished the facts and comment and stated that the matter has been taken up with the Sellers and purchaser for clarification regarding prior permission obtained from the competent authority for selling /purchasing of the said plots of land under section 14C of WBLR Act, 1955. The further action will be taken on the receipt of the reply from them.

5. The Superintendent of Police, Birbhum vide Memo no. 1954/E letter dated 26.3.2025 has furnished the report of SDPO, Bolpur. In the report it has mentioned that upon verification of records, it was found that the same land was the subject of the title suit no. 28 of 2014, adjudicated by the Civil judge (Sr. Division), Bolpur on 15.12.2022. The court ruled in favor of Shibapada Ghosh and others, declaring them the rightful owners and permanently restraining the defendants (including the petitioner) from entering the land. The defendants were directed to vacate the property within 60 days. The petitioner has since filed Title Appeal No. 7 of 2023 before the Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Bolpur, which is currently pending. The petitioner has been informed to await the outcome of the appeal. The issue remains a civil dispute, and no immediate law and order concerns have been reported.

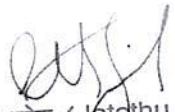

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6. The petitioner was not satisfied with the reply of District Administration of Birbhum. Hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 09.09.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 29.08.2025.

7. In the sitting, the District Collector & Magistrate, District – Birbhum and the Superintendent of Police joined via Video Conference. The petitioners were present physically in the sitting. The petitioners has reiterated their earlier submission and requested for justice. The officers of District Administration of Birbhum had also apprised about the action taken by them in the matter.

8. After discussion with the officers of District Administration of Birbhum and petitioners, the following recommendations were made and action taken thereon may be furnished to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the minutes.

- The petitioners are advised to meet the District Collector & Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Birbhum for apprising their problems and further guidance.
- The District Collector & Magistrate, Birbhum is advised to conduct a fresh enquiry in the matter keeping in view of provisions of Land Act of the State.
- The Police Department of District Birbhum is advised to provide the protection to petitioners.


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List of participants of the sitting held on 09.09.2025 at Sa. 30, under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
1.	Dr. P.K Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Police Department, Govt. of West Bengal</u>		
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
	<u>District Police</u>		
	<u>ONLINE</u>		
III	<u>Collector, Birbhum</u>		
	<u>ONLINE</u>		
IV	<u>Petitioner</u>		
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	<u>Parashurath Murnu</u>	<u>9339090954</u>	<u>Parashurath Murnu</u>
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