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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)

File No.- NCST/DEV-5084/AP/311/2025-RO-BHUV (RU-III)

Date: 28/08/2025

To,

The Collector & District Magistrate  
Eluru  
District-Eluru (Andhra Pradesh)- 534006

**Sub: Grant of individual R&R package, who completed 18 years of age from the date of issue of R&R Package to their families for Polavaram Project.**

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of sittings held on 12.08.2025 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad 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

(R.K. Dubey)

Dy. Director

Phone No.- 011-24641640

Copy to

1. Smt. Kunja Paavani, Chigurumamidi Village, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District, Eluru, (Andhra Pradesh)- 521170 (Email:- ch.sagarswarupa@gmail.com, Mobile No:8247885798)
2. Shri Sode Babu, H.No.2-14/1, hurpemetta Village, Narlavaram Gram Panchayat, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District (Andhra Pradesh)
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
4. 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 Dilkhusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Shri Ch. Sagar, President, DISHA Foundation Seva Society regarding non-granting of R&R (Rehabilitation and Resettlement) packages to ST farmers for agricultural lands affected by the Polavaram Project.

**Date of the Sitting: 12/08/2025, 11:40 AM**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**  
**NCST/DEV-5084/AP/311/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III**

Shri Ch. Sagar, President, DISHA Foundation Seva Society, vide his petition dated 15.05.2025 has submitted a representation on behalf of Banne Pavani, d/o Muthyalu, resident of Chigurumamidi village, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District, which is affected by the Polavaram Project. He stated that although Banne Pavani had attained the age of 18 years on 11.04.2020, she was not sanctioned an individual R&R package at the time of issuing the package to her family. Despite several representations made by her to the Mandal Tahsildar, Project Officer ITDA Kotaramachandrapuram, and District Collector, Eluru, no action has been taken so far. It is further submitted that her father also has not received the R&R compensation for his land. The petitioner has requested the Commission to intervene and ensure individual R&R packages are granted to eligible ST persons who have completed 18 years of age.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Collector & District Magistrate, District – Eluru vide NCST letter dated 02.06.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.

3. Reply was not received hence the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 12.08.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 02.08.2025. The Petitioner Sri Ch. Sagar, President Disha Foundation Seva society has attended the sitting. On Behalf of the authority ie, District Collector, Eluru, the Project officer, ITDA KR Puram has attended.

4. The petitioner, Shri Ch. Sagar, President, DISHA Foundation Seva Society, on behalf of Kunja Pavani, D/o Muthyalu, resident of Chigurumamidi village, Velerupadu Mandal, Eluru District, which is affected by the Polavaram Project has stated that although Kunja Pavani had attained the age of 18 years on 11.04.2020, she was not sanctioned an individual R&R package at the time of issuing the package to her family. Despite several representations made by her to the Mandal Tahsildar, Project Officer ITDA Kotaramachandrapuram, and District Collector, Eluru, no action has been taken so far. It is further submitted that her father also has not received the R&R compensation for his land.

5. The authority ie, PO ITDA, KR Puram has stated that as on cutoff date in 2017, the age of Kunja Pavani is only 15 Years 1 Month and so she is ineligible for the R&R package.

6. After hearing both the authority and petitioner the following recommendations are made and the ATR may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the Minutes-

a. When the R&R package is not yet settled even after the lapse of 5 years of the cutoff date, what is the sanctity of the cutoff date. A detailed survey may be conducted on such issues of non settlement of R&R.

b. Among ST families the labour work force participation starts from a very young age so the criterion of 18 years age for consieration as PDF may not be appropriate.

c. The issue may be escalated to the higher level for appropriate policy decision as many such grievance cases are being reported from vulnerable PDFs of Polavaram Project.



**(Jatothu Hussain)**

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सदस्य / Member

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes  
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List of participants of the sitting held on 12.8.2025 at ..... under the chairmanship of Shri.Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

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