

राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No.- NCST/DEV-4756/TS/382/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Date: 9 /9/2025

To,

The District Forest Officer
Mahabubabad
District - Mahabubabad (Telangana) - 506101

Sub: Representation received from Shri Vankudothu Badru Naik of Line Thanda, Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad District regarding land allotted under Forest Rights Act.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of sittings held on 28.8.2025 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

(P.Kalyan Reddy

Director

Phone No. - 011-24641640

Copy to

 Shri Vankudoth Bhadru, Line Thanda, Gudur, Mahabubabad Dist, Mahabubabad (Telangana) - 506134

2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), 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 Shri Vankudothu Bhadru, Line Thanda, Gudur, Mahabubabad District, Telangana regarding issuance of title deed under FRA for forest land under his occupation.

Date of the Sitting: 28/08/2025, 3.20 PM Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure NCST/DEV-4756/TS/382/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

The petitioner, Shri Vankudoth Bhadru Naik S/o Chandru Naik, village Line Tanda, Gudur Mandal, Mahabubabad District, vide his petition dated 24-02-2025 has stated that his mother was issued a Pattadar Passbook for podu cultivation after recommendations from village, mandal, and district committees and verification by the Project Officer, District Forest Officer, and District Collector. Due to his mother's ill health, no cultivation was done for a year, leading to false allegations and provocation by villagers. He plans to cultivate palm oil and integrated farming on the land, has procured drip material, equipment, palm oil saplings, and availed Rythu Bandhu, loan waiver, and a loan of ₹2 lakhs. The District Collector has issued proceedings for palm oil cultivation. He seeks permission from forest authorities to dig a borewell for irrigation and to grant all necessary approvals.

- 2. The Commission issued notice to District Forest Officer-Mahabubabad vide NCST letter dated 04.04.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.
- 3. The District Forest Officer, Mahabubabad, vide his letter dated 06.06.2025 has informed the Commission that the Forest Range Officer, Gudur, after enquiry, found that the petitioner was never in possession of the said land, which currently consists of natural vegetation and is under the control of the Forest Department. The petitioner produced an RoFR title deed bearing No. RoFR022300492645 in the name of Smt. Vankudothu Dharmi W/o Chandru for 6.39 acres, but the DFO stated that RoFR deeds starting with this series should not have been issued as the Forest Department did not survey the land. It is unclear how the petitioner obtained the title deed. The DFO alleged that the petitioner has been repeatedly attempting to encroach upon the forest land in RF Compt.No.1037 of Marrimitta Beat of Guduru Range, filing multiple complaints and misleading authorities to claim the land.
- 4. The Commission has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 28.08.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 13.08.2025.
- 5. The FRO, Gudur has attended for the hearing on behalf of DFO and the petitioner has attended the hearing over phone.
- 6. The petitioner has submitted that he was denied the rightful claim, though his podu patta is printed after the FRC recommendations. The authority has submitted that the time series of cartosat imagery maps reveal that the podu land was not under occupation prior to the cutoff date of December 12, 2005 and further stated that RoFR deeds starting with this series should not have been issued as the Forest Department did not survey the land. It is unclear how the petitioner obtained the title deed and has also produced the correspondence of FRO, Gudur ON 23.6.23 where in Tahsildars of Guduru, Kothaguda Mandals and MPDOs of Gudur, Kothaguda mandals are requested to hold the RoFR title deeds with Series Numbers ROFR022300 and not to issue them as they have been directly forwarded to the SDLC and DLC without the notice and signature of the concerned Forest beat officers of Gudur Range.
- 7. After hearing t the petitioner and authority the following recommendations are made and ATR may be submitted in 15 days from the receipt of the Minutes.

a. All the claims on the said RF Compt.No.1037 of Marrimitta Beat of Gudur Range may be examined afresh following the due procedure in accordance with the FRA Act and Rules.

b. It is noticed that in several cases the ST farmers claiming the podu land are devoid of any real physical possession but it is only on papers and they are disbursed the Rythubandhu/Ryhubarosa assistance without any forest land and thus causing the loss to the state exchequer. In some cases though they are in possession, the Rythubandhu assistance is not provided. Hence the Revenue Department, Tribal Welfare Department and Agriculture Department may weed out such fraudulent and fictitious database and maintain a foolproof scientific data base with accurate geo coordinates.

c. It is also noticed that some antisocial elements and mafia are printing the Bogus FRA passbooks for a lumsum and selling it to the bogus claimants especially in Mulugu and Mahabubabad Districts. All such cases may stringently be controlled while protecting the genuine claimants who have been depending on the forests for their bonafide livelihood needs.

d. The State level monitoring committee of FRA may take a decision on cancellation of all such fraudulent claims and title deeds issued by oversight and indicate a methodology as such procedure is not explicitly mentioned in Act or Rules of FRA.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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List of participants of the sitting held on 28.8.2025 at under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain. Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

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