

राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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F.No. NCST/DEV-2223/TS/31/2023-ESDW/RU-III

03.09.2025

The Collector & District Magistrate, Integrated Collectorate Complex, District- Suryapet, Telangana - 508213 Email Id: collector-srpt@telangana.gov.in

Sub: Representation dated 21.08.2023 of Shri Banoth Srinivas S/o late B. Gopal, H. No. 6-59, Village-Cheruvetanda, Post-Janpahad, Mandal-Palakeedu, District-Suryapet, Telangana regarding disputed ownership of 3.00 Acres Land in Palakaveedu Mandal.

Mam/Sir.

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 11.08.2025 at 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 from receipt of the letter, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)

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Copy to:-

1. Shri Banoth Srinivas S/o iate B. Gopal, H. No. 6-59, Village-Cheruvutanda, Post-Janpahad, Mandal-Palakeedu, District-Suryapet. Mobile No:7780615505

PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), NCST. 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 Banoth Srinivas regarding purchase of assigned land that was obtained fraudulently.

Date of the Sitting: 11/08/2025, 11:20 AM Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure NCST/DEV-2223/TS/31/2023-ESDW

Shri Banoth Srinivas, vide representation dated 21.08.2023, has stated that he purchased 3 acres of assigned land from A. Janakamma in 2007, unaware of its status. He alleges that Janakamma, belonging to the Reddy community and ineligible for such land, fraudulently obtained the patta and illegally sold it to him. Despite cultivating the land and filing representations with authorities to revoke Janakamma's patta and associated benefits, no action was taken. He asserts that the accused have significant political and financial influence and seeks justice, including the cancellation of the illegal patta and appropriate action against the respondents.

- 2. NCST vide notice dated 19.10.2024 had referred the matter to Collector and District Magistrate, Suryapet District, Collectorate, Suryapet for facts and comments within 15 days.
- 3. The reply was received from Collector & District Magistrate, District-Suryapet, Telangana dated 22.11.2023 wherein it was stated that Sri Banothu Srinivas, the complainant, is employed in a Central Government job and belongs to an Above Poverty Line (APL) family. He owns agricultural land totaling 15 acres and 31 guntas in Survey Nos. 66, 68, 71, 112, 319, and 321, situated in Janpahad Revenue Village of Paalakeedu Mandal. A Writ Petition (No. 13189/2023) filed by Smt. Ramavath Naji, along with a Contempt Petition, is currently pending before the Hon'ble High Court concerning the subject land. Necessary action will be taken following the final orders from the Hon'ble Court.
- 4. The petitioner submitted a rejoinder dated 22.01.2024, highlighting that A. Janakamma, from an influential and wealthy family, obtained patta (land ownership) for assigned land without following due procedure. The petitioner contends that the cancellation of assigned land requires approval from the District Collector, which was bypassed by the then Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Suryapet, who cancelled the patta without proper authority. Dissatisfied with the response from the concerned authority, the petitioner emphasized that the original sale deed and patta certificate No. B/1676/2003 dated 30.04.2023 have been surrendered and are currently in his possession. Additionally, the petitioner raised concerns that there was no official clarification on who held possession of the land from 2007 to 2019, before the implementation of the Dharani portal. He also stated that he paid Sishtu (land tax) from 2008 to 2016 for the disputed land. The petitioner seeks appropriate action to address the irregularities in the cancellation of the patta and to establish his rightful ownership of the land.
- 5. The District Collector, Suryapet, vide his letter dated 08.07.2025 has informed the Commission that on verification of the petition filed by Sri Banoth Srinivas, it was found that Smt. Anchuri Janakamma was assigned Ac.3.00gts of Government land in Sy.No.71 in 2003, despite her and her husband already owning Ac.12.31gts in various other survey numbers. Moreover, she was again irregularly reassigned land in 2019, even though she and her family had permanently moved out of the Mandal about 15 years ago. The Revenue Divisional Officer had earlier cancelled the assignment in favor of Banoth Srinivas in 2019, directing re-possession and issuing of notices. The land is currently recorded in BhuBharathi in the name of Smt. Janakamma, but steps are underway to delete her name and resume the land to Government account in view of irregularities. The Collector has requested 30 days' time to complete the procedural formalities.
- 6. The Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 11.08.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 02.08.2025. The petitioner Shri Banothu Srinivas and his sister Smt. Ramavath Naji have attended the sitting. The District Collector, Suryapet District has attended the sitting.

जाटोतु हुसेन / Jatothu Hussain सदस्य / Member

भारत सरकार/Government of India राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

- 7. The petitioner, Shri Banoth Srinivas, has stated that he purchased 3 acres of assigned land from A. Janakamma in 2007, unaware of its status. He alleges that Janakamma, belonging to the Reddy community and ineligible for such land, fraudulently obtained the patta and illegally sold it to him. Despite cultivating the land and filing representations with authorities to revoke Janakamma's patta and associated benefits, no action was taken. The petitioner informed that there was no official clarification on who held possession of the land from 2007 to 2019, before the implementation of the Dharani portal. He also stated that he paid Sishtu (land tax) from 2008 to 2016 for the disputed land. The petitioner seeks appropriate action to address the irregularities in the cancellation of the patta and to establish his rightful ownership of the land.
- 8. The District Collector, Suryapet, has informed that on verification of the petition filed by Sri Banoth Srinivas, it was found that Smt. Anchuri Janakamma was assigned Ac.3.00gts of Government land in Sy.No.71 in 2003, despite her and her husband already owning Ac.12.31gts in various other survey numbers. Moreover, she was again irregularly reassigned land in 2019, even though she and her family had permanently moved out of the Mandal about 15 years ago. The Revenue Divisional Officer had earlier cancelled the assignment in favor of Banoth Srinivas in 2019, directing re-possession and issuing of notices. The land recorded in BhuBharathi in the name of Smt. Janakamma, was deleted and recorded as Government and will be resumed by the Government.
- 9. After hearing both the petitioner and authority, the following recommendations are made and ATR may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.

a. If the pahanis were on the name of the petitioner for some duration and as there is an evidence of paying the taxes, the claim of the petitioner may be considered.

b. The BPL status of the Ramavath Naji Dependant of Shri. B. Srinivas may be confirmed and assignment may be made in the name of his widowed sister Smt. Ramavath Naji who has withdrawn her WP in the Hon'ble High court of Telangana as it is not a sub-judice.

(Jatothu Hussain)

जाटोतु हुसेन / Jatothu Hussain सदस्य / Member भारत सरकार / Government of India राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes मई दिल्सी / New Delhi