



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

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(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F.No. NCST/DEV-324/AP/13/2022-ESDW/RU-III

04.11.2025

1. **The Chief Secretary,**  
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi -522238

2. **The Collector & District Magistrate,**  
District-Srikakulam,  
Collectorate Complex,  
Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532001


**Sub: Representation dated 07.03.2022 of Shri Chinthala Balaraju and others regarding poor STs land less farmers & their families will struggle for existence, to meet livelihood, their lives will be under risk and put to miserable situation-implementation of land purchase schemes as per existing laws under ST action plan.**

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 17.10.2025 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)  
Director

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Copy to:-

1. Shri Chinthala Balaraju, s/o Shri Jogulu, Village Sanysipeta, Panchiyathi & Post Lingalavalasa, Mandal-Tekkalli, District Srikakulam-532201, A.P.
2. Shri Nanupuram Chinnarao, S/o Shri Prakash Rao, Village Sanysipeta, Panchiyathi & Post Lingalavalasa, Mandal-Tekkalli, District Srikakulam-532201, A.P.
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), 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 NCST, Head Quarter, New Delhi in the case of Shri Chinthala Balaraju and others poor STs land less farmers struggling for existence to meet livelihood, their lives will be under risk and put to miserable situation-implementation of land purchase schemes as per existing laws under ST action plan.

**File No.: NCST/DEV-324/AP/13/2022-ESDW**

**Date of the Sitting: 17.10.2025 at 3:20 PM**

**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**

Shri Chinthala Balaraju vide representation dated 7.3.2022 has stated that the ST farmers have been in peaceful possession over the mentioned lands since his ancestors i.e., more than 80 years and the entire revenue record reflecting our long possession over the scheduled mentioned property. It is mentioned that they have been cultivating the lands by raising various seasonal crops. The petitioner stated to submit that the owners of the property i.e. 1) Bangaram Bandi Sanjeevara Rao, 2) Chowdary Madhusudhana Rao, 3) Eswara Rao Chowdary, have recently approached them and informed that they are going to sell away the property for their urgent necessities to the third parties and tried to dispossess them from above mentioned dry lands in an illegal, unlawful and highhanded manner. The petitioner stated to submit that if the owners take appropriate steps for eviction of the poor ST farmers there no other alternative, as their lives will be under risk and put to miserable condition/situation and families (near about 200 persons) will fall on the road. There are several persons i.e., old aged parents, minor children, etc depending on these poor ST farmers.

2. In this matter, NCST has convened sittings on 21.02.2024, 23.08.2024, 05.03.2025 and 24.05.2025. In the last sitting held on 24.5.2025 the following recommendations were made and the minutes were forwarded to all concerned on 10.6.2025.


- Legal aid to all the cases attended by the petitioner on behalf of the STs may immediately be released.
- Provision may be made in ITDAs or TRICOR to support the STs towards legal fee to fight legally in such kind of disputes.

3. The Action Taken Report was not received, hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, the Managing Director, TRICOR and Collector & District Magistrate, Srikakulam and petitioner on 17.10.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 6.10.2025.

4. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department (GCC) vide Memo no. 1772900/TW-GCC/2022 dated 14.10.2025 has sought exemption and deputed MD, TRICOR and Collector & District Magistrate, Srikakulam to attend the sitting.

5. In the sitting, the MD, TRICOR, PO, ITDA, Seethampeta and petitioner were present. The petitioner informed that the recommendations made by NCST on 24.5.25 were not complied and that after verification of records obtained through RTI, it is revealed that an amount of Rs.10,72,535/- was spent towards afforestation in Ecopark in 2019 from the funds available under legal head by mentioning that no one have claimed that legal fund. Further there is an endorsement that if required, the aforesaid amount will be taken back. When the Petitioners applied for legal fund, the department stated that no funds are lying in the said head of account. The authority has informed that necessary legal support is provided through the District Legal services authority (DLSA) and the fee could not be provided for an individual lawyer/advocate.

6. It was observed, that the reply submitted by the District Collector, Srikakulam on 27.2.2025 clearly mentioned that the issue raised by the petitioner is a policy/scheme matter. Hence, the Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh may initiate action to frame a policy/scheme for purchase of land for landless STs in the State.

  
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7. After discussion with the authority and petitioner, the following recommendations are made and ATR may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.



- The Tribal Welfare Department may take immediate necessary action to protect the interests of the poor ST Farmers by suitably designing a land purchase scheme/policy under TRICOR and by allocating funds under TSP/STC component. If reply not received by the Tribal Welfare Department, the NCST will fix a sitting to discuss the issue with the Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department to resolve the issue.
- The P.O., ITDA., Seethampeta may take required steps to get back the fund which was expended out of legal fund and provide legal aid fund to the Petitioners immediately in order to support the STs towards legal fee in such kind of disputes.
- The S.P of Srikakulam District may provide necessary assistance through local police to the ST farmers from any attacks by the opposite rival parties in the locality while farming.



(Jatothu Hussain)

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List of participants of the sitting held on 17.10.2025 at 3.20... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

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I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
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2.	NCST Officials		
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