

राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No.- NCST/ATY-2783/MRLY/46/2025-RU-IV

Date: 04.11.2025

To,

The General Manager,
Southern Railway,
Headquarters Office, Park Town,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600003
Email Id: gm@sr.railnet.gov.in

Sub:

Complaint regarding harassment from the Railway Society, Chennai by forgoing, manipulating in outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 26,34,205/- letter dated 23.06.2025 of Shri B.Asokan, Korattur, Chennai (Tamilnadu).

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the sitting held on 08.10.2025 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action.

It is requested that compliance report in the matter on the recommendation may be furnished to this Commission within 15 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully

Praveen Kumar Singh Under Secretary

E.mail ID: rahul.1424@ncst.nic.in

Copy to:-

Shri B. Asokan, 26A, 2nd Cross Street, Srinivasapuram, Korattur, Chennai-600076, Mobile No:9566102871

PS to Hon'ble Member (Dr. Asha Lakra) NIC for uploading



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Minutes of the Sitting held under the chairmanship of Dr. Asha Lakra, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, at Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi, at 03:50 PM on 08.10.2025, regarding a complaint submitted by Shri B. Asokan, Korattur, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) through his letter dated 23.06.2025, concerning alleged harassment by the Railway Society, Chennai, involving forgery and manipulation in outstanding dues amounting to ₹26,34,205/-.

Date and Time of Sitting : 08.10.2025 at 03:50 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri B. Asokan, a resident of Korattur, Chennai, and a member of the Railway Employees Cooperative Credit Society (RECCS) since 01.12.2010, submitted a complaint dated 23.06.2025 alleging financial discrepancies and harassment by RECCS. He claims to have received only ₹1,25,000 against a recorded loan disbursement of ₹6,30,000 and disputes the outstanding dues of ₹26,34,205. Despite repeated requests, including a letter dated 21.07.2025, he has not received clarification or documentation from the Chief of RECCS. Shri Asokan alleges irregularities in interest calculations and asserts that the continued withholding of his gratuity and terminal benefits—citing the need for a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from RECCS—is unjustified, as no such NOC is legally required. He further contends that the NOC is being withheld due to concerns over potential accountability under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. He seeks a transparent inquiry and immediate release of his terminal dues.

- 2. Taking cognizance of the matter the Commission issued a Notice dated 29/07/2025 to The General Manager, Southern Railway, seeking facts and information in the matter.
- 3. In response to the Commission's notice, Southern Railway submitted a reply (Ref. सं/पी/No.P(S)171/Repn./NCST/2024-25 dated 22.08.2025) stating that Shri Ashokan voluntarily retired on 21.10.2019. His terminal benefits were withheld pending verification of his Scheduled Tribe status, which has now been confirmed by the State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC).Shri Ashokan had taken a General Loan of ₹6,30,000/- from the Railway Employees Co-operative Credit Society (RECCS) on 04.11.2016, repayable in 72 monthly instalments. He paid only 7 instalments, resulting in an outstanding amount of ₹27,25,444/- (including interest and penalties) as of 30.06.2025. RECCS has stated that loan repayment is mandatory and terminal benefits cannot be released until dues are cleared.



- 4. In view of the gravity of the matter, a sitting was scheduled for 08.10.2025. Accordingly, a summons dated 30.09.2025 was issued to the General Manager, Southern Railway, and the petitioner was duly informed of the scheduled sitting.
- 5 During the sitting, the General Manager of Southern Railway was represented by the Chief Personnel Officer (Administration), who was accompanied by the Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Chennai Division. The petitioner was also present.
- 6. After hearing both parties, the Commission makes the following recommendations:
 - The gratuity of Shri B. Asokan may be released by Southern Railway without further delay, in accordance i. with the departmental procedures
 - Furthermore, the matter will be taken up with the Railway Employees Co-operative Credit Society ii. (RECCS) in the next sitting for further examination.

An Action Taken Report in the above context be submitted within 15 days to the Commission.

(Dr. Asha Lakra) Member

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Attendance Sheet National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Sitting to be held on **08.10.2025** at **03.50** P.M- Complaint regarding harassment from the Railway Society, Chennai by forgoing, manipulating in outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 26,34,205/- letter dated 23.06.2025 of **Shri B. Asokan**, Korattur, Chennai (Tamilnadu).

SI. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
ï	National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
1.	Dr. Asha Lakra Hon'ble Member	In Chair	
2.	Shri Yogendra Prasad Yadav Deputy Secretary		
3	Shri H.R. Meena Consultant		
4.	Shri Rahul Investigator		
5.	Ms. Riya Investigator		
6.	Shri Rahul Yadav Legal Consultant		2
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II	Officers from O/o General Manager, Southern Railway, Chennai		
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2.	M. Senthil tumer Senior DPO	90031 61600	
3.	Chenne Pailway Div	is ion	
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