



**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-358/TN/3/2022-ESDW(RU-III)

21.11.2025

To

1. The Collector & District Magistrate,  
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**Sub: Representation dated 09.03.2022 of Sh. Rajni and Others, Village- Serkadu, Katpadi Taluk, District- Vellore, Tamilnadu - 632115 regarding retrieval of scheduled tribes land at survey no. 75/4A1 of the Irular tribes.**

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 11.11.2025 at 04:40 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi 110003 on the above mentioned subject.

2. 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,

  
(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)  
निदेशक/Director  
Telephone No. : 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Rajni,  
Village- Serkadu, Katpadi Taluk,  
District- Vellore, Tamilnadu - 632115
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 Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Shri Rajini S/o Sarkari of Serkadu Village, Katpadi Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu regarding alleged encroachment of Irular land.

**Date of the Sitting: 11/11/2025, 4:40 PM**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**  
**NCST/DEV-358/TN/3/2022-ESDW**

Shri Rajini S/o Sarkari of Serkadu Village, Katpadi Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, along with 19 other Irular families, has submitted a representation dated 09.03.2022 regarding retrieval of the land allotted to Irular tribes at Survey No. 75/4A1 (0.31.5 ares), which was allotted around 1980 for residential purposes by the AdiDravidar Welfare Department. The petitioner has stated that the said land has been encroached by caste Hindus, who have also prevented the Irular families from constructing pucca houses, subjected them to physical assaults, and destroyed their huts, forcing them to flee. Despite several complaints to various authorities including the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Director (Tribal Welfare), District Collector, Tahsildar, and Superintendent of Police, Vellore, on dates 08.11.2021, 04.12.2021, 20.12.2021, 21.02.2022 and 28.02.2022, no action has been taken to restore their land. The petitioner has alleged that forged documents are being created to grab the allotted land and has requested the Commission to give justice.

2. The NCST vide notice 25.4.2022 has referred the matter to the District Collector & Magistrate District-Vellore and Superintendent of Police, District- Vellore for furnishing the facts and comments within 15 days.

3. The Superintendent of Police, Vellore District, vide letter no. G1/008133/07/2022 dated 17.08.2022, has informed that an enquiry was conducted by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Katpadi Sub-Division. In the enquiry, it was revealed that during 1980 land in Survey No. 75/4A1 (0.31.5 acres) was allotted under the AdiDravidar Social Welfare Scheme, but members of other communities had encroached and constructed houses there. It was also noted that the petitioner's families were unable to protect the land as they frequently migrated for daily labour. The matter is presently under enquiry by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vellore, who has directed the Tahsildar, Katpadi, to maintain status quo till its conclusion. The petitioner has accepted this and given a written statement that he would seek remedy from the Revenue Department; therefore, the police have requested that the case before the Commission may be treated as closed. This was sent to the petitioner vide NCST letter dated 06.10.2022.

4. The District Collector, Vellore, vide his letter no. K10/971/2022 dated 30.09.2022, has informed that the case of Survey No. 75/4A1 was examined. The petitioner claimed that the land was ancestral property assigned to his forefathers by the AdiDravidar Welfare Department but was fraudulently taken over by caste Hindus. On verification, it was found that the petitioners did not produce any documentary proof of assignment except the A-Register copy mentioning the land as "Irular Colony". As per official records, the land is classified as "Meikal Poramboke" meant for cattle grazing, and the sale deeds executed through a valid Power of Attorney in 1990 are legally registered. It was also observed that the petitioner's ancestors had not resided on the assigned land, thus violating the conditions of assignment under RSO 21(7). At present, 15 families, including some from the Scheduled Caste community, reside there. The Collector concluded that the petitioners' claim lacks merit and recommended that the petition be dismissed as baseless. This was sent to the petitioner vide NCST letter dated 27.12.2022.

5. The petitioner vide his rejoinder dated Nil has stated that his forefathers belonging to the Irular Community were granted free patta in 1978 for land in Survey No. 75/4A1, but despite several representations, no action has been taken by the revenue authorities to protect their possession. He alleged that the District Collector, Vellore, in his report dated 30.09.2022 submitted false information to the Commission, resulting in dismissal of their genuine claim. The petitioner further submitted that the District Revenue Officer, Vellore, passed an erroneous order dated 18.03.2022, against which an appeal is pending before the Commissioner of Land Administration, hearing held on 22.05.2023. He contended that the authorities have failed to implement the provisions of G.O. (Ms) No. 34 dated 13.01.2021, which provides for proper recording and protection of free house site pattas for SC/ST beneficiaries, and that the officials have not followed its directions in updating land records. He has requested the Commission to take suitable action against the false report submitted by the District Collector and to ensure justice to the Irular community residents of the said land.]

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6. The Commission has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 11.11.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 04.11.2025. The District Collector, Vellore vide letter dated 6.11.2025 has sought exemption and deputed District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer to attend the sitting. The SP, Vellore vide letter dated 10.11.2025 has sought exemption and deputed Dy. Supdt. of Police, Vellore.

7. In the sitting, both the above officers and petitioners representative were present. The petitioners representative has reiterated the issues mentioned in the rejoinder dated Nil of the petitioner and requested for justice. The Dy. Supdt. of Police, Vellore has provided the letter no. G1/008133/07/2022 dated 10.11.2025 of Supdt. of Police, Vellore and stated that the matter relates with the Revenue Department and police department has no role in this matter. The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer has reiterated the facts submitted by Collector, Vellore vide letter dated 30.9.2022 and stated that the petitioner's ancestors had not resided on the assigned land, thus violating the conditions of assignment under RSO 21(7).

8. After discussion with the authorities and petitioner's representative, the following were recommended and action taken report may be submitted in 30 days from receipt of the Minutes—

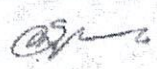
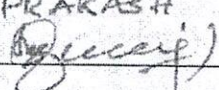
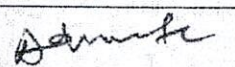
- The petitioner's representative is advised to provide details of claims of the victim (ST families) and forefathers living on the claimed land.
- The District Collector is advised to investigate the issue in detail with help of District Revenue Department as well as State Revenue Department and provide a comprehensive report within 60 days.

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List of participants of the sitting held on 11.11.2025 at ...Adi... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
1.	Dr. P.Kalyan Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Collector &amp; District Magistrate, Vellore</u>		
Sr. No.	Name, Designation and Address	Phone No.	Signature
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III	<u>Supdt. of Police, Vellore</u>		
	P.RAVINDRA PRAKASH (  )	Dy. Supdt. of Police, Vellore	94981- 60850
III	<u>Petitioner</u>		
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