



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F.No. NCST/ATY-2023/TS/89/2024-RO-BHUV-RU-III

21.11.2025

To

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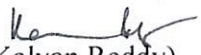
Sub: Representation dated 11.09.2024 received from Shri Kunja Ramakrishna, Bhadrachalam, Sarapaka Village, Bhadradi Kothagudem regarding allegation against ITC Paper Board.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 12.11.2025 at 05:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject, for information.

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

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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 Bangaru Venkata Ramana and other STs of Pedda Khandepalli, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh regarding non-implementation of R & R Package in respect of the land acquired by Jindal Company during 2007-08.

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Date of the Sitting: 12/11/2025, 5:30 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Kunja Ramakrishna, vide his petition dated 11.09.2024, has alleged that ITC PSPD Bhadrachalam was illegally established at Sarapaka village, Bhurgampahad Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District on land protected under the 1 of 1970 Act and the judgment in Samatha vs State of Andhra Pradesh case, which prohibits leasing of tribal, forest, and government lands in Scheduled Areas to private companies. He states that most residents in the area are Scheduled Tribes living below the poverty line, and that the company's management, with the collusion of government authorities, illegally acquired tribal lands without following legal procedures, misled the tribals, and manipulated land records without awarding due compensation. The petitioner has requested the Hon'ble Commission to take action against the Chairman of ITC-PSPD, the Commissioner of CCLA Telangana, the District Collector of Bhadradri Kothagudem, the Project Officer of ITDA Bhadrachalam, the Revenue Divisional Officer Bhadrachalam, and the Mandal Revenue Officer Bhurgampahad, by conducting a detailed inquiry and issuing orders for demolition of the illegal construction.

2. In this matter, a sitting was held on 28.08.2025, the following recommendations were made and Minutes were circulated on 17.9.2025 for furnishing the ATR.

The Tribal welfare Department and CCLA may submit the legal status of Sarapaka village and the status of the case that is said to be filed by the ITC contending the Scheduled area status.

- The ITC may submit the name wise and year wise details of the employment provided to the local Scheduled Tribes of the District from whom the land is acquired and also the list of ancillaries supported and year wise CSR activities done for the betterment of quality of life of the native ST people.
- The Industries Department may submit the details of permissible limits of TDS, BOD and PH limits and the frequency in which the PCB evaluates the same.
- The Irrigation Department may submit the volume of water permitted for usage and the daily usage of the same and the volume of water released into the Godavari after treatment.
- The Secretary, Tribal welfare, Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Commissioner Industries and MD, ITC may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing."

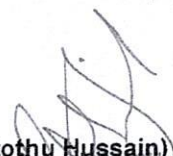
3. The Action taken report was not received, hence, the Commission decided to discuss the issue with all concerned authorities and petitioner on 12.11.2025. Accordingly, a sitting notice was sent on 04.11.2025.

4. In the sitting, the District Collector & Magistrate, Bhadradri Kothagudem and representative of CMD, ITC Ltd were present. There was no response from Spl.CS, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Telangana and Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad. The petitioner joined via phone call. The petitioner has reiterated his earlier submission and requested for justice. The District Collector, Bhadradri Kothagudem provided their letter no. C2/3263/2025 dated 10.11.2025 which contains the facts and comments in the matter. In the last para of the letter it has been informed that the ITC explained that the land was legally alienated /acquired by Govt. in the 1970s, compensation was duly paid / deposited and the company has been operating for nearly five decades contributing to employment, ancillary industry growth, and local development. The allegations raised by the complaint have been denied by the company and are not supported by documentary evidences and the issue of Agency Area applicability is sub judice before the Hon'ble High Court, the matter remains under judicial consideration. The representative of ITC Ltd has also provided the documents regarding alienation of land.

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5. After discussion with the authorities and petitioner, the following recommendations were made and action taken there on may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the Minutes.

- Details of post wise employees (including number of ST employees) may be provided by the ITC Ltd. Further, year wise details of the employment provided to the local Scheduled Tribes of the District, whom the land was acquired may also be provided to NCST. A clear segregated data of employment provided (Total-STs-Local STs) may be provided to NCST.
- The turnover of the ITC for the last five years may be furnished and the support provided to the affected ST Habitations under CSR along with the cost details in the Bhadradri-Kothagudem District may be provided.
- The details of recent acquisitions if any and the plans of land acquisition may be provided and in any case the gram sabhas may be convened and consent may be obtained from the villagers before any such attempts as the petitioner has submitted that due to the leakage of polluted water, the productivity of their farm lands is being affected and due to obnoxious foul smell around the unit their health is being affected besides the aquatic life is affected due to toxic effluents.
- The management may permit the ST Association for collective strength of the local STs working in the ITC for quick redressal of their grievances if any. The outsourcing/contract jobs available in the unit may be provided to the local STs by training and upskilling the local youth.
- The Tribal welfare Department may furnish the updated status of case regarding the Agency Area applicability/Scheduled area status of Sarapaka village and attend to the next scheduled date of hearing as it is the nodal department to oversee the issues relating to the LTR and safeguarding the interests of the STs.


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List of participants of the sitting held on 12.11.2025 at 5.30..... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Telangana</u>		
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III	<u>District Collector & Magistrate, District – Bhadrachalam</u>		
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IV	<u>Telangana Pollution Control Board</u>		

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