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**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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

F.No. NCST/DEV-4837/TS/410/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

05.12.2025

To

1. The Principal Secretary  
Agriculture Department,  
Government Of Telangana,  
Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat,  
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2. The Director (Horticulture)  
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**Sub: Representation received from ST oil palm farmers regarding supply of poor quality seedings to them for which the Palm trees are not bearing any fruit even after attaining age of 7 years.**

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 07.11.2025 at 03:20 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad 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)

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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 Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Karam Sri Ramulu and other Schedule Tribe Oil Palm Farmers, Bhadadri Kothagudem District regarding supply of poor-quality oil palm seedlings between 2016 and 2021.

**Date of the Sitting: 07/11/2025, 03:20 PM**

**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure  
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Karam Sri Ramulu and other Schedule Tribe Oil Palm Farmers, Bhadadri Kothagudem District, Telangana, vide their petition dated 18th March 2025, have informed the Commission that around 6,000 ST farmers cultivating 40,000 acres under TG OIL FED's factory zone were supplied poor-quality oil palm seedlings between 2016 and 2021, resulting in nearly 30% of palm trees not bearing fruit even after 7 years. Despite repeated complaints to the MD, TG OIL FED, and other authorities, no action or compensation has been provided. He alleges that nurseries under TG OIL FED are managed by non-technical officials, fail to follow SOPs of IOPR, and distribute substandard or aged seedlings, including batches that should have been destroyed due to curling issues. This situation has caused significant losses to the farmers and discouraged new plantation efforts. He has requested an enquiry into TG OIL FED nurseries and inspection of plantations, and seeks compensation for the crop loss.

2. In the sitting held on 23.06.2025, the Commission recommended the following –

“6. After discussion with the authorities and the petitioner, the following recommendations were made and the ATR may be submitted in 30 days.

- a. A four member committee of experts having ample knowledge about the oil palm plantations may be constituted. It may compose of 2 scientists from IOPR, Mr. K.V. Ranga Reddy, Retired Senior Manager- OIL Palm Development- TS OIL FED who played important role in oil palm development in these Districts and having ample knowledge on this area and oil palm plantations and nurseries and Sri. Venugopal Rao – Dy. Director Horticulture who has through knowledge in oil palm nursery management and import of pregerminated seed from other countries.
- b. This 4 member committee may be made to visit all effected plantations and submit detailed report on the quality of the plantations/plants and reasons for poor yields and not bearing any Fruit bunches and genetically defective plants. Further a detailed report on all plantations for whom seedlings from 2016 to till date are acquired ie, from Aswaraopet, Apparaopet and Regallapadu nurseries with all details i.e Farmer name, extent planted, variety supplied, batch Number, sprouts planted date, age of plant, date on which seed is supplied to farmer and present state of plantation.
- c. A detailed assessment may be made ie, the extent and number effected oil palm farmers from 2016 to till date and also the quality of seedlings lying in nurseries and recommend whether they are fit for planting.
- d. Investigation may be made on all TG OIL FED nursery activities from 2016 to till date and find root cause of curled and genetically defective plants into farmers' plantations and on corrupt practices in oil palm nurseries and complete audit on seed imports, utilization and balance of seedlings in the nurseries.
- e. Assessment may be made and necessary steps may be taken for payment of compensation to the affected farmers plantations above 4 years old @1,00,000 per acre per year and in case of less than 3 years old plantations for removal and replanting of affected plants by TG OIL FED and for paying maintenance cost for 4 years.
- f. Stringent action may be taken on employees of TG OIL FED and the contractors who are responsible for issuing poor quality and genetically defective planting material into farmers' plantations and cause huge loss to the oil palm farmers from 2016 to till date.

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- g. Investigating the role of third-party persons involved in seed import from other countries and his role in other private oil palm processing companies to avoid such kind of incidences in future.
- h. Penal action may be taken on culprits for causing huge financial loss to Scheduled Tribe (KOYA) farmers including other farmers from 2016 to till date."

3. The Managing Director, TGOILFED, vide letter No. OPD/67092/2025-26 dated 01.08.2025, has informed the Commission that in compliance with the Commission's directions communicated through letter dated 11.07.2025, regarding complaints from ST Oil Palm farmers about poor-quality seedlings that failed to bear fruit even after seven years, TGOILFED has sought technical assessment from ICAR-IIOPR, Pedavegi. Accordingly, three scientists—Dr. M.V. Prasad, Dr. K. Ramachandrudu, and Dr. B. Kalyan Babu—were deputed to conduct field inspections in Bhadradri Kothagudem and Khammam districts between 01–03 July 2025 and 16–17 July 2025, respectively. Samples collected during the visits are undergoing laboratory-based marker analysis to check genetic anomalies, and a detailed Action Taken Report will be furnished to the Commission upon receipt of the test results.

4. The Commission has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 07.11.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 28.10.2025.

5. The petitioners have attended the hearing. The authority ie, Director, Horticulture, GM, TG Oilfed and senior officers from the Department of Horticulture have attended the hearing.

6. The petitioners have informed that the IIOPR scientists have not visted 60 Oilpalm plantations as was recommended in the previous sitting. However they have visited only 27 plantations only. As per the information from them there are many curling plants along with Dura, Pisifera, thus they have informed that there are genetic defects in the saplings that have been supplied from the Nursery. Further it is informed that the neither the Horticulture Department nor the Oilfed has provided the dteails of farmers to whom the saplings are supplied. It is further mentioned that the Oilfed is facilitating to remove the defective oilpalms with teh JCB to wipe out any evidences. Further on the delivery order, the specifications of the plant are not mentioned and without any grading the plantlets are given. The directions given by the earlier Horticulture commissioner vide circular Lr.No.Op/ 21/2023 Dated 13.7.2023 with regard to compensation of Rs.1.00 lakh for every defective plant is not followed.

7. The authority has stated that the Department and Oilfed are following the SOP and the scientists have visited the plantations of ST Farmersduring 1st July to 18th July whose details are available with them and as per the analysis of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB), the yeild is more than 3.2 ton per acre which is more than average. Further assured that the circular gudielines issued earlier will be checked. The authorities have further informed that the losses incurred by some of them may be with multiple reasons like Environmental stress, mis management , heat etc and Telangana has over 2.74 lakh acres of oil plam cultivation which is highest in the country.

8. After hearing to the petitioner and authority the following recommendations were made and the ATR may be submitted in 30 days.

a. The issue of compensation may be placed in the board. The loss incurred for 3 years and the management of new saplings for another 3 years may need to be compensated.

b. The IIOPR Report may be disclosed.

c. The petitioners are advised to share the list of ST farmers who have incurred losses to the Oilfed and Horticulture Departments.


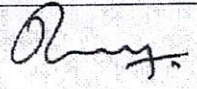
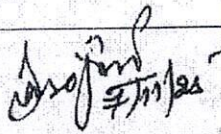
d. The Commission assured the ST farmers that NCST will schedule a visit to the affected field area to assess the actual situation.

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List of participants of the sitting held on 7.11.2025 at ..... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

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Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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1.	T. Sudhakar Regional GM	TG Oil Fed Head Office Hyderabad	
<b>IV</b> <u>Horticulture Department, Govt. of Telangana</u>			
1.	V. Sarojini Devi	o/o Director of Horticulture	
2.	M. Shilpa	o/o Director of Horticulture	