



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/DEV-5689/AP/408/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

05.12.2025

To

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Sub: Representation received from the tribal farmers of catchment area of Pedavagu project regarding repairing, maintenance and monitoring of Pedavagu Medium Irrigation Project.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 07.11.2025 at 04:20 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad.

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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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 Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Farmer's of The Pedavagu Project, AT- Velerupad Mandal, Madharam, Eluru regarding difficulties being faced due to non-proper functioning of Pedavagu Project.

Date of the Sitting: 07/11/2025, 04:20 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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The petitioners, i.e., the ST farmers from the catchment area of the Pedavagu Project, have represented that the Pedavagu Medium Irrigation Project, constructed 50 years ago, is currently under repair and its irrigation capacity has been affected. They further stated that the staff responsible for its maintenance and monitoring is inadequate, and both the left and right canals of the project are damaged, due to which ST farmers in the agency mandals of both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are facing difficulties.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Principal Secretary to Government Of Andhra Pradesh, Irrigation Department and the Principal Secretary to Government of Telangana Irrigation Department vide NCST letter dated 14.08.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.

3. The Commission has decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 19.09.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 12.09.2025.

4. The petitioners have attended the hearing. The authority, ie, Principal Secretary, Irrigation, and A.P is represented by Engineer-in-Chief, (Irrigation), Water Resources Department, AP. The authorities from Telangana have not attended the hearing.

5. The petitioners have informed that eversince the breach of peddavagu irrigation project has happened in July 2024; the ST farmers in agency areas are facing severe difficulties as their livelihood is affected and even after the lapse of more than one year the repair work has not started.


6. The authority has informed that the designs and estimates are being revised considering the present day and future requirements as the project is constructed decades back. The detailed estimates for the construction of additional spillways are being worked out. As 82% of the catchment area is in AP and 18% in Telangana, the cooperation and coordination of both the states is necessary. It is further informed that as it involves huge costs, currently the repair work with Rs.19.2 Cr is being planned.

7. After hearing to both the petitioners and authorities, the following observations/recommendations are made and the Action taken report may be submitted in 30 days from the receipt of the minutes.

a. The NCST has witnessed the plight of the pedavagu project and the Tribals dependant on it during the visit to the Bhadradi Kothagudem District. During that time it is assured that a coordinated effort will be made to complete the repair work and address the issue with a permanent solution. Hence the same may be taken up expeditiously.

b. The proposals may be submitted bythe irrigation departments of A.P and Telangana to the Finance Departments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana respectively.

c. The Principal Secretaries of Irrigation and Finance Departments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana may attend the next scheduled date of hearing.


(Jatothu Hussain)
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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.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I <u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>			
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2.	NCST Officials		
II <u>Irrigation Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh</u>			
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