



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-3840/WB/51/2024-RO-BHUV

06.01.2025

The Collector And District Magistrate, *Dist: Purba Bardhaman*
Collectorate Complex,
Kachhari Road, Kalibazar Para,
Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal 713101.
Tel. No: 098835 07337

Sub: Representation dated 04.10.2024 received from Shri Birsa Tirkey, State President, Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Santragachi Station Road, Jagacha, G.I.P. Colony, Howrah regarding employment opportunities for the tribal labourers of Barsul, Shaktigarh, Dist:Purba Bardhaman.

Mam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 05.12.2025 at NCST, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be submitted to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,

K. R.
(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
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Copy to:-

1. Shri Birsa Tirkey,
State President, Howrah-711112,
Howrah, West Bengal - 711112
Mobile No:9830081902
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), 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 Jatotu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Shri Birsa Tirkey, State President, Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Santragachi Station Road, Jagacha, G.I.P. Colony, Howrah regarding employment opportunities for the tribal labourers of Barsul, Shaktigarh, Dist: Purba Bardhaman.

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Date of the Sitting: 05/12/2025, 7:30 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Birsa Tirkey, State President, Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad, Santragachi Station Road, Jagacha, G.I.P. Colony, Howrah, vide petition dated 26.09.2024, has stated that Shri Dilip Kora and others, a Scheduled Tribe resident of Barsul, PS – Shaktigarh, District- Purba Bardhaman (West Bengal) had been engaged in sand business on the Damodar riverbank for about 25 years along with nearly 100 ST families, operating under the lease held by a non-ST individual. They submit that the lease expired in 2017, due to which the sand business has stopped for seven years, resulting in severe financial hardship for these landless seasonal agricultural labourers, who have no alternative livelihood. They request that a long-term sand mining permit be granted in the name of Shri Dilip Kora for Dag No. 251(p), J.L. No. 159, Mouza Jafrabad, so that lawful income can be ensured for about 100 ST families.

2. NCST vide notice dated 22.01.2025 sought facts and comments from the District Collector & Magistrate, District-Purba Bardhaman within 30 days from receipt of the Notice. The Reply was not received, hence, NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 05.12.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 26.11.2025. The District Collector & Magistrate, District - Purba Bardhaman vide letter dated 28.11.2025 has requested to permit to appear through Video Conferencing due to prior engagement. Meanwhile, the District Collector & Magistrate, District - Purba Bardhaman vide letter no. 2457/BCWTD/BDN dated 1.12.2025 has informed that mining lease for minor minerals is granted only through competitive bidding as per provision laid down in Chapter-II, Rule 5 of the West Bengal Minor Minerals (Auction) Rules 2016 to be read with Chapter-VIII of the West Bengal Minor Minerals Concessions Rules, 2016 and Chapter-II of the West Bengal Sand (Mining Transpo; ration, Storage and Sale) Rules 2021. It may further be noted that as per Rule 17 of the West Bengal Sand (Mining, Transportation, Storage and Sale) Rules, 2021, the West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (WBMDTCL) under Department of Industry, Commerce and Industry, Govt. of West Bengal is the sole agency for monitoring sand mining operations in the state of West Bengal. Therefore, there is no scope to issue permit for long term lease for sand mining in favour of any individual or group without following due procedure.

3. In the sitting, the ADM District - Purba Bardhaman joined through Video Conferencing. The petitioner joined through phone. The petitioner reiterated his earlier submission and requested for justice to STs of Said village. The officers of District Administration of District - Purba Bardhaman has reiterated the facts and comments as mentioned in the letter dated 1.12.2025 of District Collector & Magistrate, District - Purba Bardhaman.

4. After discussion with the officer District Administration of District - Purba Bardhaman and petitioner, the following recommendations were made for welfare and development of STs of the said village.

- The ADM is advised to conduct a detailed enquiry and submit a report on existing source of livelihood for STs of the said village.
- The petitioner and villagers of the said village are advised to meet the ADM and discuss their issues in detail for formulation of suitable livelihood opportunities for STs of the said village.

(Jatotu Hussain)

जाटोतु हुसैन / Jatotu Hussain
सदस्य / Member
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
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नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

List of participants of the sitting held on 5.12.2025 at ~~7.30~~... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatotu 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>District Collector & Magistrate, District – Purba Bardhaman</u>			
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Phone No.	Signature
			<i>ADM</i> <i>(through VC)</i>
III <u>Petitioner</u>			
			<i>Parthiban</i>