



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/ATY-1950/WB/46/2024-RO-BHUV

06.01.2025

1. The Director General of Police,
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Sub: Representation dated 03.10.2024 received from Shri Jayant Prafful Lakra, Village:Sishujhumra, PO:Ethelbari, District:Alipurduar, West Bengal regarding harassment by the OIC, Birpara Police Station, Alipurduar in not registering the FIR dated 12.03.2024 under relevant section of SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989.

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 04.12.2025 at NCST, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject, for information.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)

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Copy to:-

1. Sri Jayant Prafful Lakra,
S/o- Jerome Lakra, Village-Sishujhumra, Po-Ethelbari, Ps-Birpara,
Alipurduar, West Bengal - 735204
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 Jayant Prafful Lakra, Village: Sishujhumra, PO: Ethelbari, District: Alipurduar, West Bengal regarding harassment by the OIC, Birpara Police Station, Alipurduar in not registering the FIR dated 12.03.2024 under relevant section of SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989.

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Date of the Sitting: 4.12.2025, 5:30 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

The petitioner, Shri Jayant Prafful Lakra, a resident of Village, Sishujhumra, PO-Ethelbari, District Alipurduar, vide his petition dated 03.10.2024 has sought the Commission's intervention for issuing directions to the police authorities to register an FIR at Birpara Police Station, Alipurduar, under relevant provisions of the SCs & STs (POA) Act, 1989 against four named individuals for alleged atrocities and illegal construction on disputed land. He has alleged that despite multiple complaints and representations sent to the Officer-in-Charge, Birpara P.S. and the Superintendent of Police, Alipurduar—on dates including 12.03.2024, 08.05.2024, 27.05.2024, and 17.09.2024—no FIR has been registered and the complaints were either ignored or deliberately refused, in clear violation of Section 18A of the SCs & STs (POA) Amendment Act and Guidelines issued by the Additional DGP, CID, West Bengal.

2. NCST vide notice dated 27.10.2024 sought facts and comments from the DGP, Govt of West Bengal and SP, Alipurduar within 30 days from receipt of the Notice.

3. The Superintendent of Police, District - Alipurduar vide letter no. 5867/E/CA dated 16.12.2024 has informed that an enquiry was conducted by the SDPO, Jaigaon into the complaint of Shri Jayant Prafful Lakra regarding non-registration of an FIR in a land dispute matter. During the enquiry, it was found that Shri Lakra had not been residing at his stated address for over a year. The land in question was verified to be legally owned by Shri Bibekananda Murmu, based on documents including a demarcation order dated 28.02.2024 issued by BL&LRO, Madarihat-Birpara Block. Previous owners—Shri Babul Oraon, Shri Jerome Oraon, and Shri Suresh Oraon—confirmed the legal sale of land and raised no dispute against the current owner. Government records did not substantiate Shri Lakra's claim that the land belonged to other individuals. Previous complaints by Shri Lakra on similar grounds had already been enquired into under Birpara PS, and legal action had been taken where it is found necessary. The enquiry concluded that Shri Lakra's complaint lacks legal and factual basis and appears to be motivated by vested interests.

4. The above letter was sent to the petitioner on 01.01.2025 for information. The petitioner, Shri Jayant Prafful Lakra, Village Sishujhumra, District-Alipurduar, vide his rejoinder dated 22.01.2025 has refuted the facts and requested for justice. This was sent to concerned authority for comments. Thereafter there were several correspondences made by NCST with the authority and the petitioner but the issue could not be resolved. Hence, NCST, decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 04.12.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 26.11.2025.

5. In response to sitting notice dated 26.11.2025, the Police Department of West Bengal vide letter no. 615(2)-ADM/SS/NCST-99/2024 dated 2/12/2025 has sought exemption and requested to allow to appear through VC before the Commission and furnished the detailed report received from the concerned department of the District. In the Memo No. 533/PA dated 2.12.2025 of Supdt. of Police, Alipurduar addressed to DIG Police, HQ, Govt. of West Bengal attached with the letter mentioned that "a report was also sought from DM Alipurduar vide Memo No. 235/PA dtd. 31.05.2025 regarding the sale of land as alleged by the petitioner. A detailed enquiry report conducted by Land Department was also received vide Memo No. 781/DLLRO(APD)/2025 dtd. 04.06.25. Both the enquiries revealed that the sale of the land was done between Shri Bivekananda Murmu, and Babul Oraon, Jerome Oraon and Suresh Oraon both of them belonging to ST Communities.

6. In the sitting, the petitioner was not present. Therefore, the discussion was not held with the concerned authorities of West Bengal. Further, the letter dated 2.12.2025 of the Police Department of West Bengal reveals that the victim and opponent belong to ST community. Hence, no action is required by NCST and it was decided to close the case.

(Jatotu Hussain)

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