



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-3014/MWCD/1/2025-RU-III

Dated:- 7.01.2026

To,

The Director
Department of Women Child Development,
Govt. of Karnataka
1st Floor, Ms Building, Dr. Br Ambedkar Building,
Veedhi Gandhi Nagar,
Bangalore (Karnataka)- 560001

Sub: Discrimination and harassment faced by an ST minor girl & appeal for justice – a representation dated 24.07.2025 of Smt. Pinky Siangshai, Kadugodi, Bangalore (Karnataka).

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 17.12.2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) at New Delhi on the above mentioned subject, for your information.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
Director
Ph No. 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Smt. Pinky Siangshai
No. 9, Channa Keshava Nilaya, Seegehalli,
Opp. Shell Petrol Bunk, Kodagu (Karnataka) - 560067
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 Jatotu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Smt. Pinky Siangshai, Kadugodi, Bangalore (Karnataka) regarding discrimination and harassment faced by an ST minor girl & appeal for justice.

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Date of the Sitting: 17/12/2025, 4:45 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Smt. Pinky Siangshai W/o Shri Mala Dkhar, presently residing in Bengaluru and belonging to an ST community, vide her complaint dated 24/07/2025, has stated that her minor daughter, Gracy Siangshai (8 years), who was lawfully admitted to a free student hostel at Bagepalli for education, was forcibly removed on 08/07/2025 by officials of the Child Welfare Committee, Bagepalli, along with District Child Protection Unit staff, without notice, inquiry, or any allegation of abuse. She was neither informed nor consulted, and since the incident, she has been denied free access to her child. She alleges that the treatment meted out to her and her daughter was influenced by caste-based discriminatory bias owing to her ST identity, and that her daughter has reportedly been beaten, abused, and denied basic necessities, amounting to atrocities under Sections 3(1)(z)(x) and 3(1)(xii) of the SC/ST (PoA) Act. She seeks FIR registration, fair investigation, restoration of custody, protection under Section 15A, and departmental action against the officials concerned.

2. NCST vide notice dated 10.10.2025 sought facts and comments from the Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka within 30 days from receipt of the Notice. The Directorate of Child Protection, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru vide letter no. DCP/CP/91/Gokula Educational Society/ 2025-26 (Part 1) dated 15.11.2025, has informed that a joint inspection was conducted at AIM for Seva Free Student Hostel, Bagepalli on 08.07.2025 following a distress call received on 07.07.2025, where children reported physical and emotional abuse, lack of food, water, hygiene, and non-enrolment in school and the NGO failed to produce parental consent or documents. All 24 children were produced before CWC, Chikkaballapur on 08.07.2025 and rehabilitated; FIR No. 0250/2025 was registered on 21.07.2025, and related Writ Petitions were filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The custody of minor Gracy Siangshai was restored to her mother on 13.08.2025, though a follow-up Social Investigation Report noted she was not found at the stated address. It is stated that all action was taken as per the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and the matter continues to be monitored in coordination with Meghalaya authorities.

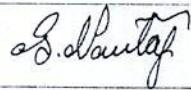
3. NCST decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 17.12.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 08.12.2025. The Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka has sought exemption and deputed District Child Protection Officer, Chikkaballapur to attend the sitting.

4. In the sitting, the above officer were present. But the petitioner was not present. The officer has also provided the letter no. DCPU/Cbpur/NCST Report/2025-26 dated 17.12.2025, which contains the facts and comments and action taken by the Department on the issue. In the letter, it has been informed that all children repatriated to Govt. of Meghalaya on 2.12.2025, where they were produced before the respective CWCs for rehabilitation and educational integration. The petitioner was not found in her address. The activities of the petitioner appears to be doubtful.

5. After discussion with above officer and petitioner, it was observed that no action warranted on part of NCST. However, it was advised that the Police Department of the State keep watch on the activities of the petitioner.

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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 17.12.2025 at ~~4245~~... 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>D/o Women Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka</u>			
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Phone No.	Signature
1.	B. NAVIAJ District Child protection Officer, Chickballapur	9480760444	
III <u>Petitioner</u>			