



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No:- NCST/ATY-2844/MHFW/1/2025-(RU-III)

Dated:- 21.1.2026

To

The Secretary,
Health & Family Welfare Department,
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
Room No. 148, 5th Block, AP Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Guntur District,
Andhra Pradesh-522238

Sub:- Medical Negligence by the Medical persons of GGH, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh with an elderly ST Woman - a representation dated 25.06.2025 of Jyothilal Nayak Bharothu, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh 521227.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 5.12.2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) at New Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

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,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
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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 Jyothilal Nayak Bharothu, NTR district, Andhra Pradesh regarding request for Inquiry and Justice for Medical Negligence of an ST member Bharothu Tirupathamma, A. K, Alleged Methotrexate Toxicity Caused Serious Health Damage.

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Date of the Sitting: 05/12/2025, 7:00 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Jyothilal Nayak Bharothu, vide his petition dated 25.06.2025 has stated that his 70-year-old mother suffered life-threatening complications due to alleged medical negligence by Dr. Ch. Nageswara Rao, Nephrologist at GGH, Vijayawada, who prescribed Methotrexate 5 mg once every three days instead of the standard weekly dosage. After taking three doses, she developed severe mucositis and ulcers, was hospitalized at Manipal Hospital from 22.05.2025 to 28.05.2025, and later shifted to AIIMS Mangalagiri on 28.05.2025, where she remains critical and on ventilator support since 14.06.2025 due to Methotrexate toxicity. He alleges gross negligence causing emotional, physical, and financial distress and seeks an inquiry, strict action against the doctor, compensation, and safeguards to prevent similar harm to other ST patients.

2. NCST vide notice dated 19.08.2025 sought facts and comments from the Executive Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Mangalagiri within 30 days from receipt Notice. Further, the matter was also taken up with the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for furnishing the facts and comments within 30 days from receipt of the Notice.

3. The AIIMS Mangalagiri, vide letter no. AIIMS/MG/Hospital Matters/2025/04 dated 18.09.2025 has furnished the facts and comments regarding the alleged medical negligence causing Methotrexate toxicity to Smt. Bharothu Tirupathamma, an ST woman. It is stated that the Medical Superintendent constituted a committee on 08.09.2025, which examined records from GGH Vijayawada, Manipal Hospital, and AIIMS Mangalagiri. The committee reported that the patient had consumed three doses of Methotrexate 5 mg once in three days as prescribed by GGH, developed severe toxicity leading to hospitalization at Manipal Hospital (22.05.2025–28.05.2025) and later at AIIMS (29.05.2025–01.07.2025), where she ultimately expired due to septic shock, with Methotrexate toxicity listed as a contributing factor. The report containing full medical details and findings.

4. The petitioner vide letter dated 15.10.2025 and 17.10.2025 has requested for justice, 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.

5. In the sitting, the Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh was present on behalf of Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. The petitioner joined via phone. The petitioner has reiterated his earlier submissions and requested for justice. The Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has reiterated the facts and comments submitted by AIIMS Mangalagiri dated 18.9.2025. Further, he has provided the report dated 29.11.2025 addressed to NCST in the matter. In the report it has been mentioned that in view of all available medical records, enquiry committee findings, authoritative medical guidelines, and established legal principles on medical negligence, the committee respectfully submits that no case of negligence is made out against the treating nephrologist of Government General Hospital, Vijayawada. There is no deviation from standard care, no evidence of irrational or excessive dosing, and no causal nexus between the outpatient treatment at GGH and the subsequent clinical deterioration or death of the patient. The treating nephrologist therefore merits complete exoneration from all allegations made in this matter.

6. After discussion with Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and petitioner, the following recommendations were made and action taken there on may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the Notice.

- The Director of Medical Education may examine the feasibility of possible financial compensation for the heavy medial expenses to a vulnerable ST family.
- A help desk may be placed in Government Medical Hospitals in urban areas with ST receptionists on contract/outsourcing basis to take care of language problem faced by STs visiting for treatment from the remote tribal areas and aiding and assiting them in times of trauma.
- Adequate staff may be positioned and following of the proper SOP and protocols may be ensured to avoid any medical errors.

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List of participants of the sitting held on 5.12.2025 at ... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatotu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

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