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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No. NCST/DEV-5559/TS/621/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

16.02.2026

To

- (1) The Collector & District Magistrate,
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Sub: Representation received from Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Kondapuram, Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem District regarding illegally conducted the PESA Grama Sabha by the Land Acquisition Officer for land acquisition for extension project without consent of the tribals.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 28.01.2026 at 01:20 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject, for information.

Yours faithfully,


(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
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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 Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Bhadradi Kothagudem regarding improper gram sabha and forced consent.

Date of the Sitting: 28/01/2026, 01:20 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Loser's Association, Bhadradi Kothagudem, vide his representation dated 14.07.2025, has alleged that the Land Acquisition Officer of Manuguru Mandal, Telangana illegally conducted PESA Grama Sabha meetings for acquiring 813 acres of land for the Singareni Collieries Company Limited – MNGOC Extension Project. It has been stated that in the three earlier Grama Sabhas held on 06.03.2024, 11.03.2025, and 30.05.2025, the ST residents had withheld consent and demanded permanent employment under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, but the officer rejected their demand. Despite this, on 11.07.2025, another Grama Sabha was convened where no consent was given by the STs, but the officer allegedly obtained signatures from non-STs of nearby villages, declared consent, ignored objections, and even used police force to silence ST participants. The petitioner association claims that the process violated the Samatha Judgment, PESA Act, 1996, Andhra Pradesh PESA Rules, 2011 (G.O.Ms.No.66), and the Land Acquisition and R&R Act, 2013, thereby infringing constitutional and fundamental rights of STs. They have requested the Commission to take strict action against the Land Acquisition Officer and to direct a reconduct of the PESA Grama Sabha as per rules.

2. The District Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadradi Kothagudem, vide his letter dated 24.09.2025, has informed the Commission that the complaint filed by Shri Kodi Nagaraju, President, Adivasi Singareni Land Losers Association, regarding alleged illegal conduct of PESA Grama Sabha for land acquisition for the Manuguru OC Extension Project, is not tenable. It has been stated that Grama Sabhas were duly conducted, including on 11.07.2025 at Thirlapuram Panchayat, with required quorum as per Telangana PESA Rules, 2011, and consent was obtained without involvement of outsiders or suppression of objections. The authority clarified that compensation, rehabilitation and resettlement benefits, employment-related provisions, and solatium were extended strictly as per RFCTLARR Act, 2013, and other applicable laws, and that videography, photography, and media coverage support due process. It was further informed that allegations of police interference and procedural violations are baseless, and that the matter is presently sub judice before the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana in W.P. No. 22757 of 2025, for which the Commission has been requested to await adjudication and dispose of the case on merits thereafter.

3. In the sitting held on 26.09.2025, the Commission recommended that the Attendance and PESA Gram sabha resolution may be furnished to NCST for examination in view of the contradictions expressed by the petitioner and advised that in such instances of contradictions, the Gramsabha may be reconducted in presence of District Collector or a High Power committee constituted by the District Collector."

4. No reply has been received hence the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 28.01.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 22.01.2026.

5. The petitioner has attended for the hearing. The authority CMD, SCCL is represented by the GM (Estates) SCCL and Deputy Estates Manager, SCCL and there is no authority representing the District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem. The SCCL authorities have informed that they have no role in the land acquisition and it is the District Revenue administration /District Collector who is responsible for it.

6. The petitioner reiterated their grievance that Gramsabha conducted is flawed as there are discrepancies in the attendance and the mismatch with the voter list(which includes the signatures of Non-STs) besides the resolution copies are ambiguous and has produced the video clipping of perusasion and threatening of the police authorities.

7. After hearing to the petitioner and authorities the following observations/recommendations are made.

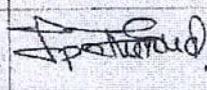
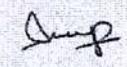
a. The District collector may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing with detailed report on the alleged discrepancies in the PESA Gram sabha as raised by the petitioner.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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List of participants of the sitting held on 28.1.2026 at under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
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1.	Dr. P.Kalyan Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
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