



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-3923/TS/160/2024-RO-BHUV/RU-III

16.02.2026

To

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- (3) The Member-Secretary,
Telangana State Pollution Control Board,
Paryavaran Bhavan,
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Sub: Representation received from Sri Bukya Umesh, resident of Kodipunjula Vagu village, Palvancha Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District regarding payment of compensation for loss of his agricultural land due to the submergence caused by the ash pond of KTSPS.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 28.01.2026 at 11:20 AM 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.

2. It is requested that the action taken/to be taken in the matter may be intimated to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter for placing it before the Commission.

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 Bukya Umesh, resident of Kodipunjula Vagu village, Palvancha Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District regarding submergence of his agricultural land due to ash pond.

Date of the Sitting: 28/01/2026, 11:20 AM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
NCST/DEV-3923/TS/160/2024-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Shri Bukya Umesh, resident of Kodipunjula Vagu village, Palvancha Mandal, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (Lambada) community, vide his petition has stated that he owns 10 guntas of agricultural land in Survey No. 81/18-56 of Payakari Yanambailu Revenue Village, which was his sole source of livelihood for supporting his family. He has alleged that due to the construction of the ash pond of KTPS Units 5 & 6 and O&M, seepage water has flooded and submerged his land, rendering it unfit for cultivation. As a result, he has lost his livelihood and is unable to maintain his dependent family members. The petitioner has requested compensation for the submerged land and has also sought employment as rehabilitation support for sustaining his family.

2. The Commission issued notice to the Chairman & Managing Director, Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited vide NCST letter dated 01.01.2025 seeking facts and comments within 30 days.

3. The Chief Engineer (Civil), Thermal, TGGENCO, vide his letter dated 20.02.2025 has informed the Commission that the representation of Sri Bhukya Umesh, S/o Shanker (Late) regarding loss of livelihood due to alleged submergence of Ac. 0.10 guntas of land in Sy. No. 81/18-56 at Payakari Yanambailu Revenue Village, Paloncha Mandal, is not genuine. It has been stated that the Kothagudem Thermal Power Station (KTPS) comprises KTPS-V, VI and VII Stages, and the Northern Ash Pond-II, alleged to be the source of seepage, has not been in service for the last five years and is provided with adequate toe drains and storm water drains. It has further been clarified that there is no seepage affecting the said land, that adjacent farmers are cultivating their lands normally, and that the petitioner himself excavated soil from his land up to a depth of about one metre for personal benefit and is now claiming compensation. Accordingly, TGGENCO has concluded that there is no submergence due to ash ponds and that the petition seeking compensation and employment is false and not tenable, enclosing a location sketch in support of its submission. This was sent to the petitioner vide NCST letter dated 24.02.2025.

4. The petitioner vide his rejoinder dated 21.06.2025, has contested the reply of TGGENCO dated 20.02.2025, stating that his land has become permanently uncultivable due to seepage and fly ash from the ash ponds of KTPS, leading to crop failure and loss of livelihood. He has denied the allegation of excavating his land, asserted that drainage arrangements are ineffective, and stated that several neighbouring farmers are similarly affected, with related matters pending before the Telangana High Court. He has further submitted that despite approaching the District Collector and the former Electricity Minister, no relief was granted, and has requested technical inspection, compensation, and rehabilitation or employment support. Thereafter there were several correspondences but the issue could not be resolved.

5. The Commission has 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.

6. The petitioner has attended the hearing. The authority CMD, TGGENCO is represented by the Director, Civil, Secretary, MoEF, GoI is represented by Scientist G of the Regional office of MoEF.

7. The petitioner reiterated his grievance that due to the pollution in air and water, the crops like cotton could not be cultivated. Even the fish could not survive. He has submitted a report of the Field officer, Fisheries Department, Paloncha, Bhadradri Kothagudem District dated 22.7.2021 where in it is concluded that the fish mortality in the complainant's pond occurred due to contamination of water caused by seepage from the TS GENCO ash pond and the loss reported by the complainant is found to be genuine.

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8. The authorities from TG GENCO have stated that regular sampling and testing of the decanted water from KTPS Ash ponds is being carried out by the Telangana State Pollution Control Board and the test values are within the prescribed limits. Also the decanted water from the ash ponds of KTPS is being used by the nearby farmers for cultivation of their lands. It is further mentioned that in the similar case, the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana vide order dated 29.10.24 dismissed the WP 2907/2023 filed by certain petitioners based on the report of the Environmental Engineer, TGPCB stating that the stagnation of water in the lands of the petitioners is not on account of any seepage or oozing from the ash ponds constructed by the respondents. It is further stated by the representative from MoEF that the EC could have been given only after compliance to various environmental guidelines and currently there is no grievance/complaint pending before MoEF.

9. After hearing to the authority and the petitioner the following recommendations are made and the ATR may be submitted to NCST in 30 days from the receipt of the Minutes.

a. A detailed enquiry may be made by the Telangana State Pollution Control Board in the alleged Northern Ash Pond-II of KTPS-VII area in the presence of the petitioner and the related authorities of TG GENCO, Fisheries Department.

b. A gram Sabha or a public hearing may be conducted to verify the grievance of the petitioner and the neighboring farmers to ascertain the authenticity of the grievance.

c. Priority may be given to the project affected families in the fly ash contracts.

d. The TG Pollution Control Board and Fisheries Department may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing with the detailed report.

e. NCST may conduct the field visit after the receipt of the reports from the authority concerned.

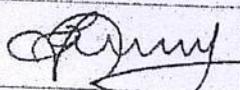
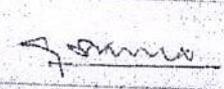
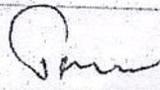
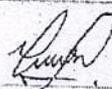
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List of participants of the sitting held on 28.01.2026 at under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

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