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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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F.No NCST/ATY-3297/TS/880/2025-RO-BIHUV/RU-III

Dated:- 17.02.2026

To,

1. The District Collector & Magistrate, 2. The Principal Secretary
District- Mahabubnagar Women and Child Welfare Department
Integrated District Offices Complex, Govt. of Telangana
Mahabubnagar-509001 (Telangana) Telangana Secretariat,
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3. The Director
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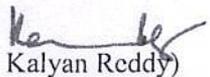
Sub: News item published in 'Namasthe Telangana' on the captioned "Tribal lost his disabled son due to hunger and could not cremate him due to poverty" in the Mahabubnagar District of Telangana State.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 28.1.2026 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 at the earliest, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
Director
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Copy for information:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST.
2. 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 Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad regarding suo moto cognizance in the case of Balraj.

Date of the Sitting: 28/01/2026, 04:40 PM

**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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NCST took suo moto cognizance of a newspaper clipping where it was reported that on November 19, 2025, in Mahabubnagar district headquarters, a destitute father named Balraj sat in a cemetery for nearly eight hours holding the body of his 8-year-old son who had died due to illness, as he was unable to afford the expenses for performing the last rites, lamenting that he could not feed his son when he was alive and lacked the means to cremate him even after his death, with no local assistance forthcoming.

2. NCST vide notice dated 25.11.2025 sought facts and comments from the Collector and District Magistrate, District- Mahabubnagar within 3 days.

3. No report was received. Hence, the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority on 28.01.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 22.01.2026.

4. The District Collector is represented by the District Welfare Officer.

5. The officer concerned has briefed that the victim do not belong to the ST Community.

6. Irrespective of the community status, on humanitarian grounds, The NCST took a serious note of the hunger death in the civilised world and the bureaucratic apathy of such episode by evading with the argument that the father is alcoholic. There is an ambiguity in the report ie, in the field report of CDPO it is mentioned that only the elder son is disabled where as in the report submitted by the District Collector it is mentioned that both deceased elder son and the younger son are disabled. The episode underlines the systemic failure of enumeration and support to the disabled/differently abled section of society.

7. The following recommendations are made by NCST.

a. The District authorities may submit a detailed report on the current status of the family/father who have lost the child and if any support has been provided to the family as on current date.

b. Necessary awareness may be created among public and NGOs to focus on the destitute and vulnerable sections of society to avoid such forlorn incidences in the future.

c. The Principal Secretary, Women and Child welfare and Director, Women and Child welfare may submit the number of the disabled whose iris and fingerprints could not be captured and the action plan to address such cases. A special drive may be taken up to cover them on saturation basis for providing the eligible entitlements.

(Jatothu Hussain)

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