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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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File No. NCST/DEV-5843/TS/706/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Date: 17/02/2026

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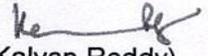
Sub: Representation received from Shri Amgoth Kishan of Vemnoor Village of Mahabubabad Mandal and District, Telangana State regarding harassment by the officials of Forest Department and Revenue Department to the land owners of a titled revenue land.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 28.01.2026 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkhusha Guest House, Near Raj Bhavan, 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,


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2. PS to Hon'ble Member, NCST.
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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 Amgoth Kishan of Vemnoor Village, Mahabubabad Mandal and District regarding issue with district administration for ST land purchasers.

Date of the Sitting: 28/01/2026, 10:40 AM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Shri Amgoth Kishan of Vemnoor Village, Mahabubabad Mandal and District, Telangana State, vide his representation has stated that officials of the Forest Department and Revenue Department have been harassing and creating hurdles for the owners and purchasers of a titled revenue land, despite clear court orders in their favour. He has further mentioned that there has been no response from the CCLA and the District Collector despite several requests made by the affected landowners.

2. In the sitting held on 06.11.2025, the Commission recommended—"6. After hearing to the petitioners and the authority, NCST made the following observations/ Recommendations and Action Taken report (ATR) may be submitted in 10 days.

a. The commission has opined that for the pending dispute between Forest and revenue Departments, the Complainants are put to suffering since last several years.

b. It is observed that though the Revision filed by the Forest Department is pending, the DFO had been interfering with the possession of the complainants claiming to be illegal encroachment of Forest lands. The complainants had preferred Writ Petitions before Hon'ble High Court against such illegal interference which are pending adjudication. Hence till the finality is arrived, the Forest Department may avoid interference.

c. The Board of Revenue may expedite its pending decision and give the same in 10 days.

d. The status of the letter addressed to CCLA dated 26.10.24 may be communicated to NCST".

3. ATR has not been received. A reminder letter was sent on 05.12.2025. Hence 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.

4. The Petitioners and their Advocate in brief explained the grievance in relation to illegal interference by the Forest Department with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the petitioners over their properties in Sy Nos. 235 to 271 situated at Vemnoor Village, Mahabubabad Mandal, Mahabubabad District and various survey numbers in Beriwada Village, Mahabubabad Mandal, Mahabubabad District. The main allegations refers to the action of the forest officials in interfering with the possession of the lands of the petitioners by claiming that they are the encroachers of reserve forest duly notified vide Notification under Section 4 and Section 6 of the Forest Act, despite the specific excision of the villagers where the lands of the petitioners fall under. The relevant documents pertaining to the said claim were placed before the Commission.

5. As per the said documents there was a House Committee appointed by the then Government of Andhra Pradesh to enquire into the illegal sale of forest lands by encroachment. As per the said report, it was recommended and suggested to the then Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and the Collector, Warangal District to regularize the so called encroachers of forest lands and to take appropriate action against the erring officials. It is further contention of the petitioners that the pattas under Section 67A & 67B of the Land Revenue Act were issued in the year 1977 by the then Collector, Warangal District to the petitioners and their ancestors, based on which they are in possession and eking out their livelihood. That the said issuance of pattas was not challenged at any point of time more specifically by the officials of the Forest Department, though they claimed such issuance was illegal and in violation of the provisions of the Forest Act and after the issuance of notification under Section 4 of the Act. They have also placed reliance on the detailed letter issued by the then District Collector of Warangal Shri. Ambarish in the month of January, 1997 which is based



on the survey report of Shri. K. Devadas, wherein it was specifically averred that the Forest Department did not have any claim over the properties of the petitioners and that the pattas were issued by following due process of law.

6. The petitioners also argued that during the notification issued by the Forest Department and the subsequent action for demarcation based on the natural features, when the map was super imposed, the Forest Department is supposed to have excluded about the 187 acres of land in Sy No. 209 of Vemnoor, and have included an extent of land admeasuring 432 acres forming part of survey numbers other than then Sy No. 209 of Vemnoor Village. It is pertinent that the said communication highlights the lacunae on behalf of the Forest Department more specifically their contention that the land of the Petitioners as forming part of the Reserve Forest notification.

7. On the grounds of the averments of the petitioners, the DFO informed that the crux of the issue is that of illegal issuance of pattas by the then Collector; Warangal District under whichever law in force were illegal and contrary to the provisions of the Forest Act. However, there is no action on the part of the Forest Department against such issuance of pattas being illegal despite continuous portrayal as being illegal.

8. Based on the discussion with the petitioners and authority, the Commission made the following observations/recommendations

- a. There was no satisfactory response as what stopped Forest Department from taking appropriate action against such issuance of pattas by Revenue Department.
- b. The explanation in relation to action since the issuance of the notification till date i.e., about 70 years for not concluding the Reserve Forest proceedings may be clarified.
- c. The steps taken by the Forest Department for the past 37 years in respect of the Revision preferred by them before the Government and the respective notices issued by the Government.
- d. The NCST took serious note of routinely deputing DFO, Mahabubabad as against the specific order of the Commission against the presence of the PCCF & CCF which could not yield any outcome.
- e. As the PCCF and the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Principal Secretary, Revenue are unable to neither comply with the recommendations of NCST nor attend to the hearings conducted by NCST for resolving the same, in view of the gravity of the issue, the NCST decided to conduct public hearing in the said villages shortly in the last week of February 2026 and the concerned officials are directed to attend to the same.

(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

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V	<u>Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad</u>		

