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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-3162/TS/1/2024-ESDW

16.03.2026

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**Sub: Representation dated 23.08.2024 of Shri Ajmeera Redya, Bavojigudem Village, Maripeda Mandal, Mahabubabad District, Telangana regarding "Financial Loss Due to Inferior Cotton Seeds: Addressing False Promises and Quality Issues".**

Mam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 05.03.2026 at NCST, 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)**  
Director  
Ph No. 011-24641640

Copy to:-

1. Sh Ajmeera Redya,  
Bavojigudem Village, Maripeda Mandal,  
Mahabubabad District, Telangana
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), NCST.
3. 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 in the case of Shri Ajmeera Redya, Bavojigudem Village, Maripeda Mandal, Mahabubabad, Telangana regarding financial loss due to inferior cotton seeds

**Date of the Sitting: 05/03/2026, 12:00 PM**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**  
**NCST/DEV-3162/TS/1/2024-ESDW**

The petitioner, Shri Ajmeera Redya vide his petition dated 23.08.2024 has sought urgent intervention of the Commission stating that he was engaged by Mahyco Company during 2011-2012 as an organiser for seed production in Mahabubabad and Khammam regions, where he motivated mainly ST farmers to cultivate company seeds, but the seeds supplied were allegedly defective resulting in zero yield and heavy financial losses to farmers. He submitted that a government inquiry found Mahyco Company at fault, however the company did not cooperate, and due to pressure and threats from affected farmers he was compelled to sell his properties and pay about Rs. 1.10 crore to avoid litigation and harassment, yet further demands are continuing, causing severe financial hardship and mental distress to him and his family, and he has requested the Commission for relief and protection from ongoing harassment.

2. As per the reply received from Mahyco Seeds Ltd. Dated 05.09.2024 wherein it was stated that the petitioner's intention to exert pressure on Mahyco for alleged illegal demands lacks legal foundation, as any valid monetary claims should follow the established procedures outlined in the Seeds Act, 1966, and the Seeds Rules, 1968. The performance of crops is influenced by numerous factors beyond the company's control, and without a formal adjudication confirming seed failure or crop loss, it is unjust to hold Mahyco accountable. This approach not only undermines legal protocols but also contradicts the principles of natural justice.

3. The MAHYCO Private Limited has filed a W.P in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for quashing of notices dated 28.8.2024 and 28.10.2024 issued by NCST on the grounds that NCST has not dealt with the aspect of whether it has jurisdiction to entertain a complaint at a preliminary stage and has proceeded to direct the attendance of the Managing Director, MAHYCO for investigation of the complaint.

4. As per the reply received from Collector & District Magistrate, District-Mahabubabad, Telangana dated 18.09.2024 wherein it was stated that the current issue is presently under consideration at the level of Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Co-operation Department, Government of Telangana and the District Collector has no direct role in the matter presently.

5. In the sitting held on 07.11.2024, the Commission recommended that

i. The Agriculture Department may take proactive measures to prevent false assurances by seed companies and ensure stringent action is taken against such incidents. A dedicated grievance redressal system may also be established to address complaints from affected farmers, with a clear timeline for resolution.

ii. Necessary legal steps may be considered against Mahyco Company due to its adverse impact on multiple farmers, including a thorough investigation into the financial losses suffered by the affected individuals, with support measures to mitigate their hardships."

6. Mean while the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi disposed of the W.P(C) 15417/2024 and CM APPL. 64618/2024, CM APPL. 4036/2025 on 27.01.2026 with the following directions.

i. Let respondent No.1 to consider the preliminary objection submitted by the petitioner and to pass an appropriate order.

ii. Let the petitioner be granted liberty to appear through a duly authorized representative.

iii. The personal appearance of the Managing Director shall be dispensed with unless the same, for the reasons to be recorded, is absolutely necessary.

  
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सदस्य / Member  
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7. As per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P(C) 15417/2024 and CM APPL. 64618/2024, CM APPL. 4036/2025 delivered on 27.01.2026, the Commission has considered the preliminary objection raised by Mahyco Pvt. Ltd. regarding the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission notes that although the respondent company has contended that the dispute is purely commercial in nature between the company and the petitioner, the matter placed before the Commission involves issues concerning an ST individual and the alleged large-scale financial losses suffered by a number of ST farmers, as well as the role of the district administration and the State Agriculture Department in regulating seed companies and addressing grievances of affected farmers. Therefore, the matter cannot be treated as a purely commercial dispute and falls within the mandate of the Commission to examine issues affecting the interests and safeguards of ST persons. Further, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, the company has been permitted to appear through its duly authorized representative and the personal appearance of the Managing Director has been dispensed with at this stage. The Commission has again decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 05.03.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 24.02.2026.

8. The petitioner has attended the hearing. The Director of Agriculture, Telangana has attended the hearing on behalf of Agriculture and Cooperation Department. The District Agriculture Office has appeared on behalf of the District Collector. Mr. Prashant Pakhiddey, Advocate has attended the hearing as per the authorisation given by CEO, Mahyco Private Limited to sign, file and reply, pleadings, affidavits, submissions etc on behalf of Mahyco Pvt Limited.

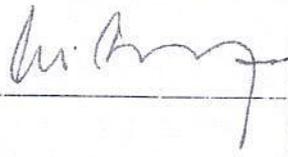
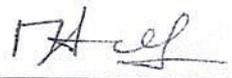
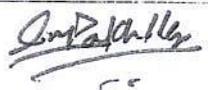
9. The petitioner has reiterated his grievance stating that because of the substandard seeds provided by the company, he has been forced to pay compensation to the farmers. The Director of Agriculture Department has stated that 3 meetings have been held with the marketing team of the company and the negotiations are in progress for finalisation of compensation. The advocate representing Mahyco has stated that the company has engaged the petitioner as an "Organiser" for seed production and the allegations against Mahyco are purely commercial in nature.. He further stated that the WP bearing 46909 of 2016 is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana.

10. After hearing to the petitioner and the authority the following observations/recommendations are made and the ATR may be submitted within 30 days from the receipt of minutes-

- a. The Department of Agriculture, Telangana may clarify the role of the State Agriculture Department in permitting the continued operations of Mahyco even after the huge losses incurred by the ST farmers. The legal agreements, if any, may be furnished to the NCST.
- b. The Department of Agriculture, Telangana may obtain the details of the volume of business of mahcyo in the State since its inception, and especially in the last 10 years since the formation of the State of Telangana. The details of its distributors and sub-distributors for the company may be submitted to the NCST.
- c. The Department of Agriculture, Telangana may obtain the details of petitions against Mahyco in similar kinds of disputes across various States and submit the same to the NCST.
- d. The Department of Agriculture, Telangana may submit the details of the assessment of loss incurred by the farmers due to Mahyco and the compensation expected from the company.
- e. Steps may be taken by the Agriculture Department to regulate the company coordinators/organisers by making all the transactions online for transparency in the payments made to the organisers and, in turn, to the farmers.

(Jatothu Hussain)  
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List of participants of the sitting held on 5.3.2026 at ..... under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

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