



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/SER-2502/AP/387/2025-RO-BIIUV/RU-III

Dated:- 13.03.2026

To,

1. The Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission,
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Vijayawada -520010 (Andhra Pradesh)
2. The Principal Secretary,
General Administration Department
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
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A.P. Secretariat Office,
Velagapudi-522238 (Andhra Pradesh)
3. The Secretary,
EFS&T Department,
2nd Block, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Guntur District (Andhra Pradesh)-522503
4. The Principal Secretary,
Tribal Welfare Department,
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Room No. 213
Block-III, 1st Floor, A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi. Amaravathi-522503
(Andhra Pradesh)

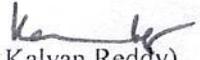
Sub: Representation received from Shri Naganjaneyulu Vuyyala, General Secretary, Navyandhra Girijana Sena Seva Samithi, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh regarding denial of appointment to Shri Singam Prasad under ST vacancies in APPSC Forest Beat Officer Recruitment Notification. No.07/2019.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 6.3.2026 under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hssain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) at New Delhi on the above mentioned subject for your information

It is requested that the action taken/ to be taken in the matter may be submitted to NCST within 30 days from receipt of the letter, for placing it before Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
Director
Ph No. 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Naganjaneyulu Vuyyala,
General Secretary, Navyandhra Girijana Sena Seva Samithi
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Mobile No:9966060659
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), 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 regarding alleged discrimination of plain area Scheduled Tribes in recruitment notifications of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission.

Date of the Sitting: 06/03/2026, Forenoon
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Shri Naganjaneyulu Vuyyala, General Secretary, Navyandhra Girijana Sena Seva Samithi, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, vide his representation dated 23-07-2025 has submitted that Mr. Singam Prasad, an eligible ST candidate, successfully cleared all stages of APPSC Forest Beat Officer recruitment under Notification No.07/2019 but was denied appointment, with the Commission citing preference for local STs from Scheduled (Agency) Areas. Despite available ST vacancies, the post was carried forward to Notification No.06/2025, effectively excluding plain area STs and violating Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the Constitution. The petitioner contends that several government orders enforcing 100% reservation for agency area STs in Scheduled Areas have led to systemic exclusion of equally entitled ST candidates from plain areas. The representation requests NCST to intervene, initiate an inquiry, ensure justice for Mr. Prasad, and issue directions to APPSC and the Government of Andhra Pradesh to uphold fair appointments under the ST quota without discrimination.

2. In the sitting held on 17.10.2025, the Commission recommended –

- The notification No.06/2025 may be re-examined in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's struck down of the Government orders relating to the local scheduled tribe reservations in 2020 and refused to entertain the review petition on the said issue in 2024.
- The authorities may explore an alternate route to protect the interests of the local scheduled tribes.
- The General Administration (Services) Department and the Social welfare/ Tribal Welfare Departments may take immediate necessary action and submit the detailed report on the issue.
- The Principal Secretaries of GAD and Tribal Welfare Departments may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing."

3. ATR has not been received. The Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 06.03.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 27.02.2026.

4. The Asst. Secretary from APPSC and Asst Director from Tribal Welfare Department have attended the hearing. The petitioner has attended the hearing. The petitioner has reiterated his grievance. The authorities from Tribal Welfare Department have informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement was communicated to all Departments for necessary action and the authorities from APPSC have stated that after the receipt of the minutes of the hearing held on 17.10.25, the Departments of GAD, EFS&T and Tribal Welfare Department were addressed for necessary clarity on the issue. The Tribal welfare Department has further stated that necessary legal consultation is in progress.

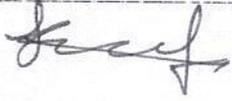
5. After hearing the authorities and petitioner the following observations/ recommendations were made.

- a. The correspondence made by the Tribal welfare Department to the line departments communicating the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order and necessary guidelines if any may be submitted to NCST.
- b. The correspondence made by APPSC to GAD, EFS&T Department and Tribal welfare Department over the Forest Beat Officers recruitment notification may be submitted to NCST.
- c. APPSC, GAD and Tribal welfare Department may arrive at necessary clarity and issue necessary guidelines to the line departments on the subject of Local Scheduled Tribe Reservations in the posts indented for recruitment through APPSC.
- d. The Spl. Chief Secretary, GAD(Services), Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department and Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department may attend to the next scheduled date of hearing on 20.3.26 at Hyderabad.

(Jatothu Hussain)
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सदस्य / Member
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List of participants of the sitting held on 6.3.2026 at under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Hyderabad.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
1.	Dr. P.Kalyan Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC), Vijayawada</u>		
Sr. No.	Name, Designation and Address	Phone No.	Signature
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1	V. Babu Rao Asst. Secretary	901455953	V. B. R.
2	E. Sainiranjani	7989424910	
III	<u>GAD, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh</u>		
IV	<u>EFS & T Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh</u>		