



राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

F.No NCST/ATY-3025/TS/742/2025-RO-BHIUV/RU-III

Dated:- 13.03.2026

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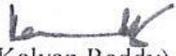
1. The Commissioner of Police
District- Visakhapatnam
Police Commissionerate,
Visakhapatnam -530001(Andhra Pradesh)
2. The Director,
Indian Institute of Management,
Anandapuram Mandal, Gambhiram,
Visakhapatnam-531163 (Andhra Pradesh)

Sub: Representation received from Shri Banothu Praveen Kumar, Hno.6-2-35 16B1, Krishna Colony, Mahabubabad, Telangana regarding harassment by the authorities of IIM Visakhapatnam in wrongfully expelled from College on the basis of false allegation.

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 20.1.2026 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.

Yours faithfully,


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

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Banothu Praveen Kumar,
Hno.6-2-35 16B1, Krishna Colony,
Mahabubabad - 506101(Telangana)
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JI), 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 Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi in the case of Shri Banothu Praveen Kumar, Hno.6-2-35 16B1, Krishna Colony, Mahabubabad, Telangana regarding harassment by the authorities of IIM Visakhapatnam in wrongfully expelled from College on the basis of false allegation.

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Date of the Sitting: 20.1.2026, 8:10 PM

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

Shri Banothu Praveen Kumar, former student (PGP 2022–2024), Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (Krishna Colony, Mahabubabad, Telangana), vide his representation dated 08-07-2025 has stated that he was expelled from IIM Visakhapatnam on 12-10-2022 on the basis of false and fabricated allegations without affording him a fair inquiry or opportunity of being heard. He has alleged that certain students and the Hostel SAO manipulated complaints before the Internal Complaints Committee, misrepresented facts and coerced security staff, while his requests for CCTV footage and explanation were ignored. He has further stated that the action caused him severe mental distress and medical issues and that the Director subjected him to mental harassment by ignoring and blocking his communications. Being a Scheduled Tribe student, he has alleged that the entire process was discriminatory, autocratic and violative of principles of natural justice. Hence, do the justice.

2. NCST vide notice dated 22.09.2025 sought facts and comments from the Superintendent of Police, Visakhapatnam and Director, Indian Institute of Management, Visakhapatnam within 7 days from receipt of the Notice. Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam vide letter no. IIMV/HR/NCST/2025 dated 6.10.2025 has informed the petitioner was enrolled as a student in the MBA batch 2022–2024 and that multiple complaints were received against him by the Internal Complaints Committee through letters dated 18-07-2022, 19-07-2022 and 25-07-2022, which fell under the purview of the POSH Act, 2013. It has been stated that copies of the complaints were provided to the student on 25-07-2022 for submission of his explanation, conciliation was proposed but not accepted by the complainants and thereafter a detailed inquiry was conducted strictly as per law. The ICC, after examining statements, witnesses and material evidence, submitted its report dated 07-09-2022 recommending expulsion of the student. The recommendations were referred to the SC/ST Cell, which, after meetings held on 01-10-2022 and later on 29-03-2024 concluded that there was no evidence of caste-based discrimination and endorsed the ICC findings. Acting on these recommendations, the Competent Authority approved the expulsion order, which was communicated to the student in the presence of his father. The entire course fee was subsequently refunded to the petitioner. It has further been stated that emails sent by the student were blocked only due to abusive content, while other modes of communication remained open and that the expulsion was purely based on proven misconduct under the POSH Act without any bias or discrimination. This letter was sent to the petitioner vide NCST letter dated 24.10.2025.

3. The information submitted by the IIM was not clear, hence, it was decided to discuss the issue with the authorities and the petitioner on 20.01.2026. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 09.01.2026. The Director, IIM, Visakhapatnam dated 16.1.2026 has sought exemption and deputed Chief Administrative Officer and Sr. Supdt. Admin, IIM, Visakhapatnam to attend the sitting.

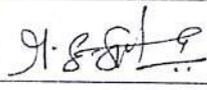
4. In the sitting, the above officers of IIM were present and petitioner joined over phone. The officers of IIM has reiterated their earlier submission vide letter dated 6.10.2025 and informed that as action against the petitioner was taken on the recommendations of ICC and SC/ST Cell of the IIM. Further, the entire course fee was subsequently refunded to the petitioner.

5. After discussion with the officers IIM and petitioner, it was observed that no action warranted on part of NCST.

(Jatothu Hussain)

जाटोतु हुसेन / Jatothu Hussain
सदस्य / Member
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

List of participants of the sitting held on 20.01.2026 at 3.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at New Delhi.

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>Police Department, Visakhapatnam</u>			
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Phone No.	Signature
1.	Kaleem V Khan CAO-HR-1(NV)	9973985649	
2.	M. S. SOBRAHMANIAM SS. Admin	9866641996	
III <u>IIM, Visakhapatnam</u>			
IV <u>Petitioner</u>			
		ONLINE	