

Government of India **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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File No. KSP/1/2017/MPNG1/DEOTH/RU-I

Date: 13/07/2017

To

Mr. Eric Christopher, Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd., 24th floor, World Trade Centre, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram West, Banglore - 560055. Karnataka.

Sub: Representation dated nil received from Smt. Kokilaben Sumanbhai Patel, Prop: Kedaria Traders, S/4 Iconic Building, Taluka Panchayat Kacheri Road, Valsad, Gujarat-396001 regarding financial loss to tribal because of termination of contract on flimsy ground.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of Sitting held in the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on 06/07/2017 on the above mentioned subject for immediate necessary action. Action Taken Report in this regard may be submitted to the Commission within 15 days positively.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajeshwar Kumar) **Assistant Director**

Copy to:

Smt. Kokilaben Sumanbhai Patel, Prop: Kedaria Traders, S/4 Iconic Building, Taluka Panchayat Kacheri Road, Valsad, Gujarat-396001.

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1. PS to Hon'ble Member, NCST

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Minutes of sitting held in the Commission on 06/07/2017 at 12:00 Noon under the Chairmanship of Shri H.C. Vasava, Hon'ble Member, NCST in the case of Smt. Kokilaben Sumanbhai Patel, Prop: Kedaria Traders, S/4 Iconic Building, Taluka Panchayat Kacheri Road, Valsad, Gujarat-396001 regarding financial loss to tribal because of termination of contract on flimsy ground.

List of participants placed at annexure A.

A representation dated nil was received from Smt. Kokilaben Sumanbhai Patel, Propregarding the representation of Kedaria Traders, S/4 Iconic Building, Taluka Panchayat Kacheri Road, Valsad, Gujarat-396001 regarding financial loss to her because of termination of contract by M/s. Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. on flimsy ground.

The matter was taken up with the CMD, BPCL for necessary action vide this Commission's letter dated 26/04/2017. No reply was received from the Department. The Hon'ble Member (HCV) had fixed a sitting with the CMD, BPCL for discussion in the matter on 07/06/2017. BPCL Officials appeared before the Commission on the day of sitting and submitted to the Commission that above complaints / matters does not concerned with the BPCL. But is concerned with the Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. The BPCL Officials submitted to the Commission that the matter may be directly taken up with the Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. It was also informed that BPCL has no objection if the contract is restored.

In this connection, the Hon'ble Member (HCV) has fixed a further sitting with the Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. for discussion in the matter on 06/07/2017. Accordingly, a sitting notice has been issued to the Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd.

Shri Vikas Chopra, Shri Kaustubh Nandan Sinha, representing Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. appeared before the Commission on 06/07/2017. The petitioner (Shri Suman Kokilaben Patel) also present in the sitting. The matter was discussed in detail. Petitioner submitted to the Commission that he was a good contractor / distributor with the BPCL and Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltdand performing his duties as per the work agreement given by the above authority in the Valsad district, Gujarat. He has 30 years' experience of dealing of costumers of BPCL and two years' experience of Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd., 23000 costumers are covered in distributorship. He has stated that financial lose has been faced during the work with Amazon.

The Amazon Officials apprised to the Commission that allegations made by the petitioner were correct (with evidence). Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. is a private company wherein no reservation rule enforced, nevertheless Amazon has sympathy with the petitioner.

The Commission observed that the petitioner is a local person and he has a network of about 23000 customers. Therefore, Amazon will benefit utilizing his facilities. Moreover, if the work of Amazon is given to the petitioner in Valsad District, many people in that district, particularly, the tribals will be benefitted economically.

Accordingly, the Commission suggested to the Amazon to restore the contract service to Kedaria Traders, the petitioner within 30 days, at least for two more years. The representatives of Amazon agreed to this suggestion.



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ANNEXURE-A

List of participants

| Sr. No. | Name and Designation |
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| [| National Commission for Scheduled Tribes |
| 1. | Shri H. C. Vasava, Hon'ble Member |
| 2. | Shri P.T. Jameskutty, Deputy Secretary |
| 3. | Shri Rajeshwar Kumar, Assistant Director |
| 4. | Shri H. R. Meena Senior Investigator |
| 5. | Shri Manoj Mishra, P.S. to Hon'ble Member |
| п | Amazon Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. |
| 1. | Shri Vikas Chopra |
| 2. | Shri Kaustubh Nandan Sinha |
| Ш | Petitioner |
| 1. | Ms. Suman Kokilaben Patel |