

# राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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(A Constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

File No.- NCST/ATY-1419/TS/3/2023-APCR

Date: 23.01.2024

To,

Sri Ravi Gupta

Director General Police, Lakdi Pool Police Headquarters, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500004 Email Id: dgp@tspolice.gov.in

Sub: Representation dated 05.08.2023 from Smt. R. Neela Ravi Nayak, Telangana State Mahila President, Hyderabad, Telangana regarding incident of brutal attack on a ST woman by the Police authorities of LB Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Sir.

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 03.01.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action. It is requested that compliance report may be submitted to this Commission within 30 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

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#### NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

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Minutes of Meeting chaired By Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 03.01.2024 in the case of Smt. R. Neela Ravi Nayak, Telangana State Mahila President, Corporator, Meerpet Municipal Corporation, All India Banjara Seva Sangh (AIBSS), Hyderabad, Telangana regarding incident of brutal attack on a ST woman by the Police authorities of LB Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad.

Date of Meeting: 03.01.2024 List of Participants is Annexed.

The Commission had received a representation dated 05.08.2023 from Smt. R. Neela Ravi Nayak, Telangana State Mahila President, Hyderabad, Telangana regarding incident of brutal attack on a ST woman by the Police authorities of LB Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad, Telangana. In this representation, it was informed that the victim, Smt. Varthya Laxmi, W/o late Srinu Naik, Hyderabad decided to take loan from her close relative, Shri Chandru, Saroornagar for her daughter's wedding and he agreed to help her with the amount of three lakh rupees. On 15.08.2023, the victim had started to Chadru's place at Sarrornagar for taking the loan amount of three lakhs from him. She was given the cash and she put the cash inside the bag along with her daughter's wedding card and started back for her House at Nandi Hills. She was waiting for transport at LB Nagar X Road, when a Police patrol vehicle stopped near her and started questioning her for presence at the said location and it was late at night and there was no lady officer in the patrol vehicle with the police personnel. She explained everything and showed the cash and wedding card of her daughter. But the Police personnel made baseless allegation against her for being a prostitute and waiting for soliciting business and snatched her bag and mobile phone. The Police personnel illegally detained the victim at the patrol vehicle and forcefully without any authority of law and had brought her to the Police Station where many personnel had come and started to abuse and threaten the victim. There were four male Police personnel who had collectively severely beaten her and due to the attacks, she had many bruises over her body. She was severely beaten her with belts, sticks etc. In the morning, the Police personnel asked her to leave the Police station immediately. She called her cousin sister and the Police officials told that never even take the victim to the hospital for treatment and threatened her family. The victim was very apprehensive about complaining about the said incident to anyone as she feared that the Police might actually book her entire family in false cases and might even kill them as threatened. The Police authorities did not take the complaint initially and refused to lodge any FIR as they denied the occurrence of any incident and only after staging protest, the ACP LB Nagar had taken the complaint.

She requested the Commission to intervene the matter and sought following action;

 to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed and monitored by a Sitting Judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for conducting fair, diligent and transparent investigation into the incident which occurred with the victim and to transfer the investigation in Crime No. 1206 of 2023 on the file of LB Nagar Police Station to SIT so constituted.

अनित नायकIANANTA NAYAK सदस्य/Member राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति शायोग NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES भारत सरकार/Gov. of India

- to take severe action including dismissal from service upon all the errant police officials in accordance with law for committing police atrocity, brutality and the crime upon the victim.
- 3. to immediately direct the Police of Hyderabad city to retrieve the stolen three lakh rupees, gold earring and return back to the victim.
- 4. to award compensation to the victim for the quantum that may be deemed to be fit and appropriate for the illegal actions of the police department upon the petitioner.
- 5. to taken any such decision that would be beneficial for removing the relics of colonialism from the veins of the police personnel.
- 2. The Commission took up this matter with the Director General of Police, Telangana vide notice issued on 04.09.2023.
- 3. In response to Commission's notice dated 04.09.2023, the Director General of Police, Telangana, vide letter dated 27.09.2023 along with a copy of letter dated 11.09.2023 from Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rachkonda informed that the investigation is under progress.
- 4. On examination of reply dated 27.09.2023 of Director General of Police, Telangana, the Commission fixed a Meeting on 03.01.2024 with the Director General of Police, Telangana.
- 5. On behalf of the Director General of Police, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, L.B. Nagar was present. The petitioner was not present in the Meeting.
- 6. The matter was discussed in detail. The Deputy Commissioner of Police submitted before the Commission that while performing patrolling duty Shri K. Ravi Kumar, Sub Inspector of Police, L.B. Nagar Police Station on 15/16-08-2023 around midnight, noticed 03 ladies including victim at L.B. Nagar X Roads and soliciting for immoral activities using indecent gestures. Observing the same he brought them to the Police Station. On enquiry, they revealed their identities as (1) Smt. Varthya Laxmi (2) Smt Jaligampally Kumar and (3) Smt. Seethala Venkata Laxmi. Thereafter Shri K. Ravi Kumar SI booked E-petty cases u/s 290 IPC dated 16.08.2023 against them and handed over those ladies to Sri K. Shiva Shankar HC-3037 who was performing Section In-charge duties and Smt. T. Sumalatha WPC 7023 who was performing night duties in the LB Nagar Police Station. After the same, SI left from the Police Station to attend his patrolling duties. The same is reflected in the General Dairy of the Police Station. Ms. Varthy Laxmi was assaulted by Shri K. Shiva Shankar HC 3037 and Smt. T. Sumalatha WPC 7023, by using third degree treatment in LB Nagar Police Station due to which, she received blunt injuries on her legs and hands. On the same allegations, the victims daughter Kum. V. Pooja gave a petition in the Police Station and accordingly a case vide Cr. No. 1206/2023 U/s 354,324,379 IPC & Sec 3 (1) (r)(s), 3(2)(Va) of SCs & STs (PoA) Act, 2015 was registered in L.B Nagar PS, Rachkonda Commissionerate. The case was entrusted investigations to Asst. Commissioner of Police, LB Nagar Division vide No. 212/C-1/RCK/2023 17.08.2023. dated

Taking serious notice of the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Rachkonda immediately suspended Shri K. Shiva Sankar – HC and Smt. T. Sumalatha WPC from the service and transferred Shri K Ravi Kumar, Sub-Inspector of Police from Police Station to Police Control Room on the same day.

अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK सदस्य/Member 2 राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति शायोग NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES भारत सरकार/Govt. of India नई दिल्ली/New Delhi He also submitted that the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana has taken up a suo moto case as W.P. No. 10 of 2023 and also the victim has filed another writ petition vide W.P. No. 23092 of 2023 for which the then Rachkonda Commissioner of Police Shri D.S. Chouhan, IPS has filed counter and awaiting trial.

- 8. After hearing the matter, the Commission recommends that:
  - Charge sheet against the accused may be filed before the Court without any further delay.
  - Safety and security may be provided to the victim and her family members/witnesses.
  - Compensation may be provided to the victim as per provisions of SC/ST (PoA) Rules at the earliest.
  - It may be ensured that the victims are not influenced/ pressurised by the accused during the investigation.
  - As the matter is sub-judice, no further action is required to be taken on part of the NCST.

Action taken report may be submitted by the DGP, Telangana to the Commission for information within 30 days.

(ANANTA NAYAK) MEMBER

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK सदस्य/Member राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति दायोग NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES . भारत सरकार/Govt. of India नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

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#### List of participants

# National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Shri Ananta Nayak Hon'ble Member

Shri R.K. Dubey Deputy Director

Shri H.R. Meena Research Officer

Shri Radhakanta Tripathy Spl. Rapporteur.

# Officers from O/o Director General of Police, Telangana

Smt. B. Sai Sri DCP, L.B. Nagar, Telangana.

#### **Petitioner**

Not present