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**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-16011(OD)/18/2021-RU-III

Dated: - 21.03.2025

To,

1. The Director  
Director of Mines  
Govt. of Odisha  
Bhubaneswar-751001  
Email:- [dirmines\\_odisha@rediffmail.com](mailto:dirmines_odisha@rediffmail.com)
2. The Pollution Control Board of Odisha  
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar  
Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar – 751012 (Odisha)  
Email:- [paribesh1@ospcboard.org](mailto:paribesh1@ospcboard.org)
3. The District Collector  
District- Keonjhar-758001 (Odisha)  
Email:- [dm-keonjhar@nic.in](mailto:dm-keonjhar@nic.in)

**Sub:- Representation dated 31.05.2021 of Shri Hari Kumar Banra, Member, Janjati Unnayan Samity, Belkundi, Kara, P.O.- Nalda, District- Keonjhar, (Odisha) regarding recovery of agriculture land of Belkundi and payments of adequate compensation of the agriculture lands damaged due to aflowofmining dust with rain water turning it to barren lands.**

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held on 12.2.2025 under the Chairmanship of Shri J. Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) at NCST HQ, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject for information.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Dubey)

Dy. Director

Tel No. – 244641640

Copy for information:-

- (i) Shri Hari Kumar Banra  
Member, Janjati Unnayan Samity,  
Belkundi, Kara, PO-Nalda,  
District – Keonjhar (Odisha) (A copy of the letter no. 2710 dated 10.2.2025 of Odisha State Pollution Control is enclosed for your information. )
- (ii) PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
- ✓(iii) NIC, NCST for uploading on the website of the Commission.

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES**  
**NCST-16011(OD)/18/2021-RU-III**

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 Hari Kumar Banra, Member, Janjati Unnayan Samiti, District – Keonjhar (Odisha) regarding recovery of agriculture land of Belkundi and payments of adequate compensation of the agriculture lands damaged due to a flow of mining dust with rain water turned to barren lands.

**Date of the Sitting: 12/02/2025, 3:40 PM.**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**

Shri Hari Kumar Banra, Member, Janjati Unihan Samite, District –Keonjhar (Odisha) vide representation dated 31.05.21 regarding recovery of agriculture land of Belkundi and payments of adequate compensation of the agriculture lands damaged due to a flow of mining dust with rain water turned to barren lands.

2. In this matter, a sitting was held on 21.10.21 and none of the officials were present in the sitting. The proceedings were circulated on 25.10.2021 to all concerned. Thereafter, Secretary, NCST vide Do letter dated 3.11.21 had taken up the matter with the Chief Secretary & DGP, Govt. of Odisha for non-corporation by the District Collector, District – Keonjhar and other agencies.

3. NCST has decided to discuss the issue with the concerned authorities and petitioner on 12.2.2025. Accordingly, a sitting notice was issued to all concerned on 4.2.2025.

4. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha vide letter no. 2710 dated 10.2.2025 has furnished the facts alongwith copy of the letter dated 30.11.2021 of the State Pollution Control Board Odisha and inspection report of the affected areas. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha who is the Chairman of the State Pollution Control Board Odisha has sought exemption and deputed Principal Resident Commissioner Odisha, Odisha Niwas, New Delhi to attend the sitting.

5 There was no response from the collector District – Keonjhar and Directorate of Mines, Govt. of Odisha. In the sitting, Principal Resident Commissioner Odisha, Odisha Bhawan, New Delhi was present in the sitting and petitioner was not present. Principal Resident Commissioner Odisha provided a letter dated 18.10.21 of Tahsildar, Barbil addressed to Sub Collector, Champua. In this letter it has been informed that the Belkundi Iron & Mn. Mines of M/S OMDC Ltd. had been stopped since 9.12.2009. The old dumps are also stabilized and protected with boulder wall at the top of the dump. Plantation over the entire dumping area is done to prevent flowing of earth and minerals from this area.



जाटोतु हुसैन / Jatothu Hussain  
सदस्य / Member  
भारत सरकार / Government of India  
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग  
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes  
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi



List of participants of the meeting held on 12.02.2025 at 3:40 PM under the chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST in the case of Shri Hari Kumar Banra, Member, Janjati Unnayan Samity, Belkundi, Kara, P.O.- Nalda, District-Keonjhar, (Odisha) regarding recovery of agriculture land of Belkundi and payments of adequate compensation of the agriculture lands damaged due to a flow of mining dust with rain water turning it to barren lands.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
I	<u>National Commission for Scheduled Tribes</u>		
1.	Dr. P.K Reddy Director		
2.	NCST Officials		
II	<u>District Collector &amp; Magistrate, District - Keonjhar</u>		
Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Address & Phone No.	Signature
III	<u>Directorate of mines</u>		
IV	<u>Pollution Control Board of Odisha, Bhubaneswar</u>		
	Vishal Gargan Principal Resident Commissioner, Odisha	Office of C.R.C., Odisha, Chandrapur, N. Dist. 9711121002	VE.
V	<u>Petitioner</u>		