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**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

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F.No. NCST/ATY-322/OR/10/2022-APCR(RU-III)

07.03.2025

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**Sub: Representation dated 30.3.2022 of Shri Radhakant Tripathy, Advocate and Rights Activist, New Delhi regarding atrocity against ST and custodial death of ST youth Shri Shukuramunda by torturing of police officials of Panikoili police station in Jajpur District- action against accused under SCs and STs (PoA) Act, 1989 and IPC Act with compensation..**

Mam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jathothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) on 12.02.2025 at NCST, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
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Copy to:-

1. Shri Radhakant Tripathy, Advocate and Rights Activists, 27, old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Shri Jathothu Hussain), NCST.
3. ✓ NIC, NCST for uploading on the website of the Commission



**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES**  
**NCST/ATY-322/OR/10/2022-APCR**

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 Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist regarding killing of a ST person by police personnel and lack of proper action against the accused.

**Date of the Sitting: 12/02/2025, 12:00 Noon**  
**Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure**

Shri Radhakanta Tripathy, Advocate & Rights Activist, 27, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001, vide his representation dated 30.03.2022 has brought to the notice of NCST regarding brutal killing of a ST person, Shukura Munda, by a police constable in Jajpur District (Odisha) on 17.03.2022. The accused police constable, attached to OSAP, Odisha Police, physically assaulted Shukura Munda after a dispute over unpaid wages to his nephew, Chagulu Munda. It is further alleged that the accused vandalized Shukura's house, manhandled his wife, and attempted to outrage her modesty. Despite the victim's attempts to lodge a complaint, the police failed to register an FIR. Severely injured, Shukura and his wife were later admitted to the hospital, where Shukura succumbed to his injuries. The petitioner seeks immediate investigation, registration of an FIR under the provisions of Section 302, IPC and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, exemplary compensation deducted from the salaries of the accused persons and proper medical treatment, rehabilitation and compensation for the victim's wife.


2. The NCST vide Notice dated 12.04.2022 has referred the matter to the DGP, Odisha, the District Magistrate & Collector and Superintendent of Police, Jajpur for furnishing the facts and comments within 7 days.

3. Pursuant to the Notice of the Commission, the SP, Jajpur vide letter dated 25.04.2022 has informed that based on the written complaint of Mami Munda, wife of the deceased Shukura Munda, Panikoli PS Case No. 62 dated 20.03.2022 has been registered under Sections 294, 323, 427, 506, 324, 302, and 201 of IPC, read with Sections 3(1)(r)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the SC/ST (PoA) Act, and Section 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act. The accused, Suchandra Sundar Singh has been arrested and forwarded to the court, and the investigation is ongoing with directions to expedite the process.

4. Finding the reply of the Authority not satisfactory, the Commission decided to hold a Sitting with the DM and SP, Jajpur on 29.05.2023 but the Sitting could not be held due to non appearance of the authorities.

The SP, Jajpur vide letter dated 02.06.2023 informed that the Collector, Jajpur is in the process of ascertaining the caste status of the victim and after verifying it, the compensation will be provided expeditiously. The PoA Act may be awarded and supplemented chargesheet will be submitted. This was sent to petitioner vide NCST letter dated 10.05.2024 for satisfaction.

5. The updated position of the case was not received from the Authorities. Hence, the Commission decided to discuss the issue with the District Collector, Jajpur and SP, Jajpur and the petitioner on 12.02.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 31.01.2025.

  
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6. In the Sitting, Additional SP, Jajpur and ADM, Jajpur were present on behalf of SP and DM, Jajpur. The petitioner was also present. The Collector and SP of Jajpur also joined via Video Conferencing. The Additional SP, Jajpur informed that the ST status of the victim has still not been ascertained and hence compensation has not been provided. He further added that the provisions of PoA Act has been deleted in the matter even if the same was included at the stage of registration of FIR.

The ADM and the Additional S.P. stated that the whereabouts of the family members of the deceased could not be ascertained now. The field enquiry by the Revenue Officials stated that the deceased was Landless and was staying on a Government Land.

Responding to the submissions of the Authorities, the Petitioner stated that the Poor ST families are treated inhumanly by the local administration. The Authorities even state before the NCST a person having surname Munda may not be Scheduled Tribe. The contradictory information is given by the authorities. While it is claimed that family members of the deceased are getting free ration from the Government. They have AADHAR Card and Election ID, it is stated that the family could not be traced, the Caste could not be ascertained, their whereabouts could not be known to the Administration.

The petitioner stated that the District Administration and the police department of Jajpur had been callous and lethargic in taking appropriate action in this case and even after lapse of almost 3 years, no relief had been provided to the poor family of the deceased.

7. The Commission observed that the district Administration of Jajpur is quite negligent in handling the case. The updated status report of the investigation, the Case Diary could not produced before the Commission. However, the Additional Superintendent of Police stated that the Charge Sheet has already been filed without inserting the provisions of the PoA Act. From the statements and attitude of the Authorities, it is apparently visible that the inaction, negligence and failure of the Revenue and Police Officials of the district are responsible for further victimization of the deceased family.

8. After discussion with the officers of District Administration and the Petitioner, the Commission recommends the followings and action taken report to be submitted within 30 days –

- The District Magistrate and Collector, Jajpur may ascertain the Caste Status of the deceased. The family members may be provided minimum land as they are landless as per the version of the Administration.
- The District Magistrate and Collector, Jajpur may immediately rehabilitate the Child labour, as mentioned in the FIR, along with proper rehabilitation scheme.
- The Superintendent of Police, Jajpur may ensure re-investigation of the case after inclusion of the Provisions of PoA Act and submit supplementary Charge Sheet.
- The District Administration and the Police to coordinate and ensure that proper compensation is provided to the family of victim, as soon as possible.

A copy of the Minutes of the Commission may be sent to the Chief Secretary and the DGP for information and necessary action.

The detailed Action Taken of the case in compliance of the Recommendations of the Commission may be provided within 15 days.

**(Jatothu Hussain)**  
**Member**

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