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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

File No. Odisha/1/Rourkela Steel Plant/2016/RU-III (Part File)

6th floor, B Wing Loknayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 **Dated:** -12-2017

To,

- The Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-110107
- Govt. of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

2 The Chief Secretary,

- The Chairman,
 Steel Authority of India Limited,
 New Delhi
- 4. The Collector, Sundargarh District, Odisha

Sub Displacement/inadequate rehabilitation of tribals by Rourkela Steel Plant.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the Meeting taken by Miss Anusuiya Uikey, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, NCST on 23.11.2017 for information urgent necessary action.

It is requested that action taken in this regard may be submitted this Commission within months' time.

Yours faithfully,
(R. K. Dubey)

Assistant Director

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. NIC, NCST uploaded on the web site.

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NCST with the officials of Government of Odisha and Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) on 23.11.2017 regarding displacement/inadequate rehabilitation of tribals by Rourkela Steel Plant.

List of participants is attached.

The progress of implementation of those recommendations made during the meeting of the Commission taken by Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 20.06.2017 on the subject, and other issues were discussed in details by the Commission during the meeting on 23.11.2017 with the state government officials of Odisha and Rourkela Steel Plant. After details deliberations, the following course of action were agreed upon:

- i) In the minutes of the Sitting of the Commission held on 20.06.2007, it was decided that Rourkela Steel Plant would identify the wrong people who were employed with RSP in place of displaced tribals. As decided, the RSP will take immediate necessary action to identify such people and remove them.
- ii) It was observed that action to fill up posts identified for displaced tribals was not satisfactory. Therefore, RSP will take necessary action to locate suitable candidates. If needed, RSP will impart required training to make candidates suitable.
- iii) RSP along with Collector of Sundargarh will take immediate necessary action to allocate alternative land to tribals who have been displaced.
- iv) No tribal who is currently in physical occupation of the land acquired by RSP should be displaced until suitable alternative land is provided, even if such land is further leased to other agencies. Collector Sundargarh will ensure this.
 - A firm date should be fixed for providing alternative land to those tribals who were displaced.

- vi) It was noted that about 22,000 acres of tribal land was acquired for RSP and its allied activities. It was observed that large parcel of excess land is under occupation of RSP. RSP has stated that this entire land and more is required for their future expansion. It was decided that in the current technological environment a techno-economic feasibility study should be got conducted through a credible expert body to find out the actual requirement of the RSP, as the NCST is of the preliminary view that not more than 3,000 acres should be actually required by RSP.
- vii) It was decided that the boundary wall which is being made by the RSP should be stopped and further construction should be started only after taking the consent of all stakeholders.
- viii) The RSP/Collector should remove people in possession of land without proper documents.
- Regarding the land allotted/availability with railways, it was decided that a separate meeting with the railways authorities will be held by the Commission to access the genuine requirement of the land by the railways.
- x) The CSR funds of the RSP should be mainly used for the improvement of standard of living of colonies of tribals who had been resettled. In case of any gap on fund requirement the Collector has agreed to meet the same.
- xi) Another meeting of the Commission will be held in Rourkela in the month of December, 2017.

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Attendance of participants in the Meeting held on <u>23.11.2017 at 12.00 noon</u> in the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, HQ, New Delhi.

No. Name & Designation

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

- 1. Miss Anusuiya Uikey, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson
- 2. Secretary
- 3. Deputy Secretary,
- 4. PS to VC
- 5. Shri D.C. Katoch, Consultant

Officers of Ministry of Steel

1. Shri Neeraj Agarwal, Director

Officers of Govt. of Odisha

- 1. Shri Chandra Sekhar Kumar, Principal Secretary, Revenue
- 2. Shri Vineet Bhardwaj, Collector, Sundargarh

Officers of Steel Authority of India Limited

- 1. Shri P. K. Pradhan, Executive Director, SAIL (RSP)
- 2. Shri S.P.S Jaggi , Executive Director (P&A)
- 3. Shri Tarun Kumar, DGM(Pers.)