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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(A Constitutional Body set up under Art. 338A of the Constitution of India)

Case File No. KNR/13/2016/STGAP/DEOTH/RU-IV

Dated: 18.03.2019

To,

1. **The Principal Secretary,**  
Revenue Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Velagapudi,  
Amaravati, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh).
2. **The Principal Secretary,**  
Tribal Welfare Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,  
Amaravathi-522503 (Andhra Pradesh)
3. **The District Collector,**  
East Godavari District,  
Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh).

**Sub:** Proceedings of sitting held on 28.02.2019 chaired by Smt. Maya Chintamn Ivnate, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) in the case of Shri Koduri Narayana Rao, Forum for Social Justice, Guntur (AP) along with the representation of 155 poor ST people of the Velangi Village Gram Panchayat and Ghats, AP requesting for issue of D Pattas to the agricultural lands.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Sitting held on 28.02.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Maya Chintamn Ivnate, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action and submission of compliance report to this Commission within 30 days from the receipt of the letter for placing the same before the Hon'ble Member, NCST.

Yours faithfully,

(Y.K. Bansal)

Research Officer

Encl: As above

Copy to:

Shri K. Narayana Rao,  
President,  
Forum for Social Justice,  
Chamallamudi, Via - Etukur,  
District - Guntur, Amravathi - 522017  
(Andhra Pradesh).

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Copy to: - SAS NIC, NCST.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

KNR/13/2016/STGAP/DEOTH/RU-IV

PROCEEDINGS OF SITTING HELD ON 28.02.2019 CHAIRED BY SMT. MAYA CHINTAMN IVNATE, HON'BLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES (NCST) IN THE CASE OF SHRI KODURI NARAYANA RAO, FORUM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, GUNTUR (AP) ALONGWITH THE REPRESENTATION OF 155 POOR ST PEOPLE OF THE VELANGI VILLAGE GRAM PANCHAYATH AND GHATS, AP REQUESTING FOR ISSUE OF 'D' PATTAS TO THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Date of Sitting: 28.02.2019


List of officers present in sitting is Annexed.

The case relating to representation of Shri K. Narayana Rao, Forum for Social Justice, Guntur (AP) regarding issuance of 'D' Pattas to the agriculture lands belonging to 155 poor ST, SC and OBC farmers of the Velangi village of Shankavaram Mandal, East Godavari District was taken up for sitting in the Commission. In the representation, it was alleged that the ST families were cultivating the agriculture land since long back. But the District Administration did not issue regular D-Pattas to the STs and they are being forced to part from their lands due to Naxals threat and forced to vacate the land. The land owners have no objection to surrender their rights to the Government, if the adequate compensations are paid. However, the Government has not taken any action. The ST land owners are unable to get loans from financial institutions or take benefits of different Government schemes. The Government has also not issued permanent Patta to them. The Tehsildars and concerned Revenue officers have conducted detailed enquiry in the matter and submitted a report to the Government stating that as most of the encroachers are tribal of that area, it is very complex to vacate land by their adjusting encroachments. In addition, there is Government's Purchase Scheme under which, the land can be purchased from private parties and grant Patta to the landless Scheduled Tribes. The Commission's recommendations were also not implemented.

2. Earlier, the case was taken up for Sitting on 26.07.2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, NCST and the Commission had made recommendations that the Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of AP will consider the issuance of D-Pattas to the ST families after purchasing the land from the private parties under Land Purchase Scheme from State's TSP funds. The comprehensive proposal in this regard and action taken report will be submitted by the Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to the Commission within one month.

3. As, no action taken report was received from the authority concerned and therefore Smt. Maya Chintamn Ivnate, Hon'ble Member, NCST fixed a Sitting on 28.02.2019 to discuss the matter relating to action taken on the Commission's recommendations. Accordingly, sitting notice was issued to the Special Chief Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. of AP and Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of AP for their appearance.

4. The sitting was held on 28.02.2019. The authorities called did not appear. However, the Additional Director, Tribal Welfare, AP came for discussion along with request for exemption from appearance of Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare, AP. The petitioner was also present.

  
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Smt. Maya Chintamn Ivnate  
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5. In sitting, the Additional Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of AP informed the Commission that as per Commission's recommendation, the Tribal Welfare Department prepared a proposal to purchase land under Government's Purchase Scheme from TSP fund and the same was submitted to the District Collector, East Godavari for sanction. Thereafter, the District Collector has forwarded the said proposal to the Revenue Department, which is the nodal Department to grant approval for land purchase. But, the Revenue Department has rejected the proposal. Thus, the concerned District Collector and Revenue Department, AP are the competent authority to decide the matter. The Tribal Welfare Department has sufficient funds and if the competent authorities grant approval, then the land would be purchased and D-pattas will be issued for the Scheduled Tribe families.

6. The case was discussed in detail. The Commission decided that the Principal Secretary, Revenue, Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of AP and the District Collector, East Godavari may be called in the Commission in the next sitting and the matter will be decided after discussion with the concerned authorities.



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**Annexure**

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**List of participants**

**NCST**

1. Smt. Maya Chintamn Inate, Hon'ble Member (In chair)
2. Shri P.T. Jameskutty, Deputy Secretary
3. Shri Y.K. Bansal, Research Officer
4. Shri Sudhir Atram, PS to Hon'ble Member
5. Shri H.R. Meena, Sr. Investigator

**Officers of Government of Andhra Pradesh**

Shri V.Ch. Veerabhadru, Additional Director, Tribal Welfare Department,  
Vijayawada

**Petitioner**

Dr. K. Narayana Rao