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

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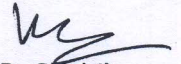
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Sub: Proceeding of the Sitting taken by Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST on 17.10.2016 in the matter of representation of Shri Lachhu Oram and Others persons displaced for establishment of Rourkela Steel Plan (erstwhile Hindustan Steel Plant.)

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Proceedings of the Sitting taken by Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST, on 17.10.2016 for taking necessary action. The compliances report in the matter may please be intimated to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

  
(V. P. Shahi)

**Assistant Director**

Copy to:

1. Shri Lachchu Oram, Rourkela Local Displaced, Association-32 Village, Head Office-Panposh, P.S.- Raghunathpali, Rurkela, District Sundergarh, Odisha.
2. The Director, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Regional Office, N-1/297, IRC, Village, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
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**Date of Sitting: 17.10.2016**

**List of officers present: (Annex-I)**

### **Background of case**

Representations were received by the Commission from Shri Lachhu Oram and other R/o Sundergarh District of Odisha, who pray for justice as after acquisition of their land, for establishment of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) erstwhile Hindustan Steel Plant, due compensation was not paid, employment was not given to family members of displaced persons. Thus displaced persons, mainly tribals, have been betrayed in the process of land acquisition for RSP.

Chairperson, NCST visited Rourkela from 22.2.2016 to 24.2.2016 for hearing the petitioners and held discussion with State Govt. officials. It was followed by another visit to Bhubaneswar from 19.08.2016 to 21.08.2016. objective of the visit was to review the status of action taken by the State Government and management of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) on the recommendations made by the Commission during earlier visits. Meeting was held with the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha and other concerned officers of the State. In the said meeting interalia it was decided that a hearing at NCST head quarter will be held in the matter of employment of displaced persons by RSP.

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2. **Issues of Sitting held on 17.10.2016**

the focus of the meeting was on the issue of providing employment to the family members of displaced persons (163 in number) in Rourkela Steel Plant whose land was acquired by the State Govt. for establishment of RSP.

2.1 It was informed by the RSP management that initially the State Govt. of Odisha had given a list of 1098 displaced persons who were eligible for employment in RSP hence company cannot employ beyond the said limit of 1098 persons.

2.2 Department of Public Enterprises had issued OM in the year 1986 for not providing employment to the displaced persons and whereas decision for providing employment in RSP was taken in the year 1993 only.

2.3 Out of 1098 persons, 700 persons were provided employment, in 99 cases the process is nearing completion, in 129 cases the recruitment process is ongoing and 165 cases were pending due to non-availability of qualified candidates.

2.4 Now, the District Administration has submitted a list of 163 persons who are proposed to be provided employment in RSP. The management of RSP had apprehension that the list might be unending.

2.5 It was also informed that in a court case of Shri Butu Prasad Khumbhar and others Vs SAIL and others, the Supreme Court had given decision on 30.3.1995 wherein it was held that only 1098 displaced families are eligible for rehabilitation and the number of displaced families cannot be further extended.

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3. District Administration intimated that RSP had informed them that about 6000 displaced persons were provided employment in the RSP but when the list of such employees was sought, the figure decreased to about 3000. Among these 3000, many persons hailing from Jharkhand were also included whereas they were not from the displaced families. The RSP management informed that it had obtained declaration from its employees regarding their employment from the displaced category. A total of 2211 employees had given self-declaration along with khata number of the land acquired. It was admitted that the same were not cross verified from the records of RSP and the District Administration. Thus, many persons got employed, in the name of displaced person fraudulently, whereas many actual displaced persons, like the applicant Shri Lachhu Oram, were deprived of the employment benefit admissible to them.

4. Commission noted that the Supreme Court had observed that every adult member of family of displaced (1098 in number) and their future generation cannot be provided employment and other benefits, but it had not stopped either the State Govt. or the concerned Ministry of Central Govt. in drawing a policy in favour of the displaced families. Being a welfare State, it is moral duty of both the Govts. to make a policy for the welfare of people, particularly keeping in view the fact that a new R&R Act has been passed in the year, 2013 which safeguards the interest of project affected families. While it is a fact that at the time of acquisition of land, no such policy existed, still the interest of displaced persons should be kept in mind while formulating new policies.

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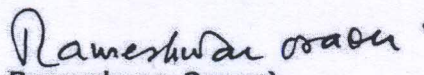
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J. Commission also noted that the State Govt. had acquired the land for establishment of RSP, and had a list of 163 persons (members of displaced families) who were not provided employment earlier in view of above and the interest of justice Commission recommends RSP to provide employment to these 163 persons at the earliest. The Ministry of Steel and Department of Public Enterprises are also advised to take necessary action in this regard.

6. On perusal of Para No. 3 above, in which the District Authorities were informed by the RSP to have provided employment to 6000 persons of displaced families, but on demand a list of only 3000(50%) of such persons were given to the State Administration. Amongst 3000, many person's hailing from Jharkhand were also included whereas they were not from the displaced families. It seems either RSP authority is not honest in giving the details of displaced persons who were given employed or there was a racket in RSP in the name of giving employment of displaced persons.

Ministry of Steel should take it seriously and issue order for High Level /inquiry of refer the matter a CBI for investigation.

Action taken report on above be sent to this Commission within one month of receipt of this proceedings

  
(Dr. Rameshwar Oraon)  
Chairperson

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**Annexure-I**

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**List of Participant of Sitting dated 17.10.2016**

**National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

1. Dr. Rameshwar Oraon, Hon'ble Chairperson
2. Shri R. K. Dubey, Assistant Director
3. Shri V.P Shahi, Assistant Director

**Officers of Ministry of Steel**

1. Shri Anupam Prakash, Director

**Officers of Rourkela Steel Plant Rourkela**

1. Shri P. K. Pradhan, ED (P&A), SAIL, RSP
2. Shri R. Khan, GM (P&A)
3. Shri B. Kullu, DGM (P&A)

**Officers of District Sundargarh**

1. Shri Monisha Banarjee, ADM, Rourkela

**Petitioner**

1. Shri Lachhu Oram