



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)

Case File No. NCST/ATY-945/AP/5/2023-APCR

Dated: 30.05.2023

To

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Subject: News clipping published in the Daily News 'Eenadu' on 10.02.2023 captioned translated as "Death of an unfortunate person in Srikakulam district due to starvation"

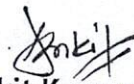
Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Sitting held on 23.05.2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on the above mentioned subject for necessary action. It is requested that compliance report may be submitted to this Commission within 30 days positively for placing the same before the Hon'ble Commission.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

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(अंकित कुमार सेन / Ankit Kumar Sen)
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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

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Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST on News clipping published in the Daily News 'Eenadu' on 10.02.2023 translated as "Death of an unfortunate person in Srikakulam district due to starvation".

Date of the Sitting: 23.05.2023 at 15.30 Hrs

List of Participants: As per Annexure

The Commission has gone through a disturbing press clipping of "Eenadu Times" dated 10.12.2023 translated as "Death of an unfortunate person in Srikakulam district due to starvation" stating that the incident took place in Meliya Putti Mandal of Srikakulam where an old tribal man named Shri. Savari Bari aged 86 years died of starvation. Shri. Savari Bari's wife died 15 years ago and since he was issueless, he lived alone. The authorities stopped paying pension to Shri. Savari Bari for over a year. Despite calling out for help, there was negligence from the authorities. He became weak and lost eye-sight and eventually died of starvation.

Considering the gravity of the issue the Commission issued Notice to the Collector and District Magistrate, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh and the Superintendent of Police, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh on 13.04.2023 to take necessary action and submit the Action Taken Report ("ATR") within 03 days.

The Commission received ATR dated 02.05.2023 from the Superintendent of Police, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh stating that Shri. Savari Bari was considered a pensioner on grounds of old-age in 2008. However, since June, 2021 after the Government had issued directions to make Aadhaar bio-metric and EKYC mandatory, he stopped getting pension because his Aadhaar could not be authenticated. On account of old age, his fingerprints and iris could not be linked with the EKYC and therefore he stopped getting pension. No officers were found responsible since the pension was not restored due to technical problem to link Aadhaar and EKYC.



अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK

सदस्य/Member

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The Commission did not receive ATR from the Collector and District Magistrate, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh.

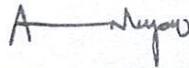
Therefore, Summons were issued on 17.05.2023 to the Collector and District Magistrate, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh and the Superintendent of Police, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh to appear before the Commission on 23.05.2023 at 03:30 PM for hearing.

During the course of hearing on 17.05.2023, the Commission asked about the steps taken by the Collector and District Magistrate regarding in this case.

Shri. Shrikesh Lathkal, District Magistrate, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh submitted that since Shri. Savari Bari stopped receiving pension, he ensured that ration was provided to Shri. Savari Bari was at the time living with his nephew who was taking care of him. Despite this, they provided him with 100 kg rice through the Tehsildar's office and had ensured that he faced no issues on account of not receiving pension. Death of Shri. Savari Bari was not due to starvation but was a natural death. He further stated that they had provided similar support to around 200 people in their district who faced similar issues due to technical problem to link Aadhaar and EKYC.

In view of the above, the Commission recommends the following: -

The Collector and District Magistrate, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh to submit the details of all the people who are facing issues due to technical problem to link Aadhaar and EKYC and the measures taken by district administration to support them. He is also required to submit the details of 200 people in their district who faced similar issues due to technical problem to link Aadhaar and EKYC.



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