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To,

**The Chief Secretary,**  
Government of Odisha,  
General Administration Department,  
Odisha Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar-751001

**The District Magistrate and  
Collector,**  
Collectorate, Keonjhar-758001  
Odisha

Sub: Tour Report of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST of visit to the State of Odisha from 10.12.2021 to 13.12.2021.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of Tour report of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST of visit to the State of Odisha from 10.12.2021 to 13.12.2021 for ready reference.

2. It is requested that necessary action may be taken on the points raised/recommendations in the Tour report and furnish the report to the Commission at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

(H.R. Meena)  
Research Officer



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## TOUR REPORT OF VISIT OF SHRI ANANTA NAYAK, HONOURABLE MEMBER, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES, NEW DELHI TO ODISHA FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi reached Bhubaneswar at 22.20 Hours, on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 by flight, along with Shri B. B. Biswal, PA. On reaching at Bhubaneswar, Hon'ble Member of the Commission was received by Shri D.K. Palai, UDC of the Regional Office Bhubaneswar, also some officers of the Government of Odisha were present on the occasion.

Hon'ble Member proceeded to Keonjhar by road, accompanied by Shri D.K. Palai, UDC & Shri Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal, Personal Assistant and night halted there.

### 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Saturday)

There were field visits to the GPs of Akul and Saleikena under Telkoi Block of Keonjhar District.

### AKUL GP

At about 09.00 Hours, Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST reached at Akul GP Office, where a Public Hearing was organized. During the said Public Hearing ADWO Keonjhar, Block Development Officer, Telkoi, IIC Telkoi PS, Tahashildar, Telkoi, WEO Telkoi, along with other Block Level Officers were present.



[Hon'ble hearing public grievance at Akul GP, Telkoi, Keonjhar]

People belong to ST communities in particular presented their grievances before the Hon'ble Member, NCST, most of those were individual complaints, which relate to Widowed Pension, Old Age Pension, PMAY, etc. Baring those, there were few petitions regarding drinking water, electricity connection and all weather road. Some of those petitions were

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addressed on the spot, whereas, the issues pertaining to the electricity could not be resolved as there was no representation from the Electricity Department.




[Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST explaining people about the NCST at Akul GP]



[Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST discussing with petitioner at Akul GP]

It was observed from the petitions of the Widowed Pension that, there were death cases which range between age group of 40-50 years. The matter was discussed with the Block Development Officer, Telkoi and it was learnt that, although the exact cause of the

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deaths has not been established so far, but it may be because of drinking water related issues.



[Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST during consultation at Akul GP]

Honorable Member, NCST opined that, a survey/study may be conducted in the area to establish the exact reason for deaths at early age, which ultimately lead to widowing of women at early ages.

At the beginning of the Public Hearing, Hon'ble Member instructed Shri D.K. Palai to give introductory speech on the role & function of the NCST, thereafter, the Hon'ble Member himself explained to the public about the NCST and appealed them to report to the Commission about their problem, now they can upload their grievances through NCST Grievance Portal on the website ncst.nic.in.

All the officers, who were present on the occasion shared their contact numbers to the public, so that, in case of any difficulties the matter may be brought to their notice.

Hon'ble Member of the Commission along with his team took lunch at the Telkoi and proceeded to the Saleikena GP under the same block.

### **SALEIKENA GP**

At around 14.30 Hours, Shri Ananta Nayak, Honourable Member, NCST accompanied by his team reached at the Saleikena GP Office to take on the Public Hearing. Prior to the arrival of the Hon'ble Member of the Commission, there was a huge gathering for greeting. Local people garlanded the Hon'ble Member of the Commission and gave a rousing welcome. Once again the Hon'ble Member of the Commission gave an elaborate speech on the role & function of the NCST, after the introductory short speech by Shri D.K. Palai, UDC.





[Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST discussing with petitioner at Saleikena GP]


Thereafter, people belongs to across the communities submitted their petitions and grievances before the Hon'ble Member, NCST, most of those relates to individual issues, viz., various Bhatas and Awas Yojanas. It was once again noticed that, there were widows at young age. The matter was discussed with public as well as with officers who were present during the public hearing to access the cause of the early date of the male member of a family. As discussed with the BDO, Telkoi, a study is the need of hour to establish the exact reasons behind the early deaths.

Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member of the Commission expressed displeasure at the fact that, although most of deaths had already been crossed a year mark, yet no formalities have been completed for grant of the Old Age Pension to the widow of the deceased. On the other hand, the concerned officials who have been working at the GP level, found incompetent to report to the concerned Block Level Authorities regarding the developments.

Prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Shri Ananta Nayak, Honorable Member of the Commission appealed all the officers present on occasion to be proactive towards the cause of the tribal people, as their nature is shy, because of which could not able to take benefit of various schemes of the state/central government. So, the role of the GRS & PEO become more crucial for enrolling the ST people for various schemes have been implemented by the government.

### **12<sup>th</sup> December, 2021(Sunday)**

As scheduled in the tour program, Shri Ananta Nayak, Honorable Member, NCST held meetings with the tribal leaders.

  
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**13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Monday)**

**Visit and Review of Ekalavya Model Residential School, Ranki, Keonjhar**

Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes visited the Ekalavya Model Residential School(EMRS), Ranki, Keonjhar accompanied by Shri Bibhuti Biswal, PA and Shri D.K. Palai, UDC, Regional Office, NCST, Bhubaneswar with a purpose to review.



[Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST received by the Principal, EMRS, Ranki]

The PA, ITDA, Keonjhar, the DWO, Keonjhar and the ADWO, Keonjhar along with the Principal and other staff members of the EMRS received Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member with traditional formalities.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Member was taken to various parts of the EMRS compound for inspection. During the said inspection each & every corner of the compound was inspected, including the playground, hostels, cooking area, dining areas, toilets, class rooms, laboratories, library, IT room, etc.



[Students of EMRS, Ranki receiving Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST]

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[Hostel, EMRS, Ranki]



[EMRS, Ranki]

During the discussion, Hon'ble Member of the Commission made various queries relating to uniform, food itineraries, staff position, results, books in library, apparatus status in laboratories, physical training of students, computer training of students, etc. Also, raised concern about the cleanliness of toilets, cooking area, etc., in addition to that also pointed to the broken window of the class room. During inspection it was observed that, the playground was not at all suitable for students.

It was informed that out of the total personnel, only 18(eighteen) are teaching staff. It was also brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Member of the Commission that, all the teaching staff have been working on contractual basis. Accordingly, the Principal of the School has been asked to submit a conclusive report the EMRS, Ranki, Keonjhar, but, as the same was not readily available one-week time has been given.

Thereafter, Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member addressed to the students & staff member of the EMRS, Ranki at the Multipurpose Hall. Soon after completion of the interaction session the Hon'ble Member inspected the staff quarter and found the pitiable condition of those. Moreover, it was found that, there were shortage of staff quarters,

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because of which some teaching staff have been residing outside the campus. This aspect raises many question on the status of the EMRS, Ranki.



[During interaction with students & teachers of EMRS, Ranki in the Multipurpose Hall]

After completing the visit and inspection of the EMRS, Ranki, Keonjhar, Shri Ananta Nayak, Honourable Member of the NCST returned to Bhubaneswar and left for New Delhi.

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