



सत्यमेव जयते

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)

F. No. NCST/DEV-1473/TS/5/2023-ESDW

Dated: 12.07.2023

To,

The Chairman & Managing Director,
The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.,
Kothagudem Collieries,
Bhadradri Kothagudem District,
Telangana State PIN: 507101
E-Mail: cmd@sclmines.com

Sub: Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 30.06.2023 at 03:30 PM regarding representation dated 19.02.2023 received from Smt. Uke Ashirvadam and others, Jagannadhapuram (Village), Sathupalli (Mandal), Khammam (District), Telangana regarding payment of less than promised amount of compensation for a land acquired for Coal Mining activities.


Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of the Sitting taken by Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, New Delhi on 30.06.2023 at 03:30 PM on the above mentioned subject for information and necessary action.

2. You are requested to send the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations of the Commission **within 30 days** from the date of receiving of the Minutes.

Encl: as Above.

Yours faithfully,


(H.R. Meena)
Research Officer

Copy for information to: -

Smt. Uke Ashirvadam,
Jagannadhapuram (Village),
Sathupalli (Mandal),
Khammam (District),
Telangana

✓ 1. NIC Cell for upload in NCST Website.

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

No. NCST/DEV-1473/TS/5/2023-ESDW

Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, in the case of Shri Bhukya Rambabu and others regarding the Compensation for affected individuals are not given according to the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package by Singareni Collieries Company and the District Administration.

Date of the Sitting: 30.06.2023

Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

In the representation dated 19.02.2023, Smt Uke Ashirwadham & others, a resident of Jagannadhapuram Village, Bhadradi Kothagudem District submits that the Singareni Collieries Company and the District Administration, India, failed to fulfill promises made during land acquisition. They forcefully evacuated the petitioners and provided only Rs. 7,61,000 instead of the promised Rs. 11,64,000. Compensation for affected individuals was not given according to the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. Employment was guaranteed for one household member, but only three families received it. Kistaram village received higher compensation for agricultural land and eucalyptus plantation than the petitioners. Promised infrastructure such as schools, community halls, temples, roads, and a burial ground remain undeveloped. An inquiry is urgently needed to ensure justice for all affected individuals.

Considering the gravity of the issue raised before the Commission, Notice was issued to the District Collector, Khammam District Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Bhadradi Kothagudem District to submit the Action Taken Report ("ATR") within 15 days. No action report is submitted during the expected time limit.

The petitioner has submitted a rejoinder stating that till date, Singareni Collieries Company Ltd and the District administration have not considered any of their requests and have failed to take any action. They are merely making false promises of completing the work but have not taken any concrete action yet.



अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK

सदस्य/Member

राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

भारत सरकार/Govt. of India

नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

The lackadaisical attitude towards addressing the alleged claims mentioned in the petition has been examined by the Commission. Summons dated 08.06.2023 were issued to Shri N. Sridhar, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem Collieries, Bhadradi Kothagudem District to appear before the Commission on 30.06.2023 for Sitting.

During the hearing on 30.06.2023, the Petitioner submitted that the Singareni Collieries Company in Telangana and the District Administration have failed to fulfill the promises made during the land acquisition process. They forcibly evacuated the petitioners and provided only Rs. 7,61,000 instead of the promised amount of Rs. 11,64,000. The District Administration and the company have not compensated the affected individuals as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. Furthermore, Scheduled Tribes were given less compensation compared to other categories of people. Although employment was guaranteed for one member per household, only three families received it, leaving the rest deprived. In contrast, Kistaram villagers received Rs. 20,00,000 per acre for agricultural land compensation and Rs. 4,00,000 per acre for eucalyptus plantation, while the petitioners were given significantly less, specifically Rs. 16,50,000 for agricultural land and an insufficient amount for eucalyptus. The promised infrastructure and amenities such as schools, community halls, temples, roads to agricultural lands, and a burial ground have not been developed. Urgent action is needed to conduct an inquiry and ensure justice for all affected individuals.

Shri N. Balaram, Director (PA&W), appearing on behalf of the Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem Collieries, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, stated that the acquisition process, compensation, and rehabilitation of displaced persons were managed by the district administration. The issues concerning the company are related to employment and development works, R&R (Resettlement and Rehabilitation) has been provided to the petitioners as per the Law. The petitioners received the choice of annuity as per Schedule-II of the Act. Therefore, employment provision does not arise. A few people have obtained contract jobs in outsourcing works based on their skills and qualifications. Regarding development works, an R&R center has been developed in Cherukupalli in a phased manner. In the first phase, basic amenities



अमंत नायक/AMANTA NAYAK
सदस्य/Member
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
भारत सरकार/Govt. of India
नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

such as an overhead tank, CC roads, drains, a temporary school building, an Anganwadi building, and a temple were constructed. In the second phase, a permanent school building, a function hall, a temple, a church, and a culvert over the Nallah crossing point of Phase I & Phase II sites in the R&R center are under construction. The sand cement lining to the existing Nallah works is currently in progress.

The Commission expressed serious disappointment over the lapses and lackadaisical attitude of the authorities in addressing the issues mentioned in the petition despite considerable time passed. The Commission calls for action on top priority.

After the hearing, the Commission recommends the following: -

1. The Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, will constitute a team comprising senior authorities to visit the site and assess the ground situation. Based on the observations, the team will work towards resolving the issue and submit a report within 30 days.
2. The Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, shall ensure that permanent school building, a function hall, Anganwadi building, temple and roads within 6 months.
3. The Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, will co-ordinate with the District collector on all the issues raised by the petitioners and send the compliance report within 30days.
4. The Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited, shall provide a copy of the R&R (Resettlement and Rehabilitation) policy to the Commission within 7 days.

Action Taken Report with compliance of the Recommendations has to be submitted within 30 days for further perusal of the Commission.

In the meantime, Notice to Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R), Telangana and Divisional Forest Officer, Bhadradi Kothagudem District shall be issued seeking ATR within 07 days.


अनंत नायक/ANANTA NAYAK
सदस्य/Member
राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
भारत सरकार/Govt. of India
नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

(ANNEXURE)

F. No. NCST/DEV-1473/TS/5/2023-ESDW

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:-

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Ananta Nayak	Hon'ble Member
2.	Dr. Jayant Sarode	Director
3.	Shri H.R. Meena	Research Officer
The Chairman & Managing Director, The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., Telangana		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri N. Balram	Director
2.	Shri K. Basavaiah	General Manager
3.	Shri K. Srinivasa Rao	Deputy GM
Petitioner		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. Uke Ashirvadam	Petitioner