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The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is a constitutional body set up under Article 338A of the Constitution of India to investigate and monitor all matter relating to protection, welfare and socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. As per constitutional provisions, the Union and every State Govt. shall consult the Commission on all major policy of decisions affecting Scheduled Tribes. The Commission is required to present to the Hon'ble President of India reports upon working of those safeguards and all such reports are to be laid before each House of Parliament along with Memorandum explaining the Action Taken or propose to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for non- acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

2. In pursuance of the above constitutional mandate, Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes accompanied by Dr P Kalyan Reddy, Director, NCST, Shri Ashok Lakkarasu, PS to Hon'ble Member (JH) visited AP TW Residential school for Girls, B-Camp Kurnool District area to understand the issues of TW Ashram schools and met with local ST Associations and District Officials with a view to understand the issues faced by them in order to evaluate the working of constitutional safeguards available to the Scheduled Tribes and review implementation of various constitutional safeguards and other developmental schemes/programmes for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

3. The Commission has made the following observations in Hostel Converted to Residential school at B-Camp, Kurnool

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1. It was revealed that in 2016 (81) Hostels were converted into Residential schools but the PGT Posts are not sanctioned for these schools. (8) PGT Posts-Biology, Physics, Maths, English, Telugu, Social sciences etc along with the PET Teacher are required for the schools as per the existing strength and classes.
2. There are no separate class rooms and dormitories. Students are studying and sleeping in the same rooms. There are no exclusive sick rooms to segregate the sick children. There are no benches and furniture in the Classrooms.
3. The Computer labs and Science labs do not exist though digital class rooms with monitors are existing.
4. Among the outsourcing staff many of them are eligible as CRTs. However unlike in SC Welfare Department they are not being considered for CRTs.
5. There are inadequate cooking staff and toilet cleaning staff. Additional 4 cooking staff and 4 Toilet cleaning staff are required to be positioned.
6. The construction of school at the allotted premises of Bastipadu shall be expedited.
7. Regularization of staff thorough ABCOS is pending along with 347 Staff across the state of AP. It needs to be expedited.
8. There is no proper monitoring of Hostels and Ashram schools in the District , Hence a Regular District Tribal Welfare Officer needs to be posted.
9. The Children shall be provided sufficient budget for cosmetics and it may be delinked from the stitching charges that is being deposited in the parents accounts.
10. Proper Ground and sports teacher to be placed to nurture the sports talent among the children.

4. The Hon'ble member has participated in the unveiling of the bronze bust of Dr BR Ambedkar in a programme organized by the All India SC and ST Postal Employees Association and has spoke about the necessity of awareness on constitutional safeguards and the importance of National Commissions for SCs and STs. The necessity for the separation of SC and ST Associations and the role of SC/ST communities in bringing up their fraternity is also

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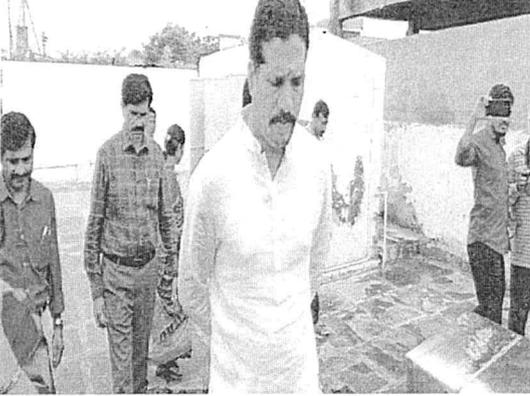
discussed. The following grievances/ petitions were received during the meeting with Employees Association

S.No	Petitioner	Grievance
1	E.Sandhya Rani	TGTs are working for a meager amount of Rs.14,800 and Arts and crafts teacher for Rs.10,800. Request to consider as CRTs and ensure job security as they are working from 7 AM to 9 PM
2	R. Chandrappa, State President, Tribal Student Federation	Own Buildings, Teachers, infrastructure, Play Grounds, Free education in IIT, NIT, Filling up of ST Backlog posts, IIT and other Higher education institutes. Priority to STs in Government Tenders,
3	Shri B Maddilety, ASWO, Kurnool	Request to place him as FAC to the post of vacant post of DTWO
4	President, All India ST Employees Association	To reconsider the Government Decision of proposals of including Valmiki caste in ST list, Examine and cancel Bogus ST Certificate of Shri Nallagola Srinivasulu and framing criminal charges and taking action on those who are issuing Bogus ST Certificates , Conducting DLSC every month to weed out Bogus ST Certificates, Implementing of Rule of Reservation in all the Departments, Transferring of the employees among the Erstwhile District, Clear scrutiny before the issuance of ST Certificates, Implementation of ST Reservations in corporations, Market yards, Municipalities etc
5	B. Krishna Naik S/o Chinna Balunaik, Ummaipalle Thanda, Kolimigundla Village, Nandyal Dist	Encroachment of 1.05 acres of land of petitioner by Boi Erukamma, Talari Laxmidevi, Golla Gavini Baliah and S Laxmidevi
6	Erukala	Tribals are losing employment due to

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	Kushalanna, District President, National Tribal Federation (NTF)	Privatisation. Bank loans to be provided to support units of Handicrafts like Leaf plates, Brooms and other petty businesses.
7	Yerukala Raju, District SC/ST Vigilance Monitoring Committee, Kurnool District	Illegal Custody of Shri H Obulesu by Sub inspector Narasimha Rao and torture on 8.9.2021. Action on Sub inspector requested.
8	M. Balasubramanyam S/o Late M. Venkatasubbiah(Ex Postal Assistant , Nandyal RS.SO)	Denial of compassionate appointment to ST son of deceased official of Postal Department under RR Rules
9	Yerukala Raju, District SC/ST Vigilance Monitoring Committee, Kurnool District	Cancellation of Bogus ST caste certificate issued to Shri Nalagodi Srinivasulu who belongs to SC and suspending of those officials- RI, Tahsaldar responsible for issuance of Fake certificate
10	Vamanagiri Hanumanna State President, AP State Housing Corporation Limited	Request for the delegation of powers of MIC/AEs available in the vacant mandals of Kurnool Rural & Kallur Mandal
11	KV Vishwa Teja	Compassionate appointment requested as his father Shri KA Venkateshwarlu , Postal Assistant died on 27.10.2021 through Blood cancer while in service.

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5. The Commission desires that the Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Director, Tribal Welfare and District Collector should dispose off the grievances highlighted by the ST population in a time bound manner. The NCST will continue to and provide support District administration in addressing these challenges.
6. Action Taken Report on the above may be furnished within 30 days of receipt of the Minutes of the Commission.


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