

DISCUSSION WITH MEDIATORS

State Government

1. Shri U.N. Behera,
Principal Secretary,
Home Department.
2. Shri S.N. Tripathi,
Principal Secretary,
Panchayati Raj Department.

Mediators

1. Prof. G. Haragopal,
Former Professor,
Kakatiya University.
2. Prof. B. Someswar Rao,
Former Professor,
Sambalpur University.
3. Shri Dandapani Mohanty.

Jointly agreed Press Statement (Day three : 22.02.2011)

Till yesterday we had resolved eight issues out of fourteen. We discussed the remaining issues today and resolved all of them.

Demand No. 9

A tribal by the name Sitanna was taken away by the police from Narayanapatnam, Dusundi village in November. Indicate what has happened to him? If he is alive, release him.

Response:

As per the information available with Government Shri Sitanna Hikoka of village Dumsil has not been arrested by the police. He is staying outside that area and is in touch with his family. No complaint has been received from his family regarding his disappearance. However, there will be an administrative enquiry to probe into the matter.

Demand No. 10

Pay compensation to the Farmers of cut off and submerged areas of Balimela reservoir. Since there is a possibility of the same area getting submerged in future, the farmers should be provided with alternative facilities.

Response :

- (a) In this regard no complaint has been received so far. If there is any specific allegations/complaints on the issue, Government will enquire into it and take early necessary action as per prevailing guidelines.
- (b) There is no proposal to increase the height of the dam in future. The reservoir FRL which is 1516 feet gets filled up rarely (probably only twice in the last 50 years). Hence there should be no apprehension of further submergence of land in future.

Demand No. 11

Provide justice to the displaced persons of Nalco Project in Damanjodi.

Response :

Grievances, if any, in this regard may be addressed to the district Collector which will be promptly redressed.

Demand No. 12

Immediately stop green hunt operation.

Response:

There will be no coercive action by the security forces as long as Maoists do not indulge in any unlawful activity.

Demand No. 13

By withdrawing the cases, release the tribals and Chasi Mulia workers in Koraput and Malkangiri jails.

Response :

Government of Orissa has been taking suo moto action for withdrawal of minor cases against the tribals. In the past 9103 cases involving petty offences against the tribals have been dropped. In keeping with this approach of the Government towards the tribals and disadvantaged sections of the society, the Government of Orissa will, within a period of three months, review cases against the tribals held on charges of Maoists activities and land related disputes in Narayanapatna area. The process will start within 15 days.

The mediators have suggested that from their side Prof. Radhamohan and Shri Sudhakar Patnaik will pursue this matter with the Government.

Demand No. 14


Release central committee member Ashtosh Sen and other members Sriramulu Srinivas, Gananayak, Jeevan Bose, Ganti Prasadam, Sirisha, Eswari, Sarita and truck drivers. They are in Malkangiri Jail.

Response :

It has been agreed that Government will take steps for withdrawal of Semiliguda P.S. case No. 78 dated 13.11.2010 against 1) Ganti Prasad Rao alias Prasadam, 2) Kandula Sirisha alias Padma, 3) Andaluri Eswari, 4) Roja Mandangi alias Saritha alias Puni and 5) Gokul Kuldipia following due process of law.

Regarding others, the matter shall be examined on merit.


Now that all the issues have been resolved, the mediators have given firm commitment on safe return of Shri R. Vineel Krishna, Collector, Malkangiri and Shri Pabitra Mohan Majhi, Junior Engineer.



(U.N. Behera)

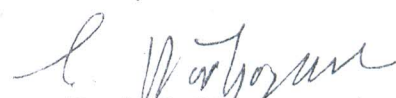
Statement by Prof. G. Haragopal

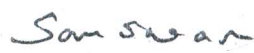
We the mediators express our satisfaction with the outcome of the mediation. We express our appreciation of the concerns of Maoists for the tribals. The tribals release was of utmost concern for them. We trust that the withdrawal of the cases on tribals on a priority basis will be taken up. We hope that they will get relief and go back to their habitats. The Orissa Government had closed large number of cases against tribals and this tradition makes us believe that the cases of tribals in prison will also receive their due attention.

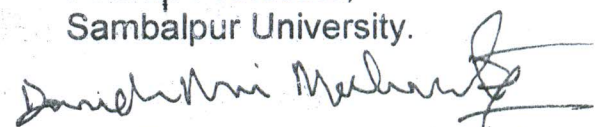
We also appreciate that the cases against the Maoists will also be taken up in the review of Orissa government. We are working out the modalities and Sri Vineel Krishna and Sri Pabitra Majhi will be back within 48 hours.


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