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To
The Sub-Collector
Paderu Revenue Division,
Paderu,
Visakhapatnam District.

From
P. Sivarama Krishna
SAKTI,
Rampachodavaram,
East Godavari Dist- 533288.

4 January 1995

Sir,

Sub: Proceedings of Assistant Director Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam, sanctioning a lease for quarrying granite in the Madigunta village of Chintapally mandal Survey No. 65/2 extent 3.55 hectares for a period of 15 years with effect from dated 20.9.1993.- Action requested for cancellation of lease - reg.

Ref: Proceedings No. 1381/9/93, dated 20.9.1993 of Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam.

I am glad to introduce our organisation SAKTI working for the welfare of tribals based at Rampachodavaram. Recently we have extended our activities to the Koyyuru and adjacent mandals of Visakha agency area.

I came to know about above referred lease and consequent attempts of the company to start the quarrying of the granite in the Madigunta village during my field visits.

I am of the opinion that the lessee one Reddi Rajulu who is proprietor of M/s. Gallop Granites acting through a general power of Attorney Holder Sri C.H. Hanumantha Rao is a benami for the non-tribal partners in the company.

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Reddi Rajulu is a poor tribal of Addateegala mandal, East Godavari District who has neither financial nor managerial capabilities to take up the quarrying business-operations.

I think the Assistant Director Mines and Geology, Visakhapatnam did not enquire into the details and the legal positions before sanctioning quarry lease in the Scheduled Areas.

Sanctioning lease to the firms having non-tribals members or power of Attorney Holder is violative of A.P. Schedule Area Land Transfer Regulation Act, 1/59. At our instance, the High Court of A.P. has quashed the leases issued to non-tribals in the judgement delivered in the Writ Petition 3734 of 1993. As a result of this judgement mining leases issued to non-tribals all over the scheduled areas have been cancelled by the Department of Mines and Industries .

I request you to conduct a detailed enquiry into the schedule tribes status of Reddi Rajulu and the bylaws and the members of the Gallop Granites for which he is the proprietor and take up the necessary action in this regard.

I came to know that the local tribals of these villages have represented to you and to the Project Officer ITDA to help them in forming a Labour Cooperative to extract the granite.

I request you to help the local tribals in benefiting with the resources available in their areas, by initiating an enquiry and suitable action against the lease sanctioned by the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



P. Sivarama Krishna
SAKTI.

Copy to Director Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Project Officer, ITDA, Paderu, Visakhapatnam Dist.

Copy to Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam Dist.

Copy to Sri A. L. Neerashankar Durg. VISAKHA ZILLA NAMA NIKETANASADITIC (V)
NARSIPATNAM Dist. Visakhapatnam

Sub collector informed the cancellation of lease.