Adivasis ask Lambada officials to stay away

Jainoor gram sabha resolution handed over to officials

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Adivasi activists, including women, from Jainoor in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district on Wednesday submitted representations to mandal parishad development officer (MPDO) Banoth Datha Ram and tahsildar Vedama Bhujang Rao urging Lambada officials and staff not to come to their village on official duty.

The activists urged Mr. Datha Ram, himself a Lambada, and some 15 other contract employees working in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and village revenue officers to honour the resolution passed in their gram sabha and not to visit their village on duty.

The representations were a copy of the gram sabha resolution under Article 244 (I), V Schedule, para 13 (C) and Administrative rule 1935 which purportedly give the power of self rule to aboriginal tribes in their villages. The aboriginal people had resolved not to let Lambada employees working in 29 departments come to their village.

Kumra Shankar, Jainoor divisional president of the Adivasi Hakkula Porata Samithi, also known as Tudum Debba, told newsmen that the ethnic people had no faith in officials and employees belonging to Lambada community.

“We are being discriminated against in MGNREGS works,” he charged. Jainoor police, however, detained Mr. Shankar for some time. As a result the group could not reach the Rasimetta Ashram High School located about 7 km away.

The activists had planned to submit the same representation to the authorities in the school urging them to send away Lambada teachers.