## BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna File No. BHRC/Comp.3335/2014

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

**Subject:** Rehabilitation and Care of Persons with Disabilities (PwD)

BHRC had taken **Suo Motu** cognizance of the apathy shown to the issue of Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in not ensuring effective functioning of **District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC's)** in Bihar set up under the Govt. of India grants and in its order dated 1<sup>st</sup> Sept,2014, had directed the Director, Social Security, Bihar to inform the Commission by **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014** on the following points:-

- (a) What are the State plan/allocations to various districts of Bihar for effective rehabilitation &care of persons with disability (PwD). If there is no State plan at the moment, what does it propose to do in a time bound manner?
- (b) What actions have been taken so far against the district officials & executing agency of 13 districts which have shown persistent apathy so far.
- 2. It need to be clarified that the prime responsibility for rehabilitation and care of persons with disabilities lies with the State Govt. as per entry no. 9 in the "State list" in the VII schedule of the Constitution. As per available inputs repeated communications directly by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, G.O.I to the District Magistrates & Assistant Directors ,Social security of Aurangabad, Katihar, East Champaran, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Jehanabad, Nawada, Araria, Vaishali, Kaimur, Samastipur, & Kishanganj districts have failed to evoke suitable response.
- 3. It was clarified to the Director, Social Security, Bihar that if requisite response/ report is not received by the due date line, the Commission

may be constrained to direct for his personal appearance. Director, Social Security has failed to send report to the Commission so far.

4. Commission, therefore, directs the Director, Social Security, Bihar to appear before the commission on 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014 (Wednesday) at 12:00 hrs along with action taken report in the matter.

It is, however, clarified that if report is received by 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2014, his personal appearance will remain dispensed with.

5. Copy of the order be sent to the (i) **Director, Social**Security, Bihar for necessary action and to the (ii) Principal Secretary,

Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Bihar & (iii) Director, Red Cross Society,

Bihar, Patna for information

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Date: 03.11.2014 (Neelmani)

Member

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