

File No. BHRC/Comp. 990/15

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Regarding the etiquettes maintained at Janta Darbars in Bihar

13.03.2015

Almost everyday news items appear about the authorities holding “Janta Darbars” in different parts of state. Once such event has been reported in one of the dailies in its publication dated 13.3.2015 with respect to SP, Arwal. A photograph is published which shows SP along with his colleagues sitting comfortably in chairs whereas the persons making their grievances are standing before them giving an impression of masters and servants. Even the concepts of meeting people and calling it a “Janta Darbar” gives an impression that common people are being given hearing by kings. The word ‘darbar’ is associated with kingships. Prima facie I feel that such practices are violative of human rights of the common man.

Issue notice to SP, Arwal and also to the Chief Secretary and DGP of Bihar to put forth their points of view by next date.

List on 13.4.2015.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson