

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File Nos. BHRC/Comp. 4862/14

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Case of Police Atrocity on Students in Ara (Compensation awarded)

SP(D) CID, Mr. Sanjay Kumar present.

13.10.2015

The matter relates to an incident from Ara where two students (1. Prince Singh Bajrangi & 2. Kumud Patel) were taken into custody by police and allegedly subjected to physical torture. It appears from the report that a case was pending against these students and also they had tried to come to the dais when Chief Minister was addressing a public meeting on 28.11.2014 at Veer Kunwar Singh University in the campus named Ara Ramna Maidan. Perhaps the attempt by these two students to reach the Chief Minister on the dais annoyed the police and they raided the houses of two of them and they were arrested. There were medical reports which showed that these students had injuries on their bodies. The report submitted by the CID also suggests that they were subjected to torture in the police station.

The Commission is not concerned whether the students were involved in an offence or not but the Commission is concerned with the fact that these students were put to physical torture in the police station and that it appears to be substantiated even by the investigation conducted by the police.

Three policemen of the rank of Sub Inspectors (1. SI, Raj Kumar, Dhobha OP Incharge; 2. SI, Raju Kumar, SHO Gajrajganj & 3. Aman Kumar, SHO Barhara) have been identified and a departmental proceeding is going on against them. A criminal case has been instituted under section 323 read with 504/34 IPC. Investigation is complete; sanction to prosecute is awaited. It is hoped that the charge sheet shall be filed immediately against these officers. Since the police has accepted that the students were tortured in the police station therefore it is apt case where compensation can be awarded.

A compensation of twenty-five thousand rupees shall be given to each student. Compensation shall be paid within four weeks by the Government and this amount of compensation may be recovered from the three police officers responsible for torturing the students.

Copy of the order be sent to (i) Principal Secretary, Home (ii) DGP, Bihar, (iii) DIG, Shahabad Range; (iv) SP(D) CID and; (v) the victims.

Matter disposed of.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson