



## Petition before NHRC alleges jailed DeM chief denied medical treatment

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Srinagar, Oct 3: A rights activist has moved a petition before the National Human Rights Commission alleging the incarcerated chief of Dukhtaran-e-Millat, Asiya Andrabi was denied medical treatment inside Delhi's Tihar jail.

The chairperson of DeM, Andrabi was arrested by National Investigation Agency in July this year for her alleged anti-national activities and is under judicial custody in the jail.

The petitioner, Advocate Syed Mujtaba Hussain says denial of medical attention and basic facilities to Andrabi has affected her health badly.

Quoting a DeM statement, the petitioner said Andrabi

was suffering from multiple ailments before she was taken to Delhi.

"All her ailments have aggravated now as she is being denied medical supplies and other basic facilities inside Tihar jail," Hussain alleged, quoting from a DeM statement.

"DeM chief is being denied matting inside the jail. This has taken a serious toll on her health."

Even, the petition said that other party leaders including Nahida Nasreen and Sofi Fehmeeda too were suffering from "unattended health issues".

Citing a judgment by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer in the case of State of M.P. Versus Shyamsunder Trivedi, the petitioner says, "Convicts

are not by mere reason of the conviction denuded of all the fundamental rights which they otherwise possess".

"As per Article 21 of constitution, it is essential to ensure for every citizen a reasonably dignified life. Even if the person is confined or imprisoned because of his/her wrong, he/she is entitled to their rights unaffected by the punishment for wrongs, simply because a person, under trial or a convict, his/her rights cannot be denied."

Hussain has prayed before the NHRC that an Action Taken Report may be called from the jail authorities and a proper investigation initiated for the protection of the DeM chairperson from harassment and denial of basic human rights.

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## **WB clash case: NHRC to send its own probe team to conduct on-the-spot inquiry**

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The Commission said it has received "three complaints" in connection with the case, and directed that the inquiry be completed at the earliest and a report be submitted within two weeks.

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The incident, allegedly, was triggered by a forced appointment of an Urdu teacher by the administration at Dharivita High School in the village while the students were demanding appointment of teachers for core subjects, including Bengali, history, mathematics and English, it said.

As mentioned in the communication sent to the NHRC, the teacher joined the duty with the help of the police force and a large number of his supporters, the statement said.

The students raised their protest and mentioned that their demands have already been accepted by the School Management Committee during a meeting held in the presence of the headmaster and others, along with students and their guardians, on September 18, even then, the Urdu teacher was being appointed, forcefully, the NHRC said, based on the complaint received.

The villagers of Daribhit had claimed that the students were hit by bullets fired by the police. However, the police had denied its involvement, even as the district superintendent of police had conceded that the two had died of bullet injuries.

The NHRC in its statement said, "To disburse the students, the police allegedly used excessive force against them which resulted in death of two students and injuries to many".

"It is further mentioned that many of the girl students who were present there, were manhandled and molested by the male police personnel. Not only this, even the locals of the other areas, supportive of the administration, allegedly joined in, including the unruly crowd from Golapara, against the students," the statement said.

It is mentioned that it became a "riot-like situation and even body of the deceased student was inhumanly thrashed by the mob," it said.

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## Islampur case: NHRC to send team for on spot inquiry

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