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## **एनएचआरसी ने 179 में से 71 मामले सुलझाए**

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# NHRC to consider review plea to reopen Sterlite case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has agreed to consider a review petition seeking to reopen the Sterlite case. After taking suo motu cognisance of the case, NHRC had in June 2018 sent an independent fact-finding committee to conduct an inquiry into the firing. However, the commission eventually treated the case as closed.

"This is the first time in 25 years that the NHRC has taken suo motu cognisance of the case, conducted its own inquiry and eventually closed the case without revealing the contents of their own report," Henri Tiphagne, national working secretary of Human Rights Defenders' Alert (HRDA) who filed the review petition, told *Express*.

He had filed two review petitions so far- in December last year and the other this month. The petition came up for hearing at the open hearing and camp sitting organised by the commission at Anna centenary library at Kot-

turpuram on Friday. The bench headed by Justice HL Dattu, Chairperson, agreed to consider the review petition.

The commission had closed the case stating, "Since adequate compensation has been paid to the victims and appropriate steps have been taken by the State gov-

ernment to bring law and order situation under control, and a judicial commission is already probing use of force/police excesses, if any, no further intervention in the matter is required. Report is taken on record and the case stands closed."

On May 22, 2018, at least 13 people were killed and at least 50 were injured when police opened fire on protesters demanding closure of the Sterlite plant.

This was one of the ten cases taken up by the Full Commission on Friday during which issues including silicosis death, houses for marginalised sections of society in Villupuram, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers and denial of facilities in textile industries were raised.

## Open hearing concludes

The commission took up a total of 179 cases for open hearing which were heard by Justice Dattu, and members Justice PC Pant, Jyotika Kalra and Dhyaneswar M. Mulay in four court halls



## **NHRC seeks report on German tourist rape case**

Chennai: The NHRC has sought an up-to-date report from city police on the German tourist rape case of 2017. The case, filed by one K Sudhan, came up for hearing at a bench headed by Jyotika Kalra at the open hearing organised by the commission at Anna Centenary library on Thursday. "The police informed us that a special investigative committee has been formed and we have sought an up-to-date report on the developments," said Srinivas Kamath, deputy registrar, NHRC, told Express. The 32-year-old was allegedly dragged into a casuarina grove in Mahabalipuram and raped.





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