

NHRC Seeks Action Report From Assam DGP On 'Fake Encounters' Complaint

Recently, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have sought for an Action Taken Report (ATR) within four weeks from the Director General of Assam Police on a complaint alleging fake encounters by the state's police force since May 2021.

The following action has been taken in response to a complaint filed by a New Delhi-based advocate Arif Jwadder.

Besides, the NHRC have directed its Registry to send a copy of the complaint to the concerned authority (the DGP, Assam).

The Commission in an email sent to the DGP, also asked if he has received any notice, order, etc. on the same issue from the state human rights commission and if so, to provide a copy of that too within four weeks.

Meanwhile, state commission has also been given a time frame of four weeks to submit its response.

It is pertinent to mention here that Assam Human Rights Commission (AHRC) had taken suo moto cognisance of media reports during mid-July.

Such reports mentioned that 12 accused people were killed by cops in shoot-outs.

The Commission had directed the state government to conduct an inquiry on the same.

Accordingly, it will help to find out facts and circumstances leading to the death and injuries of the accused.

It had also directed the Principal Secretary to submit the inquiry report within August 17.

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According to the complaint, such cases have risen since the new BJP-led government under CM Himanta Biswa Sarma assumed charge in May.

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So, it is very unlikely that they could snatch pistols from policemen who outnumbered them at the incident spots.

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Besides, family of one such accused who was injured in police firing has filed a case in a local court.

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GUWAHATI: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought an action taken report from Assam's Director General of Police in connection with a complaint related to alleged fake encounters by the state's police force since May this year. The commission, which sent an email to the DGP on Tuesday, has sought the report within four weeks.

An advocate Arif Jwadder had filed a complaint alleging that the Assam police have conducted many fake encounters. Based on this, the NHRC ordered its registry to send a copy of the complaint to the DGP of Assam demanding a report within four weeks.

In an email to the DGP, the NHRC also wanted to know if the top cop has received any other notice or order on the same matter and if so, to provide a copy of the same within four weeks.

It may be mentioned that the Assam police have apparently launched a crusade to exterminate all kinds of crimes from the state ever since Himanta Biswa Sarma became the chief minister of the state. Operations have been carried out by law enforcement agencies and miscreants apprehended in the past two to three months in connection with various crimes. Many suspected criminals have been injured and killed too, after they tried escaping from police custody.

In August, an arms smuggler was gunned down by police in Karimganj district after the smuggler tried to flee from their custody. The deceased smuggler Nurul Islam was arrested by police and border security force jawans a few days before the incident. Four pistols and magazines and a pen pistol were recovered from his possession.

<https://www.sentinelassam.com/north-east-india-news/assam-news/nhrc-seeks-report-from-assam-dgp-on-fake-encounters-554930>

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A professor's long legal battle over sharing a political cartoon

Ambikesh Mahapatra gets some relief but case still pending

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Almost nine-and-a-half years after he was arrested for forwarding a cartoon of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a court in Kolkata has discharged Ambikesh Mahapatra under Section 66A of the Information and Technology Act, 2000, but the professor cannot heave a sigh of relief as the matter is still pending before the court.

An order by Subrata Mukherjee, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, 24 Parganas (South), on Tuesday has scheduled a hearing on November 17, 2021, to ascertain whether any case under Section 500/509 of the IPC or any other law can be made out against Professor Mahapatra or if he can be discharged from the case. Under the IPC, Section 509 pertains to word, gesture or act meant to insult women) and Section 500 to punishment for defamation).

Professor Mahapatra pointed out that the Supreme Court in 2015 had passed a landmark decision striking down the draconian



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Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 but he continued to fight the case involving the charge for six long years.

He had forwarded an email containing a cartoon sequence, which made fun of Dinesh Trivedi's removal as Railway Minister and being replaced by Mukul Roy.

"It has been more than nine years that I have been fighting this case for forwarding an innocuous collage or cartoon which was with no evil intention. One of the people charged in the case has already passed away. I do not know how long the case will carry on," Professor Mahapatra said.

The Professor of Chemis-

try at the city's premier university said the West Bengal government's persistence on continuing the cases against him was an "attempt to intimidate and harass him".

Denied compensation

Mr. Mahapatra has been denied compensation awarded by the West Bengal Human Rights Commission (WBHRC) in August 2012 and upheld by the Calcutta High Court in March 2015.

"The WBHRC had directed disciplinary proceedings against police officers for the manner they acted against me, and the High Court increased the compensation from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 to account for the legal cost. I am yet to receive the amount from the State government," he added.

Professor Mahapatra has formed a group called "Aakraanta Aamraa" or "We the sufferers" along with other victims who allegedly suffered "injustice at the hands of the State". The collective has more than hundred members now who raise their voice against violation of human rights.

NHRC ने एनकाउंटर किलिंग पर Assam के डीजीपी से मांगी कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट

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असम न्यूज डेस्क !!! एक वकील की शिकायत पर कार्रवाई करते हुए राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एनएचआरसी) ने राज्य पुलिस द्वारा कथित फर्जी मुठभेड़ों पर असम के पुलिस महानिदेशक से इस साल मई से अब तक की कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट (एटीआर) चार सप्ताह के भीतर मांगी है। बुधवार को एक वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधिकारी ने कहा कि एनएचआरसी के कानून विभाग ने असम के पुलिस महानिदेशक भास्कर ज्योति महंत को लिखे पत्र में 14 अक्टूबर तक एटीआर की मांग की है। मई की शुरुआत से कम से कम 24 आरोपी मारे गए हैं और लगभग 40 अन्य घायल हो गए हैं, जब पुलिस ने उन पर गोलियां चलाई, क्योंकि आरोपी ने कथित तौर पर हिरासत से या ऑपरेशन के दौरान भागने की कोशिश की थी। एनएचआरसी का नोटिस, जिसकी एक प्रति असम मानवाधिकार आयोग (एचआरसी) को दी गई थी, नई दिल्ली के वकील आरिफ जवादर द्वारा मई के बाद से कई आरोपी व्यक्तियों को मारने के लिए पुलिस मुठभेड़ों के बारे में शिकायत दर्ज कराने के बाद आई है।

एचआरसी ने जुलाई में, मीडिया रिपोर्टों के आधार पर इन मुठभेड़ों का स्वतःसंज्ञान लिया था और प्रमुख सचिव (गृह) और राजनीतिक विभाग को उन तथ्यों और परिस्थितियों का पता लगाने के लिए जांच करने के लिए कहा था, जो आरोपी कथित तौर पर हिरासत से भागने की कोशिश के दौरान या छापेमारी और ऑपरेशन के दौरान पुलिस फायरिंग में मरे या घायल हुए।

जवादर ने जुलाई के मध्य में एनएचआरसी में शिकायत दर्ज कराई थी, जिसमें दावा किया गया था कि मई में मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा के नेतृत्व वाली भाजपा सरकार के सत्ता संभालने के बाद से असम में मुठभेड़ों में लोगों की हत्या बढ़ गई है।

वकील ने अपनी शिकायत में कहा, सभी मारे गए और घायल आरोपी आतंकवादी नहीं हैं। चूंकि इन लोगों को आग्नेयास्त्रों का उपयोग करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित नहीं किया जाता है, इसलिए यह बहुत कम संभावना है कि वे पुलिसकर्मियों से सर्विस रिवॉल्वर या हथियार छीन सकें।

पुलिस के अनुसार, सुरक्षा बलों और अपराधियों के बीच पहली मुठभेड़ 23 मई को हुई थी, जब कार्बी आंगलोंग जिले में प्रतिबंधित दिमासा नेशनल लिबरेशन आर्मी के छह कार्यकर्ताओं को मार गिराया गया था। 20 जून को भी इसी जिले में हुई दूसरी मुठभेड़ में युनाइटेड रिवोल्यूशनरी पीपुल्स फ्रंट के दो उग्रवादी मारे गए। 23 जून को, कई हत्याओं और अपराधों के लिए वांछित बुबू कोंवर की शिवसागर जिले में गोली मारकर हत्या कर दी गई थी, जबकि 2 जुलाई को रेलवे अधिकारी कंवलदीप सिंह सिंधु, एक रेलवे अधिकारी, जो अपराधी बन गया था, की कार्बी आंगलोंग जिले में हत्या कर दी गई थी। उस दिन कोकराझार जिले में मवेशी तस्कर चौरंगी सिनी को भी मार गिराया गया था।

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<https://samacharnama.com/states/assam-news/nhrc-seeks-action-report-from-dgp-of-assam-on-encounter/cid5044001.htm>

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गुवाहाटी : राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एनएचआरसी) ने असम पुलिस पर फर्जी मुठभेड़ का आरोप लगाने वाली एक शिकायत पर मंगलवार को राज्य के पुलिस महानिदेशक से चार सप्ताह के भीतर कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट (एटीआर) देने के लिये कहा.

नयी दिल्ली के एक वकील आरिफ जवादर द्वारा दायर शिकायत पर संज्ञान लेते हुए एनएचआरसी ने अपनी रजिस्ट्री को शिकायत की एक प्रति संबंधित प्राधिकरण (डीजीपी, असम) को भेजने का निर्देश दिया, जिसमें चार सप्ताह के भीतर एटीआर पेश करने के लिये कहा गया है.

आयोग ने डीजीपी को भेजे गए एक ईमेल में यह भी पूछा कि क्या उन्हें इसी मुद्दे पर राज्य मानवाधिकार आयोग से कोई नोटिस, आदेश आदि प्राप्त हुआ है। यदि हां, तो उसकी एक प्रति भी चार सप्ताह के भीतर उपलब्ध कराएं.

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जवादर ने 16 जुलाई को एनएचआरसी के समक्ष शिकायत दर्ज कराई थी, जिसमें मई में मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा के नेतृत्व वाली भाजपा की नयी सरकार के गठन के बाद से राज्य में कथित फर्जी पुलिस मुठभेड़ों की संख्या में वृद्धि का आरोप लगाया गया था। आयोग से मामले में हस्तक्षेप करने का अनुरोध किया गया था.

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