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W.B. HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
KOLKATA-27

File No. /25/ /2019

Date: 03.06.2019

Enclosed is the news clipping appeared in the 'Ananda Bazar Patrika', a Bengali daily dated 02.06.2019, the news item is captioned 'চলছে পুজো, জুতো খোলার 'পুলিশি নির্দেশ' ডাক্তারকে'

Deputy Commissioner of Police, South-East Division, Kolkata is directed to enquire into the matter and to furnish a report by 5th July, 2019.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

Asstt. Secy. (L & R Wing) / S.O.
is to take immediate action

AKR
03.06.19

Encl: News Item Dt. 02.06.19

Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and upload in the website.

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Memo No. SED: 1963/HA dated 3/2/19
from Deputy Commissioner of Police, South East
Division, Kolkata.

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On 02.06.2019 a news was published in the Ananda Bazar Patrika with regard to an incident of abuse of power by the police. It was alleged in the said news that a doctor attached to a private hospital situated at Lansdown-Padmapukur area was directed by the police to put off his shoes on his way to the said hospital since the puja of goddess 'Sitala' was being performed there. It was also alleged that since the said doctor was not agreed to put off his shoes, he was compelled to go to the said hospital through another route covering a distance ^{of} near about 1 k.m. more than his normal route to the said hospital.

The Hon'ble Commission took cognizance over the said news and a report was called for from DCP, South East Division, Kolkata.

It appears from the report forwarded by DCP, South East Division, Kolkata that an enquiry was conducted and it could be learnt that as a part of the said Puja hundreds of devotees were performing 'Dandikata' from nearby Padmapukur pond to 39B, Beltala Road, Kolkata-20 along Sarat Bose Road on 01/06/2019 and for that reason the vehicular traffic was diverted by the East Traffic Guard to avoid any untoward incident and on that day itself Ballygunge P.S. received an information from Lalbazar control room that one doctor of Health Point Nursing Home was harassed by the local people on Sarat Bose Road which falls under the jurisdiction of Bhowanipur P.S. and for that reason the police personnel of Ballygunge P.S. requested Lalbazar Control Room to ^{inform} the matter to Bhowanipur P.S. It is further reported that as the aforesaid nursing home falls under the jurisdiction of Ballygunge P.S., the said doctor namely Dr. Arijit Roychowdhury was contacted by Ballygunge P.S. and he stated that on his way to the said nursing home a few unknown persons, who were performing 'Dandikata', stopped him on Sarat Bose Road and told him to cross the road on bare foot. It is further reported that the said doctor was requested to lodge a specific complaint, if any, either at Ballygunge P.S. or at Bhowanipur P.S. wherever he felt comfortable but no such complaint was received till submission of this report.

In the facts and circumstances as stated above, the present case may be disposed of by passing an order which is stated as follows:-

Proposed order : Though as per news dated 02.06.2019 the concerned doctor was directed by police to put off his shoes but on enquiry it is revealed that some unknown persons directed him to do that and he was requested to make specific complaint but he did not make any such complaint. Since the police cannot take any action without his specific complaint there is no question to proceed further in this matter. Accordingly the present case is disposed of. Communicate to the complainant.

Wm. K. Chatterjee

Submitted

[Signature]
07.04.2021
Registrar

*Views of the Hon'ble Member
should have been obtained first.*

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8/4/21

*Hon'ble
Member*

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Reference Hon'ble Chairman's orders at n.s.p.3.

Hon'ble Chairman personally took cognizance on a news item appearing in the Ananda Bazar Patrika dt.02/6/2019 entitled "চলছে পুজো, জুতো খোলার পুলিশি নির্দেশ ডাক্তারকে". Hon'ble Chairman called for a report from D.C., South-East Division, Kolkata Police. The matter was duly enquired into by Shri B. Roy, ACP, SED and forwarded by the D.C. of Police, S.E.D, Kolkata to W.B.H.R.C.

2. According to the report, on the occasion of Sri Sri Sitala Mata Puja held at 39B, Beltala Road, Kolkata - 700020, P.S.Ballygunge from June 1 to June 6, 2019, hundreds of devotees were performing "DANDIKATA" from Paddapukur pond, Beltala along Sarat Bose Road. In view of above the entire stretch of the road was closed for traffic between 1500 hrs. to 1600 hrs. The K.M.C. authorities and local residents poured water to clean the road in view of "DANDIKATA"

3. On 01/6/2019 Ballygunge P.S. received information from Lalbazar Control Room that one doctor of nearby Health Point Nursing Home was being allegedly harassed by local people on Sarat Bose Road under jurisdiction of Bhowanipur P.S. Ballygunge P.S. intervened in the matter (as Health Point Nursing Home is under its jurisdiction) and contacted the concerned doctor, namely, Arijit Roychowdhury. Dr. Roy Chowdhury informed that some unknown persons, who were performing "Dandikata" had stopped him on Sarat Bose Road and asked him to cross the road on bare

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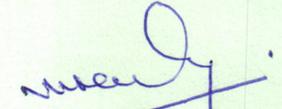
foot. Accordingly, the P.S. authorities requested him to lodge a specific complaint but he did not lodge any such complaint till date. In view of above the matter be filed as it has nothing to do with police authorities. No Human Rights violation u/s 12(a)(i)(ii)

PHR Act.

Copy of the order be uploaded.

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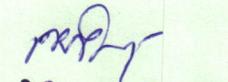

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(N. Mukherjee)
Member
20/4/2021

Hon'ble Chairman

S.A. Anubhab Samanta is directed to do the needful immediately.

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22.04.2021