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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 14th June, 2017, the news item is captioned "*Jail inmates clash; 13 injured*".

The ADG, Correctional Services, West Bengal is directed to furnish a detailed report to the Commission by 8th August, 2017.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
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Member

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

Jail inmates clash; 13 injured

Convicts tussle with undertrial prisoners over differing quality of food served to them

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
DUM DUM, 13 JUNE

Chaos engulfed Dum Dum correctional home this morning following a clash between convicts and undertrials over distribution of food. Thirteen inmates of the home were severely injured in the clash. The condition of eight of the injured inmates is stat-

ed to be critical.

The convicts allege that the undertrials usually get better food. They said they had been protesting against this for the last two days, but none of the correctional home authorities took any step.

The convicts went on a hunger strike from this morning demanding better food. But a few hours into the strike, the convicts and undertrials got

in an argument over the supply of food, which later devolved into violence.

Initially, the jail staff were outnumbered. As many as 13 inmates were injured in the clash.

When the convicts again tried to resume their hunger strike, it enraged the undertrials who again attacked the convicts.

After reports of the clash

spread, the relatives of the inmates gathered in front of the Dum Dum correctional home.

The state minister for correctional administration, Mr Ujjal Biswas, said that the clash began last night between the two groups of prisoners. The inmates shouted slogans protesting against the quality of food served in the correctional home.

The undertrial prisoners also held a demonstration today demanding speedy disposal of their cases, Mr Biswas said. The undertrial prisoners have lodged a complaint with the correctional home authority against the convicts for regularly harassing them.

The minister has assured all inmates to look into their demands through the state home department.