

The West Bengal Human Rights Commission has for quite some time noticing that a section of electronic and print media with the aid of certain discredited persons and so called human rights “Pretender activists” have been raising some unnecessary questions about its performance and spread canards and lies. For the information of general public and human rights activists according to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 and subsequent Amendment of the Act in 2006 – No. 43 of 2006 the Human Rights Commission is duty bound to submit Annual and Special Reports as per provision of Section 28 of Protection of Human Rights Act. The State Commission shall have to submit the Annual Report to the State Government and special report on any matter which in its opinion is urgent or important. The Annual Report is a total performance report of the Commission which the State Commission through the State Government is duty bound to lay before the State Legislature. The State Human Rights Commission has already submitted its Annual Report to the Government of West Bengal for its subsequent actions for the year 2013-14 and will be very shortly submitting the Annual Report for the year 2014-15 to the Government. The Commission takes liberty of giving some highlights of its report in the face book to inform the general public about its performance for the year 2014-15.

PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSION IN 2014-15

1. The West Bengal Human Rights Commission received 5474 complaints in the year 2014-15 and the Month-wise data is given below:

Complaints received during 2014-15
(from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015)

April 2014	656
May	417
June	417
July	371
August	437
September	345
October	315
November	342
December	282
January 2015	367
February	624
<u>March 2015</u>	<u>901</u>
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2. The Commission passed orders in 1342 cases out of 5474 complaints for enquiry and reports and the orders of the Commission have been complied with.
3. The Commission took cognizance suo motu in 38 (Thirty eight) over news item during 2014-15 and the orders of the Commission in this regard have been complied with.
4. The Commission made recommendations in 12 (Twelve) cases in the year 2014-15 and the recommendations were sent to the State

Government for taking necessary action, out of which four action taken reports have been received by the Commission till date. In respect of the other 8(eight) recommendations the State Government forwarded it to the concerned department thereby indicating its consent.

5. The Police authorities have started cases on the 128 complaints and submitted charge sheets after intervention of the Commission during the period from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015(2014-15).
6. Pension dispute in 18 cases have been settled at the intervention of the Commission.
7. KMC Authorities have taken diligent steps at the intervention of this Commission for restoring water supply and stopping illegal constructions in several cases.
8. Pollution Control Board has also taken steps to stop one illegally run Ladoo manufacturing unit.
9. A student of Loreto College with partial visual disability was facing severe harassment from the College Authorities. At the intervention of the Commission, the Higher Education Department took positive steps in the matter and the students' basic human right was protected.

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