

Case No. 544/13/0/2020-wc
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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(LAW DIVISION)

Dated 03/03/2022

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To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVT OF MAHARASHTRA,
MANTRALAYA, MADAM CAMA ROAD,
HUTATMA RAJGURU SQUARE, NARIMAN
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P.S (R & R)
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15 MAR 2022

Sub : Complaint from

HW NEWS NETWORK (SUO-MOTU)
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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 09/02/2022 and the Commission has directed as follows.

A woman along with her husband, a migrant labour during countrywide lockdown in May, 2020 due to Coronavirus, while walking from Maharashtra to her village in Madhya Pradesh gave birth to a baby on the way and after resting for some hours, resumed their walk for the remaining 150 Kms. This incident was published in HW News on 13.5.2020 and based on this report, the Commission took suo moto cognizance of the matter.

These proceedings shall be read in continuation of the earlier proceedings drawn in this case.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, requisite report in the matter was received from the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh mentioning about the financial assistance as well as welfare schemes extended to the family. Since, no response was received from Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra, it was informed vide Commission's letter dated 22.10.2021 that if no response is received by 23.12.2021, the Commission will proceed in the matter for payment of appropriate interim relief to the victim lady, Smt. Shakuntala Kaul. In spite of the said reminder, no response has been received so far.

It is distressing to note that a pregnant woman, who was walking from Maharashtra to her village in Madhya Pradesh amid national lockdown during Covid-19, gave birth on the way. The pregnant woman and other people walking with her had lost their jobs in Nashik due to closing of industries. With no food and money left, they decided to walk to their homes in Madhya Pradesh. After giving birth, the woman and the new born baby, the concerned Administration neither provided vehicle to reach hospital nor did not provide further medical treatment. After the

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delivery, the woman rested for two hours and then continued with the walk for another 150 kms. There is total apathy on the part of the Govt. of Maharashtra. Hence, the Commission recommends to the Govt. of Maharashtra through its Chief Secretary to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- each as interim relief to the mother and child for failure to provide timely medical care and great mental pain suffered by the mother. The compliance report along with proof of payment shall be sent to the Commission within eight weeks.

Put up after eight weeks.

It is therefore, requested that the compliance report in the matter be sent to the Commission latest by 08/05/2022, so that the same could be placed before the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

JOINT REGISTRAR (LAW)

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