

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(LAW DIVISION)
FARIDKOT HOUSE
COPERNICUS MARG, NEW DELHI - 110 001

Dated 14/06/2008

Case No. 171/13/23/07-08

18 JUN 2008

To

SUHAS CHAKMA
ASIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACHR)
C-3/441-E, (II ND FLOOR) JANAKPURI,
NEW DELHI, DELHI

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your complaint dated 08/05/2007, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 02/06/2008. The Commission has made the following directions.

Shri Suhas Chakma, Director, Asian Centre for Human Rights has alleged that when one Sh. Madhukar Ghatge, a Dalit was digging well on his plot of land, he was killed, by assaulting him with axes and iron rods by the upper caste people of the village.

The Commission took cognizance of the matter and vide proceeding dated 14.5.07 directed to issue notice to the SSP, Pune and DM, Pune calling for a report.

Pursuant to the aforesaid direction of the Commission, a report dated 26.10.07 has been received from the SP, Satara. It has been reported that after the incident, on the complaint of the cousin of the deceased Shri Vaibhav Diwakar Ghadage who was an eye witness, a case was registered at Dahiwadi PS U/S 302/143/147/148/149 IPC read with section 3(1)(5) / 3(2)(5) of the Atrocities Act read with section 4(7) of the Protection of Civil Rights. All the twelve accused persons named in the FIR were arrested. A charge sheet was filed. They were released on bail by the Addl. Session Judge, Satara on 13.6.07. Subsequently, they were again arrested but they are now absconding. It was further reported that the Govt. have paid Rs.1.5 lakhs to the next of the kin of the deceased as interim compensation.

The Commission has perused the report. As the matter is sub-judice further intervention on the part of the Commission is not called for.

Accordingly, the report is taken on record and the case is closed.

This is for your information.

Yours faithfully,


ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)