

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

Dated 09/03/2007

Case No. 10/23/2004-2005-WC

To

RAJESH RAWAT, PROGRAMME OFFICER
ASIAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
JANAK PURI, NEW DELHI

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Sir/Madam,

With reference to your complaint dated 01/06/2004, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 26/02/2007. The Commission has made the following directions.

Asian Centre for Human Rights, an NGO sought intervention of NHRC in the matter of gang-rape of six Chakma women and brutal beating of nine Chakma males by suspected NLFT insurgents and consequent displacement of 19 Chakma families from their village.

Pursuant to directions of the Commission, the complaint was transmitted to the Government of Tripura for appropriate action and comments.

The Under Secretary to the Government of Tripura vide his communication dated 18th September, 2004, confirmed the allegation of rape and assault. He also enumerated the various steps taken by the State Government in regard to the incident. He reported as follows:-

".....In this connection a case was registered in Chawmanu PS Case No. 05/04 u/s 148/143/325/302/376 (G) & 27 Arms Act and 15 suspected persons were arrested and were forwarded to Ld. Court. They are still in jail custody. Police also recorded the statement of victim women u/s 161 Cr. P.C. The P.M. report of the deceased Gunchitra Chakma has been received from the concerned M.O. The medical report of the victim women and injury report of the injured personnel are yet to be received from M.O. Investigation of the case is almost complete and the case is pending for said medical report. Charge sheet is being submitted shortly against the arrested accused persons.

Financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand) only has been paid to the next of kin of the family of deceased Gunchitra Chakma under the scheme for providing ex-gratia assistance to victims of Extremist Violence. Further action is being taken for providing either Govt. job or financial assistance in lieu of Govt. job to the next of kin of the said deceased as per the scheme. Financial assistance (@ Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only has been paid to each of the victims including six allegedly raped victims under the scheme for providing ex-gratia assistance to victims of Extremist Violence. Financial assistance (@ Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only was also paid to each of 6 allegedly raped victims out of CM's Relief Fund. The displaced families have been given mandays generation works. Temporary accommodation for the displaced families have been arranged at Tribal Rest House, Chawmanu and PWD Quarters, Chawmanu in the close vicinity of Chawmanu PS. However, some of the families have subsequently

shifted to their chose places."

The above-mentioned report of Under Secretary to the Government of Tripura shows that the Government was alive to the suffering of the victims and it had taken appropriate steps to apply balm to their wounds. No further action is required to be taken by the Commission. Report be taken on record and the case closed.

This is for your information.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)