

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

Dated 16/04/2011

Case No. 2348/4/27/07-08

To

21 APR 2011

SUHAS CHAKMA DIRECTOR
NATIONAL CHAPAIN FOR PREVENTION OF TORTURE,
C-3/441-C, JANAKPURI
WEST DELHI, DELHI.
(Pin Code -)

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your complaint dated 05/09/2007, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 13/04/2011. The Commission has made the following directions.

The complainant, Director of a NGO sent a complaint alleging blinding of an eye of a class IV student named Navin Kumar Paswan by one of brutal corporal punishment by his teachers of a government school in Purnia district of Bihar.

The Commission vide its proceedings dated 05.11.2009 had observed and directed as under:-

"The fact that a 9 years old child was given corporal punishment with stick of fire wood by a teacher of the school has not been denied by the State Govt. The only fault of the child was that he asked for some more food while the mid-day meal was being distributed. It is also not denied by the State Govt. that the child had sustained injury below his right eye. Fortunately, his vision was not damaged but that does not dilute the gravity of the situation. Children of tender age must be handled by care and affection by the teachers. Cruel behaviour of the teacher is one of the reasons for children feeling scared to go to the school. Considering all the circumstances the Commission recommends to the Govt. of Bihar to pay a sum of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as monetary relief to the victim. Compliance report with proof of payment be submitted within eight weeks."

Pursuant to the conditional summons dated 28.10.2010 issued by the Commission, the Director (Primary Education), Bihar has informed vide letter dated 28.02.2011 that the recommended amount Rs. 50, 000/- has been paid to the victim Navin Kumar Paswan in two installments of Rs. 4,000/- and Rs. 46,000/- each. He also enclosed separate copies of the acknowledgement receipts of proof of the payment.

The Commission notices that proof of payment has been received in the matter; therefore no further action is called for. The file is closed.

A copy of these proceedings shall be sent to the Public Information Officer of the Commission and to the recipient of the relief.

This is for your information.

 Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)