

Pay Rs 5 lakh
to BSF excesses
victims' kin:
NHRC tells MHA



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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to pay Rs five lakh to the next kin of a person, who was beaten to death by BSF personnel in West Bengal.

The Commission has also asked the ministry to pay Rs 50,000 each as monetary relief to victim's three family members who, too, had sustained injuries in the incident. BSF personnel of 72nd Battalion allegedly had critically injured Masud Rana Sarkar and his three family members, including two women, by assaulting them in Daudpur village in South Dinajpur on March 4, 2007.

Sarkar succumbed to his injuries while other three survived after medical treatment. During proceedings of the matter, BSF requested the Commission to close the case saying that its personnel, who were accused of assaulting the family, were tried by General Security Force Court, which found all of them innocent.

The Commission, however, noted that a magisterial probe into the incident established that a group of BSF personnel had caused grievous injuries to the members of the family.