

BEFORE
TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN, AGARTALA

Complaint No.01 of 2024
(Suo-Motu Cognizance)

Ragging at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya,
Baspadua, Belonia, South Tripura

FINAL ORDER DATED 04.03.2024

Commission's attention was drawn to some news items published in some daily newspapers namely: Tripura Times, Syandan Patrika, Tripura Darpan etc. dated 03.01.2024 wherein, it was reported that incident of ragging had taken place in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Baspadua, Belonia on the day of English Calendar New Year. Since the incident reported was of ragging in the Educational Institution, the Commission thought it appropriate to take Suo-Moto cognizance of the incident on the basis of news paper reports itself and direction was given to the Principal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Baspadua, Belonia, South Tripura as well as the District Magistrate & Collector, South Tripura to inquire into the matter and to submit report.

2. In compliance to the order of the Commission, Principal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Belonia has submitted a detailed report wherein, it was stated that on 31.12.2023, a cultural programme was organized by the students of class 11th and the time allotted for the programme by the school authority was 6:00 PM to 09:00 PM. Some 12th class students insisted to extend the closing time of the programme. Teachers



did not accept it and therefore some of the class 12th students damaged school property and created an atmosphere of unrest in the school. Immediately, a Discipline Committee was constituted and the committee along with the Principal visited the dormitory of the students at about 11:00 PM and had resolved the issues after having a discussion and thereafter a report was submitted to the Principal on 01.01.2024. The five members of the Discipline Committee further investigated the matter thoroughly and inquired into the incident that occurred in the night of 31.12.2023 to avoid further violation and sanctity of the school.

3. On 01.01.2024 at about 3:15 PM a meeting was organized in the chamber of the Principal and while the issue was under discussion, a group of class 11th students entered into the Principal's chamber and complained of being beaten by some 12th class students. The Discipline Committee at once taken necessary steps and conducted a detail inquiry. D.M. Office was also informed in the process. After having inquiry done by the Discipline Committee, the authority has taken the following action:-

“Conclusion : After having dialogues with SDM sir, parents of class 12th students and other senior staff members, the school discipline committee made following decisions:

- *Considering the risk associated with career of all those students who were found directly involved in this matter, the District Magistrate & Collector, South Tripura himself took initiative also with the parents of victim students to resolve the matter and pacify the situation. All the students who were found directly involved in this matter were recommended suspension and were*

allowed to take part in Board examinations directly from their homes.

- *Also they have been instructed not to reside in hostels in any condition.*
- *Proper and adequate counseling was given to all students especially class 11th students and they were satisfied with the decisions taken by school administration.*

List of Precautionary measures taken by school discipline committee & administration:

- *A P.T.C. (Parent-Teacher Council) meeting was held and in the presence of all the council members, they were briefed about the matter and were agreed upon the decision that the students who were held responsible for this unrest atmosphere in the school should be suspended and they would appear in the exams from their homes only.*
- *To avoid repeatability of such incidents in future, a counseling session was organized for all the students.*
- *As of now, situation is under control and all the parents and other local bodies justified the decisions taken by the schools administration (the decision is also backed by District administration of South Tripura) for maintaining the healthy and smooth functioning of Vidyalaya”.*

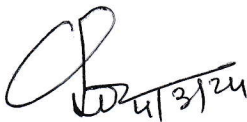
4. From the office of the District Magistrate & Collector, South Tripura a report was also sent which was signed by the Addl. District Magistrate, South Tripura enclosing the copy of action taken against the 13 numbers of students of class 12th. The name of all those students

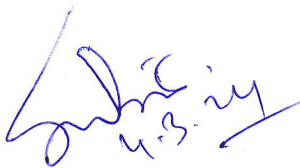
against whom disciplinary action has been taken was also reported to the Commission.

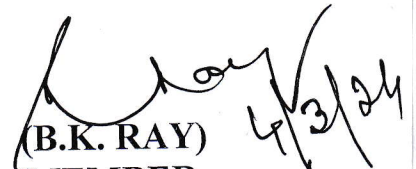
5. In view of the reports submitted by the Principal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Baspadua, Belonia and the report from the office of the District Magistrate & Collector, the Commission is satisfied that some action has already been taken by the school authority and the District Magistrate & Collector. The action so far taken does not conform to provisions as prescribed under the Tripura Educational Institutions (Prevention of Ragging) Act, 1990, however, considering the future life and carrier of the students, the Commission has accepted the action so far has been taken by the authority and the matter accordingly stands closed.

6. Copy of this order may be sent to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura for information.

7. Copy of this order may also be sent to the District Magistrate & Collector, South Tripura District and the Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Baspadua, Belonia for information.


(JUSTICE S.C. DAS)
CHAIRPERSON


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MEMBER


(B.K. RAY)
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