

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN: AGARTALA

Complaint No. 62 of 2024
(Complaint by Mr. Henri Tiphagne.)

ORDER SHEET

SL. No.	Date	Order	Note
02	18/09/2024	<p>The AIGP (Crime) on behalf of the DGP, Tripura has submitted a detailed report. We have examined the report.</p> <p>One Henri Tiphagne, National Working Secretary of Human Rights Defenders' Alert-India has submitted a complaint before the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) alleging inter alia that on 04/07/2024, student activists of Tripura Students Union and Students Federation of India staged a protest in front of Siksha Bhavan, Agartala and the students demonstrated against school mergers in Tripura and attack on eight girl students during the protest, UGC-NET, School Consolidation in Tripura etc.</p> <p>Agartala Police obstructed the protesters when they were proceeding towards Sikhsa Bhavan in a procession and the SFI, Secretary was arrested.</p> <p>It was alleged that such detention of the protesting students was an act of reprisal against the activists and therefore the complainant prayed for taking Suo- Motu action by the Commission.</p> <p>NHRC decided to transmit the complaint to the State Commission and accordingly this Commission on receipt of the communication from NHRC by order dated 06/08/2024 directed the DGP, Tripura to submit report/comments on the allegations made in the complaint. The relevant part of the report/complaint reads thus: -</p>	

“The matter was enquired into and a detailed report has been furnished by the Superintendent of Police (West), Tripura, Agartala. It is revealed that on 04/07/2024 at about 1330 hrs information was received regarding an unlawful gathering in front of Shiksha Bhawan. Acting on this information, some officers from West Agartala PS along with TSR, CRPF and female staff rushed to the location. A total of 31 supporters of the Students Federation of India (SFI) had congregated in front of Shiksha Bhawan. The Director, Higher Education, Shiksha Bhawan confirmed that he had no knowledge of the gathering. The police officers attempted to communicate with the leaders of SFI present at the place but the SFI supporters refused to heed to the instructions of the Police. Shouting slogans, they tried to enter into the premises of Shiksha Bhawan forcibly. They also obstructed the office lane and adjacent road for approximately two hours.

On account of non-compliance of Police directives by the SFI supporters, OC West Agartala PS along with the then SDPO Sadar, DCM from the SDM Sadar Office and a Woman Inspector of West Agartala PS further requested the SFI supporters to vacate the road but they did not co-operate. Subsequently, SFI supporter Sri Sandipan Deb along with 30(thirty) others were detained/arrested and taken into Police custody at the A.D. Nagar temporary detention centre by a Police bus.

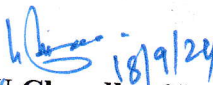
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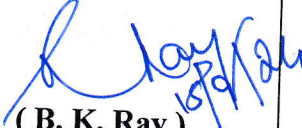
It is pertinent to mention here that during the detention/arrest, no individuals sustained injuries nor did any of the SFI supporters report any grievance regarding the conduct of the police staff. The detained individuals were held at the A.D. Nagar temporary detention centre for approximately two hours and then they were released following necessary orders from the Executive Magistrate. The matter was noted in the GD vide West Agartala PS GDE No. 25 dated 04/07/2024. During the entire incident, Police has taken action as per law''.

We have meticulously examined the complaint. The allegations made in the complaint prima facie did not make out a case of violations of human rights. The alleged group of students were in a procession and they were obstructed by the police and had to be arrested because they obstructed the public road and thereafter, all of them were shifted to a Detention Centre and after order of the Magistrate, they were released.

We find no violation of human rights by any police officer or authority. The complaint is therefore disposed in limine. A copy of this order may be published in the Commission's official website.


(Justice S. C. Das)
Chairperson


(U. Choudhuri)
Member


(B. K. Ray)
Member