

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN : AGARTALA

COMPLAINT NO. 96 OF 2024

Jasim Uddin, Secretary Udaipur Press Club

..... Complainant.

Vs

Taiyum Hossain, ASI, Melaghar Police Station.

..... Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

Dated 27.06.2025

Cognizance of the instant case was taken on 26/12/2024 on receipt of a complaint from one Jashim Uddin, S/O Md. Abdul Malek of village Khupilong under Killa P.S, R.K.Pur, Gomati District, who claims himself to be the Secretary of Udaipur Press Club.

2. In the complaint an allegation was lodged against one Taiyum Hossain, Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police, (ASI), Melaghar Police Station wherein, complainant alleged *inter alia* that on 22.12.2024 he was going to Neermahal by riding his car along with other journalists to collect news regarding Governor's visit at Neermahal. At about 02:25 PM, when they reached at Melaghar market, the said Taiyum Hossain, ASI of Police asked them

to stop. Accordingly, he stopped his vehicle. The said ASI told him that he could not move towards Neermahal at that point of time as His Excellency the Governor of Tripura would be visiting Neermahal. The complainant introduced himself as a journalist along with his colleagues and informed that they should go to cover the news of the Governor at Neermahal and on that the said ASI became furious and forced pressure on his vehicle with his hand and also used slang language toward them. It is alleged that the said ASI uttered un-parliamentary words against Journalist' Society. The Complainant felt that he was wrongfully restrained and he could not proceed towards Neermahal to discharge his professional duty.

3. Facing resistance from the said ASI, he returned from the spot and went to Melaghar P.S to report the incident to the O/C Melaghar P.S, but the O/C was not available and as such he was waiting for him. By the time the said ASI had reached the P.S and seen him. He started to abuse him in slang languages and also threatened him that he would kill him in the P.S complex. The said ASI also advanced toward him assault him but other police personnel resisted the ASI. The complainant became puzzled on the behavior of the ASI. He has stated that in the police station also, the ASI restrained him to divulge the incident to the O/C. Out of fear he left the P.S along with his colleagues. The entire matter was recorded in the C.C.T.V of the Police Station. He prayed to take necessary legal action from this Commission. Complainant reported the incident to SP, Sepahijala on 23.12.2024 along with the copy of the complaint.

4. On perusal of the complaint, the Commission was *prima-facie* satisfied that violation of human rights of the complainant as journalist was revealed and accordingly,

cognizance was taken. The Commission thought it appropriate to direct the DGP, Tripura, to inquire into the matter and to submit a report within three weeks.

5. On 12.02.2025 a report has been submitted from the office of the DGP, Tripura signed by AIGP (Crime). The report shows that the DGP, Tripura, inquired into the matter through SDPO, Sunamura and accordingly, report was furnished by SP, Sepahijana. During inquiry, the SDPO, Sunamura examined the complainant, Md. Jasim Uddin, one public witness Pintu Saha, SI Subir Saha, Inspector Debasish Saha, O/C Melaghar P.S and the said accused officer ASI Taiyum Hossain and also collected GD extract copy of Melaghar P.S and GD entry vide No. 19 and 20 dated 22.12.2024 and checked the CCTV footage of Melaghar P.S. It revealed from the statement of the witness, Pintu Saha that on 22.12.2024 at about 1400 hours, when he was on his way to Melaghar market, one VIP convoy was returning from Neermahal. He noticed that T.S.R personnel signaled a vehicle to stop near Melaghar Electric Office, but the driver of the said vehicle did not obey the signal and moved on. After a while ASI Taiyum Hossain, who was on duty on the road, stopped the said vehicle near Melaghar Foreign Liquor shop. Driver of the said vehicle charged ASI Taiyum Hossain by questioning whether the ASI knew whose vehicle he had stopped and also inquired whether could not see the sticker of press displayed in the vehicle. In the mean time the VIP convoy crossed that place and moved towards Agartala. Thereafter, ASI Tayum Hossain left the place for P.S. It also revealed from the statement of SI Subir Saha that on 22.12.2024 after completion of duty in connection with visit of his Excellency the Governor of Mizoram and Maghalaya, he was at P.S with ASI Taiym Hossain.

6. At about 1440 hrs two persons came to Melaghar P.S and waiting for O/C melaghar. P.S. At that time, the O/C of the P.S was away on duty. So, he wanted to know the reason of their visit. Then one of the person looked at the name plate displayed in the chest of Taiyum Hossein and sent a text message to someone through SMS. He pointed finger at ASI Taiyum Hossain and enquired how could he stop a press or media person and that he would teach him how to do the job. There a hot altercation took place between those media persons and ASI Taiyum Hossain. Then said witness intervened and managed the situation and media persons left out of Melaghar P.S.

7. The report shows that inspector Debasish Saha, O/C Melaghar P.S has stated that at that relevant time i.e at about 1430 hrs, on 22.1.2024 a person called him over mobile phone form Mobile No. 70058637282 and introduced himself as Jasim Uddin, President of Udaipur Press Club and made an allegation that an officer of Melaghar P.S had misbehaved with him and he informed him that he would look into the matter. At that point the O/C was escorting the convoy of Hon'ble Governor. After a while that person again called him and told that name of the officer who misbehaved with him was Taiyum Hossain. Then he asked the complainant to wait. But on return to Melaghar P.S, he did not find him. He learnt about the incident from A.S.I Taiyum Hossein and the matter was entered in the GD entry vide GD No. 19 & 20 of Melaghar P.S. As per report submitted by SDPO Sunamura the said ASI Taiyum Hossein stopped the vehicle of the complainant only for a while with an intent to have smooth passage of VIP convoy. When the complainant visited Melaghar P.S to report the matter to O/C then ASI, Taiyum Hossein indulged in a heated argument with the

complainant, which was unexpected from a responsible member of disciplined Police force. Accordingly, ASI Taiyum Hossein was warned and advised not to repeat such act in future.

8. Thus, report of the AIGP(Crime) clearly shows that behavior of Taiyum Hossein, ASI of police of Melaghar P.S with the complainant was admitted by the police and thereafter, some action was also taken from the side of Superintendent of Police, Sepahijala, giving warning to the said ASI with an advice not to repeat such act in future.

9. The report received from the AIGP (Crime) was sent to the complainant seeking his response, if any. But the complainant did not submit any response. Then notice was issued to the complainant to appear before the Commission for the purpose of his examination on oath. But the complainant did not appear before this Commission. It appears to the Commission that the complainant perhaps was not inclined to appear before the Commission to give his statement. Accordingly, today is fixed for final consideration.

10. On careful perusal of the complaint and the response of the police, it is clear that behavior of the accused officer, Taiyum Hossein was not found appropriate. Accordingly, higher authority of the police on receipt of information made an inquiry and found him responsible and accordingly, issued an order of caution in the form of warning and advised him not to repeat such act in future. The allegation does not appear to be serious in nature and since the higher authority of police has already taken some action against him, perhaps due to that the complainant did not appear before this Commission to press for his complaint. The Commission considers that the allegation of the complainant was not so serious which can justify any compensation to be recommended.

11. Accordingly, the Commission considers that since due action was taken by the police authority, the Commission should not proceed further and this is not a fit case to the give any compensation. Thus, this complaint is disposed of since the complainant is not inclined to proceed further and no further recommendation is justified.

Send a copy of this final order to the D.G.P, Tripura and also to the complainant.

Accordingly, publish the order in the website.

Sd/-
(Justice Arindam Lodh)
Chairperson

Sd/-
(U.Choudhuri)
Member

Secretary
Tripura Human Rights Commission