

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN: AGARTALA
Complaint No. 98 of 2025
(Complainant: Jayanta Bhattacharjee & Nikhil Debnath)

ORDER SHEET

SL. No.	Date	Order	Note
01	22/07/2025	<p>Received a complaint from Sri Nikhil Debnath and Sri Jayanta Bhattacharjee, being President and Secretary of the “Forum for Protection of Environment and Water Bodies” situated at Kalyani, Dhaleswar, Agartala, West Tripura, having mobile Nos. 9774125957 and 9436120218, email id- fpewb2022@gmail.com by which the complainants sought for immediate intervention against ecological and legally unlawful construction at College Tilla Lake, by Agartala smart city limited and lodged complaint for violation of environmental human rights and biodiversity protection norms.</p> <p>The Commission has perused the complaint. In the complaint, the complainants mentioned that the complainant, Nikhil Debnath, is the president and Joyanta Bhattacharjee is the Secretary of a Civil Society Organization name and style as “Forum for Protection of Environment and Water Bodies’ and the society works for ecological & environmental justice. The complainants seek for urgent intervention to stop ongoing illegal and unscientific construction at collegetilla lake, Agartala by Smart City Limited & Private actors.</p> <p>The complainants alleged that Collegetilla</p>	

	<p>Lake(MBB College Lake) is a part of Bidya Pattan land donated by Maharaja of Tripura for educational and public welfare purposes and it is a natural wetland and a critical ecological inhabited for over 28 species of migratory birds including species of Siberia and Central Asian Flyway (CAF). It is also host of bat colonies designated as a Biodiversity Sensitive Zone by Tripura Forest Department. That ecosystem and Aquatic Biodiversity but also plays a critical role in other water research, climate moderation and providing clean air and space for community wellbeing.</p> <p>In this complaint, some specific violation of the human rights were mentioned. These are as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The ongoing construction, including concrete structure under public zone B, Artificial Bridges Installation of unscientific lighting irreversible threats to ecosystem and that is a direct violation of right to life includes the right to a healthy environment. In support of it reference is given of judgment of the Supreme Court reportedly 1999 SC812.ii. The complainants claims that some violations such as Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act 1960, Tripura building rules 2017, Wetlands & Conservation & Management Rules 2017 which prohibits encroachment, Solid Waste Disposal and permanent construction in &	
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around notified wetlands.

- iii. The environment Protection Act 1986 which empower the state to prevent activities causing environment degradation.

It is also alleged that it also violates Biological Diversity Act 2002, which requires conservation of inhabits and species diversity. Further, it is stated that ecological degradation of Collegetilla lake affects the right to health especially for children and elderly in surrounding communities, right to education and recreationery space in an urban public environment and right to culture and heritage as relate to the part of legacy of Tripura Bidya Patyan region.


The complaint itself speaks about the violations. The Commission carefully perused the complaint. The complaint petition also annexed good number of documents which clearly shows inaction of the CEO, Agartala Smart City Ltd. and District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura.


This being the position, the Commission has taken cognizance on the complaint since it shows imbalance in the environment and also shows a danger on the verge of extinction species.

Send copy of the complaint along with annexed documents to the Secretary, Urban Development Department, Govt. of Tripura to the Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. of Tripura and PCCF, Govt. of Tripura, Department of forest and the CEO, Agartala Smart City Ltd. and the District Magistrate

& Collector, West Tripura to furnish their respective communication on the allegation of the complainants and fixed the next date after 15 days.

List it on...12/08/2025


(Justice Arindam Lodh)
Chairperson

 24/8/25
(U. Choudhuri)
Member