

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

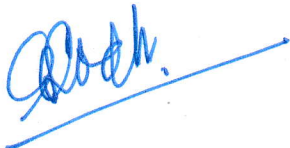
KUNJABAN: AGARTALA

Complaint No. 11 of 2025

(Suo-Moto Cognizance)

ORDER SHEET

SL. No.	Date	Order	Note
01	06/08/2025	<p>Attention of this Commission is drawn to the news item publilshed in different news papers of Tripura dated 06.08.2025 such as in 'Dainik Sambad' under the heading “প্রশাসনিক ব্যর্থতার বেআব্রু চেহারা দেখলো রাজ্যবাসী, in 'Tripura Times', under the heading “LEFT TO DIE, State's Criminal Apathy Kills Trapped Truck Driver in Teliamura” and many other local news papers of Tripura. The news item published in said news papers speaks for itself. The fact remains that an accident took place on Assam Agartala main road, near Chakmaghat area at the dead of night at about 02:30 AM, on Tuesday near TSR Camp at Chakmaghat under Teliamura Police Station. One truck, bearing No. AS01LC5102 , loaded with cement was proceeding towards Agartala from Lansang met with an accident at that place pinning its driver Mihir Lal Debnath, who was also the owner of the vehicle in the cabin of the Truck. His leg was crushed and struck inside the cabin, but he was alive, fully conscious, and he was screaming for help for over seven hours. He begged to be rescued. But his voice did not reach the ear of the helping local people. Death was slowly casting shadows in his eyes. The entire incident shows the sheer criminal negligence, inaction and incompetence of Disaster</p>	

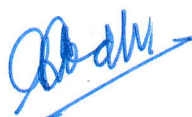


management authority of Tripura, District Administration, State Police, Fire Service and Civil Defence.

For about seven hours he begged to be rescued. The Disaster Management Department failed to show up even with basic functioning equipments. 2/3 persons came from Disaster Management team, but they were woefully unequipped. They came with 2 wood cutting chainsaws, which were not an equipments to cut open the cabin of the truck. But those chainsaws also did not function properly. The fire service which arrived first virtually confined their work to unload the cement from the truck. They could not do anything else to start the rescue. They were neither trained nor have any equipment nor did they have any idea as to how they should proceed the rescue process.

The Apadamitras and civil defence were missing in action. There were no ambulance, no medical response team so as to offer immediate life saving support to the victim and to transport him to hospital after rescue. The authorities concerned apparently failed to provide any life support mechanism to save the life of the driver of the Truck. There were no senior or trained persons under whose command the rescue operation could be conducted. There was no adequate police arrangement. Those who gathered there, were helpless, clueless, and bare handed and they did not know what to do. They were found confused and shocked.

NDRF, who were trained and well equipped were not called. Only some TSR personnel came but could not do anything. One Administrative Officer reached the site



seven hours later, after Mihir had already expired and by then it was only to recover the dead body.

This shows the clear violation of human rights in the State of Tripura due to inaction of Disaster Management Authority, District Administration, Police Department, Fire Service, and Civil Defense. Accordingly, this Commission has taken cognizance of this incident.

The Commission thinks it appropriate to send the paper cuttings of the news item to the DM & Collector, Khowai District, The Superintendent of Police, Khowai District, the Fire and Emergency Services, Govt. of Tripura for their ready reference.

Issue notice upon those authorities to submit a report separately after due inquiry within 15 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

List the matter on. 27/08/2025 for report of the DM & Collector, Khowai District, the Superintendent of Police, Khowai District, the Fire and Emergency Services, Govt. of Tripura.

(Justice Arindam Lodh)
Chairperson

(U. Choudhuri)
Member