

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN : AGARTALA

Complaint No. 19 of 2025
(SUO-MOTU COGNIZANCE)

FINAL ORDER

Dated 23.09.2025

The present complaint was registered on 05/10/2024 on the basis of a news item published in daily newspaper “Rashtriya Kantha” dated 05/10/2024 under the heading “সুশাসনে আইনের উর্ধ্বে পুলিশের এসআই”.

2. It was reported in the news item that Shri Ratish Debnath of Ranir Bazar, West Tripura was served a notice u/s 160 of Cr.P.C. by police officer namely SI, Shri Pijush Kanti Saha of Kanchanpur PS, North Tripura to appear before the police station in connection with the investigation of the case u/s 157 of Cr.P.C. When Shri Ratish Debnath appeared before the police officer, the concerned I/O Shri Pijush Kanti Saha put pressure on him verbally to withdraw the complaint saying that the allegation was baseless. Shri Ratish Debnath questioned the I/O Shri Pijush Kanti Saha as to why the complaint was baseless and to give him in writing but that was declined by the SI. There were some more allegation reported in the news item and which gives bad smell and therefore the Commission thinks it appropriate to initiate an inquiry into the allegation so reported in the news item and before taking cognizance, the Commission sent a copy of the news item to the DGP, Tripura with request to make an enquiry into the matter and to submit a report.

3. From the office of the DGP, Tripura, a report has been submitted by AIGP (Crime) on 24/10/2024. It is stated in that report that matter was enquired into and

the matter was furnished by the SP, North and it transpired that on 05/06/2024, a written complaint of Shri Ratish Debnath, S/O Ajay Kumar Debnath of Ranirbazar was received by O/C Kanchanpur PS against Shri Prem Pratik Singha Barua, S/o Priyajit Singha Barua of Subhasnagar, PS, Kanchnpur, North Tripura and brief fact of the complaint was that on 23/06/2015, Shri Prem Pratik Singha Barua opened one bank account in the name of M/S RM Nursery at TGB, Kanchanpur Branch having A/C No.8084012571690 by submitting one fake license. By using that license, he obtained various tenders from the department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation and committed fraud amounting to Rs. 53,18,400/- which was government money.

4. According to Shri Ratish Debnath, the staff of the department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation of Kanchanpur might be involved with the crime. The complaint was entered in the GDE of Kanchanpur PS vide No.18 dated 15.06.2024. Matter was informed to the Ld. SDJM, Kanchanpur and investigation u/s 157(1) Cr.P.C. was started.

5. During investigation, a letter was submitted to the Branch Manager, Tripura Gramin Bank, Kanchanpur Branch and in reply Branch Manager opined that the A/C No. 8084012571690 was opened on 23/06/2015 in the name of RM Nursery. On 28/06/2021, the said account was declared dormant. The matter was also enquired into by the Regional Manager, Tripura Gramin Bank, but no supplementary document against the account were found by the bank authority.

6. Notice was issued to Shri Ratish Debnath to produce evidence in respect of fake license, but the he did not produce any evidence in respect of the allegation. The report was collected from Supdt. of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Kanchanpur, North Tripura, where it was evident that no license was issued to Prem Pratik Singha Barua rather the Priyatam Barua is the actual proprietor of M/S RM Nursery vide license No. 0001/NORTH/2014, which was issued on 19/11/2024. 12(twelve) numbers supply orders or work orders were sanctioned in

the name of M/S RM Nursery and total 369 bills were submitted by RM Nursery and all the bill were properly maintained as per procedure. After completion of enquiry, report was submitted to the court of SDJM, Kanchanpur about the findings and outcome of the investigation vide Kanchanpur PS DR No.12426 dated 10/08/2024. On 10/10/2024, the order sheet was received from the court of Ld. SDJM, Kanchanpur, North Tripura vide dispatch No. 995 dated 05/10/2024 stating that the instant case is hereby disposed of. The report of the police specifically stated that there was no pressure on Shri Ratish Debnath to withdraw the case. Investigation was taken up and the same was submitted to the Ld. Court.

7. On perusal of the report of the DGP, Tripura, the Commission was not satisfied because there was no whisper in respect of allegation against the said Sub-Inspector. So, the Commission directed the Investigation Wing of this Commission to investigate the matter and to submit a detailed report.

8. On 07/07/2025, Investigation Wing of Tripura Human Rights Commission has submitted their report. The Commission meticulously perused the report.

9. In conclusion, the Investigation Wing has stated that all the bills submitted by M/S RM Nursery were against proper supply order of Supdt. of Horticulture, Kanchanpur and there was no merit on the complaint of Ratish Debnath of Brajendra Nagar, PS Ranirbazar. It is stated that all the copies of the bills and 12(twelve) numbers of supply order were thoroughly cross checked by the Investigation Wing of the THRC from the docket of concerned I/O and found no irregularity.

10. Regarding the allegation of Shri Ratish Debnath, the Investigation Wing of THRC finds that Shri Ratish Debnath lodged the complaint before O/C, Kanchanpur PS against Prem Pratik Singha Barua that was entered into KCP PS Vide GDE No.18 dated 15/06/2024. An enquiry had taken place through SI, Pijush Kanti Saha of KCP PS vide reference Misc case No.18 of 2024 u/s 157(1) Cr.P.C.

11. During investigation, there was no audio or video visual record to prove that SI, Pijush Kanti Saha told the complainant to withdraw the complaint when he appeared before the I/O of the case, rather truth of the information that was given by Shri Ratish Debnath was not found correct during investigation.

12. Accordingly, on 21/09/2024, the Misc. case No. 18 of 2024 u/s 157(1) of Cr.P.C. was dropped. No inaction or over action was detected there on the part of SI, Pijush Kanti Saha of Kanchanpur PS.

13. The Commission also perused the all supported documents and statements of witnesses as submitted by the Investigation Wing. The Commission is satisfied that the allegation as made by Shri Ratish Debnath and also in newspaper does not appear to be correct and accordingly, this Commission observes that there is no merit in the news published. Accordingly, the present case is dismissed being devoid of merit.

Hence, this case is disposed of.

Accordingly, Publish the order in the website and information be given to all sites.



(JUSTICE ARINDAM LODH)
CHAIRPERSON



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MEMBER