

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN : AGARTALA
PIN – 799006

Complaint No. 09 of 2025
(Suo-Motu cognizance)

ORDER SHEET

SL NO.	DATE	ORDER	NOTE
03.	18/10/2025	The Commission has taken notice of a newspaper publication in a daily English newspaper namely ‘Tripura Times’ Issue No. 271 dated 20/07/2025 under the heading “Over 350 acres forest land under threat, JFMC members concerned” and also in respect of publication of news in ‘Pratibadi Kalam’ under the heading “বনাঞ্চলে বনদস্যুর দৌরাত্ম্য”. The Commission considered it appropriate to send the news item to the PCCF, Tripura with a direction to make an enquiry and submit a report to the Commission and accordingly on behalf of the PCCF, Tripura, a report has been submitted by DFO, Sepahijala District on 17/09/2025 and today is fixed for further order as that report consists of so many documents, Commission needs to examine those documents.	

Today, Shri Atnu Chakraborty, DFO, Sepahijala District and Shri Chandan Sarkar, SDFO, Sonamura is physically present to assist this Commission about their action and to clarify the report as submitted by them.

It is mentioned in the report that receiving newspaper publication the department already visited the place of occurrence and an enquiry have been conducted.

Some illicit felling of trees were detected in Bejimara under Sonamura Sub-Division. Approx. 60 Nos. stamp were seized by Beat Officer, Sonamura and 4(four) accused persons were involved in that illicit felling. Accordingly, The Forest Department filed an FIR with Sonamura PS and also launched prosecution against 4(four) persons namely (1) Shri Bishu Paul, S/O Late Birendra Paul, (2) Shri Nirmal Paul, S/O Bala Paul, (3) Shri Parimal Paul, S/O Late Bala Paul and against Shri Gopal Paul, S/O Late Jadab Paul.

On the basis of the complaint, a complaint case was registered bearing No.CR(F) 03 of 2025 u/s 274 of BNSS.

It is also stated that for prevention of repetition of this kind of incident, a proposal was



initiated by the Sonamura Sub-Divisional Forest Officer for causing boundary fencing of that area through barbed wire and the matter is under active consideration of the authority. Presently, bamboo fencing have been arranged to prevent any further attempt of stealing of plants. Besides, some other essential measures have also been taken and to prevent this kind of activities. Continuous monitoring of the area are being maintained.

On perusal of the report, it appears that the department has already initiated due action and measures for prevention this kind of activities.

Thus, this Commission considers that the Commission need not proceed further and this case should be disposed of since due action has already taken by the department.



(JUSTICE ARINDAM LODH)
CHAIRPERSON



(U. CHOUDHURI)
MEMBER