

NAGALAND STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Case No.

Name of the complainant: Suo Motu

Respondents :
1. The Commissioner (Home), Government of Nagaland
2. Director General of Police, Government of Nagaland
3. Director General of Prisons, Government of Nagaland

Record of the steps taken
(to be entered by the office)

Orders/Proceedings of the Commission

Date

Step (s) taken

RECOMMENDATION

Dated:

On the 26th and 27th of February, 2025, and on 13th March, 2025, the Commission visited the district of Zunheboto and Wokha respectively, in order to see and understand the ground situations at the health facilities, educational institutes, police stations and the district jails. During the visits, interactions with the police officers and jail officers including the jail inmates were held. Some of the findings and the Commission's recommendations regarding the jails and police stations are as follows:

District Jail: Zunheboto

- i. Toilets and wards are in pathetic condition. We recommend renovation of the same at the earliest and on priority.
- ii. There is need for separation of UTPs and Convicts but at present they are kept together. We recommend appropriate action for the same at the earliest and on priority.
- iii. There is a Chapel Hall at almost all the jails we have visited but there is no such facility at this Jail. Necessary steps may be taken for providing the same.
- iv. There has to be separate women cell/ward inside the jail. But the same is not available at the moment. We recommend that appropriate action is taken for the same at the earliest and on top priority.

Police Station: Zunheboto

- i. Total strength of UBSI-12. However, 6 are transferred/attached to CP Dimapur.
- ii. Total strength is 771 including UBSIs but 40 are on attachment elsewhere. So the effective strength is only 731.

Police personnel are posted at a particular place after working out the requirements, so when the allotted number of personnel are broken into pieces and attached somewhere the duty or the work they are assigned to are bound to suffer and that is never in the public interest. We have come across the effects of such attachments at some stations. Therefore, we recommend that fragmentation of the allotted strengths of police stations is avoided so that lives and properties of citizens are safeguarded effectively.

- iii. No Quarter for OC women PS. A police officers work is demanding and at the same time sensitive, so to leave a police officer to make his or her own arrangement for stay at place of posting would not help in anyway. The Commission, therefore, strongly recommend for immediate



construction or designation of an existing Government quoter for the OC of Women PS.

District Jail: Wokha

- i. No medical personnel posted except a visiting doctor. So, problems arise during medical emergencies and more often so because, most of the inmates are substance abusers who are prone to withdrawal symptoms. So, the Commission recommends posting of at least a pharmacist or a nurse at the earliest and on priority.
- ii. Segregation of inmates (especially those with contagious diseases) is required but it is not possible at the moment due to shortage of wards. Therefore, the Commission recommends for providing of at least one additional ward for the purpose at the earliest.
- iii. Only one Prison Maruti van is available. Providing of an ambulance or one more vehicle may be considered by the authorities.
- iv. The road leading to jail is in pathetic condition, not motorable during monsoon season so needs minimum repairing at the earliest. We recommend that the authorities of jail administration in consultation with the departments concern take a concerted action in this regard.
- v. There is need for a Clinical Psychiatrist or a train counsellor. To begin with the Chaplain can be trained in Counselling.


Police Station: Wokha


Issues:

- i. There is need for separate Lock-Up for Women Police Station. We strongly recommend that a separate lock up is provided at the earliest and on top priority.
- ii. No vehicle in Women PS. Without a vehicle the police station would not be able to discharge its duties effectively if not impossible. Therefore, the Commission strongly recommends that at least one vehicle is provided to the Women PS at the earliest and on top priority.
- iii. Need for a Duty Room for personnel who spend the night at the PS for duty was expressed strongly. We were also informed that proposal for the same has been submitted earlier. The Commission recommends that the same is considered at the earliest and the required action is also taken.

As mandated under section 18 (e) of the Human Rights Protection Act, the concerned authorities shall forward their comments on the recommendation, including the action or actions taken or propose to be taken thereon, to the Commission within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of this recommendation.

The Secretary/ Registrar of the Commission shall do the needful for communication of the recommendation to the authorities concerned.


(R. Nzanbemo Lotha)
Member


(Justice Songkhupchung Serto)
Chairman, NSHRC

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