

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(LAW DIVISION)
MANAV ADHIKAR BHAWAN, BLOCK-C, G.P.O. COMPLEX,
INA, NEW DELHI- 110023

10 JULY 2016

Dated 04/06/2016

Case No. 13/3/6/2011

TO

SUHAS CHAKMA, DIRECTOR
NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR PREVENTION
OF TORTURE, C-3/441-C, JANAKPURI,
WEST DELHI, DELHI.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your complaint dated 07/01/2011, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 04/05/2016. The Commission has made the following directions.

These proceedings are in continuation of the Commission's earlier proceedings dated 2.12.2015, on a complaint of Shri Suhas Chakma, Director, Asian Centre for Human Rights, New Delhi relating to the ethnic violence, which took place between Rabha and Garo tribal communities in Assam - Meghalaya border on 1.1.2011, leading to the killing of at least 8 persons, burning hundreds of houses causing displacement of 18,000 persons from both the communities. The petitioner has sought intervention of the Commission for appropriate action in the matter.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, the Government of Meghalaya has reported to the Commission that the Government of Meghalaya has paid an amount of Rs.3.00 lakhs each to the next of kin of the deceased persons, who were residents of Meghalaya State. Apart from payment of Rs.3.00 lakhs as ex-gratia amount to each of the next of kin of the four deceased, the Government of Meghalaya has provided financial assistance to the ethnic violence affected persons by supply of essential commodities, ration and other basic necessities in the relief camp. They have also been provided assistance for reconstruction of their damaged houses, restoration of livelihood, etc. The Government has also taken long term steps to prevent recurrence of such ethnic clashes by providing security cover to the most sensitive and vulnerable villages in the affected areas. The Peace Committees comprising of members of both communities have also been constituted at village, block and district levels.

The Government of Assam have also sent his report dated 10.2.2016. As per the report, the next of kin of the ten deceased of district Goalpara have been paid ex-gratia @ Rs. 3.00 lakhs each. The next of kin of the three deceased persons of district Kamrup have been paid Rs.3.00 lakhs each as ex-gratia. The next of kin of the four deceased persons of district East Garo Hills have also been paid Rs.3.00 lakhs each as ex-gratia.

Since, the next of kin of the deceased persons of Meghalaya and Assam have been paid ex-gratia @ Rs.3.00 Lakhs each, no further intervention of the Commission is required and the case is closed.

This is for your information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized, cursive-like mark.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)