



National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, India

Case Details of File Number: 22/14/2005-2006-PF

Diary Number 137176
Name of the Complainant SH. SUHAS CHAKMA, DIRECTOR
Address ASIAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, C-3/44-C, JANAKPURI
 WEST DELHI , DELHI
Name of the Victim 3 PERSONS KILLED 33 INJURED
Address CHURACHANDPUR
 CHURACHANDPUR , MANIPUR
Place of Incident CHURACHANDPUR
 CHURACHANDPUR , MANIPUR
Date of Incident 12/15/2005

**Direction issued by the
Commission**

The complaint pertains to alleged killing of three persons detailed in the complaint and 33 persons, some of them are detailed in the complaint who sustained injuries in the joint firing made by Manipur police and Indian Reserve Battalion personnel on 15.12.2005. The deceased and injured persons besides others were protesting and demonstrating on the site against the construction of Khuga Multipurpose Dam Project. These persons were affected with the construction of said Dam. The Commission on 5.10.2006 observed and directed as under:- "Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, Special Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, vide communication dated 18th February 2006 has submitted report. Relevant part of the report reads as under:- On the night of 14.12.2005 at about 12 mid-night negotiations were going in the Chief Minister's Bungalow in Imphal between the Government and the representatives of the Khuga Dam Action Committee. In the meantime, about 400 people gathered near the Dam site and demanded that the construction work should be stopped immediately unless the State Government paid all the compensation in full to the affected persons. An agreement was being reached between the two parties in Imphal. However, the representatives could not contact the people who were agitating at Khuga Dam site. The D. C. who was one of the government representative informed his ADC in Ghurachandpur who in turn informed the Churachandpur police station to convey message to the agitators at the Dam site that the negotiations had been settled and would be signed in a few minutes. However, by that time the agitators had become very violent and they pelted stones at the security forces and shouted slogans. The police party who went to ell the agitators about the negotiations at Imphal were intercepted and their vehicle destroyed by the mob and set on fire. The crowd then attacked the BSF post at Khuga Dam which i stationed there to guard the workers, equipments, staff and property of the Dam. The crowd broke open the main gate of the BSF pot and set the barrack and other structures on fire. The efforts of the police and other security forces to prevent the mob from turning the violent failed miserably. The agitators also injured the BSF personnel and other policemen on duty. After due warning, the security forces at first used tear gas and lathi charge to dispense the mob but could not control the unruly crowd. As there was no other way out, the security forces opened fire to save their lives and avoid being overpowered by the mob and also to protect the properties which they were guarding. Three people identified as Liansunmung (3) of Mata Mualtam, Pumsuanhao (36) of Zoumun and Kailian (48) of Mata Mualtam were killed in the firing. About 33 villagers were injured in the incident. Out of this, 15 people were grievously injured and admitted to hospitals at Churachandpur and Imphal. Seven policemen were injured by the mob and were given medical treatment at Distt. Hospital, Churachandpur. The main reason why the trouble erupted is because the

Khuga Dam Action Committee who met the Chief Minister at Imphal could not get in touch with the villagers due to communication problems. The Government has also agreed to pay ex-gratia of Rs.1 lakh to each family members of the deceased within December, 2005 and also pay Rs.10,000/- to each of the injured within three months. An enquiry is also being made into the incident for taking appropriate action against anyone found guilty among the security forces. The Commission has perused the report. Special Secretary (Home), Govt. of Manipur is directed to submit status report regarding payment of compensation to each family members of the deceased and injured. Special Secretary (Home), Manipur is also directed to submit status report regarding action taken against anyone found guilty amongst the security forces during inquiry. Put up thereafter." Despite communication of the Commission's proceedings, requisite report is not received. Let a reminder DO be sent to the Secretary, Home, Government of Manipur impressing upon to send the requisite reports within four weeks.

Action Taken**Status on 11/4/2008****Additional Information Called for (Dated 1/22/2008)**

Response from concerned authority is awaited.

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