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Dated 17/04/2010

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVT. OF ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD 21 APR 2010

Sub : Complaint from

SUHAS CHAKMA, DIRECTOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR PREVENTION OF TORTURE, C-3/441-C, JANAKPURI WEST DELHI DELHL 110058

Sir/Madam,

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I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 12/04/2010 and the Commission has directed as follows.

These proceedings shall be read in continuation of the earlier proceedings of the Commission dated 17.8.2009 wherein the Commission directed as follows:-

"The victim was in the care and custody of the State which failed to protect his life, thus violating his human rights. In these circumstances, let a notice u/s 18(c) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 be sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad calling upon him to show cause why monetary relief may not be recommended to be paid to the next of kin of the deceased. He is also directed to apprise the Commission about the departmental action taken against erring excise police officials."

In response, a letter dated 19.10.2009 has been received from Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue(Excise-II) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. Perusal of the same reveals that the accused committed suicide because of his personal problems and not due to any torture that could be attributed to the Prohibition & Excise personnel. In view of this grant of monetary relief to the next of kin of the deceased does not arise.

Victim Nagula Ravinder aged 27 years was in the care and custody of the State which failed to protect his life as he was successful in committing suicide. The human rights of the victim have thus been violated. In these circumstances, the Commission feels that grant of interim relief is justified. An amount of Rs. 1,00,000/-(Rupees one lac only) is recommended to be paid to the next of kin of the deceased. Chief Secretary, Hyderabad is directed to send the proof of payment within eight weeks.

It is therefore, requested that the compliance report in the matter be sent to the Commission latest by 19/06/2010, so that the same could be placed before the Commission.

Yours faithfully, 300 ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (LAW)

CC To.

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