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

Dated 05/03/2014

## Case No. 13/14/4/2010-AFE DB-TL

- 7 MAR 2014

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

Sir/Madam,

To

With reference to your complaint dated 05/02/2010, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 06/02/2014. The Commission has made the following directions.

"In response to the Commission's proceedings of the  $24^{th}$  October 2013, it has received a series of communication from police officers, which have been forwarded to it by the Jt. Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, through a letter dated the  $16^{th}$  January, 2014.

The substantive response to the Commission's notice is in a letter dated the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2013, sent by the SP Imphal West, to the DIG (R-I), Government of Manipur. The only significant point that emerges from this letter is that, on the orders of the Imphal Bench of the Guwahati High Court, the Government of Manipur has paid Rs. 2,56, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs fifty six thousand) to the mother of the lateThoudam Shantikumar Singh. Despite the strenuous efforts made by the SP in his communication to defend the encounter, it is clear that the High Court has already taken a view that the next of kin should be given relief.

Since relief has already been paid to the next of kin, the Commission will take this case no further.

However, the Commission brings to the attention of the Chief Secretary and the DGP, Government of Manipur the intemperate and unacceptable language used in several sections of the letter from the SP Imphal West, K. Jayanta Singh. The Commission reminds the Chief Secretary and the DGP, Government of Manipur that u/s 13 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, the Commission, while enquiring into a complaint, has all the powers of a Civil Court. Officers of the Government of Manipur should be advised to bear this in mind in addressing communications to this Commission.

*The file is closed.* " This is for your information.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)

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