

National Human Rights Commission

Diary No	3755/IN/2020	Case / File No	4081/22/47/2020
Victim Name	MAHESWARI	Registration Date	07/04/2020

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Action No.	Action	Authority	Action Date
3	Concluded and No Further Action Required		22/03/2021
2	Additional Information Called for	THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR Theni District, Tamil Nadu	16/10/2020
1	Action Taken Report Called for	THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR THENI, TAMIL NADU	28/04/2020

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Action Date	22/03/2021
Authority	,
Proceeding	<p>The Complainant, who is coordinator of Campaign Against Torture(CAT), in his online complaint dated 06.04.2020 has alleged about the death of four persons including a 1-year-old child in forest fire near Araliyuthu under Rasingapuram forest range in Theni District of Tamil Nadu when they were returning home on foot due to nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 on 24 March 2020.They were employed at Pethotty Cardamom Estate in Idukki district of Kerala and were returning to their native place Rasingapuram along with other labourers. The deceased had been identified as Ms Maheswari (40), Ms V. Manju (35), Ms K. Vijayamani (45) and her 1-year-old granddaughter T. Krithika. The Complainant has urged the Commission for intervention and for direction to the State Govt. for conducting judicial enquiry and for compensation to NOK of the deceased. The Commission vide its proceeding dated 16.10.2020 had issued final reminder to the District Collector, Theni, Tamil Nadu for submission of requisite report. The report should clearly specify whether any ex-gratia compensation has been paid to the NOK of the deceased persons. Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, a report dated 14.10.2020 has been submitted by the District Collector, Theni. It is reported that 10 tea estate labourers, who worked in the Pethotty Cardamom Estate of Kerala were returning to their home village on 24.03.2020 despite nationwide lockdown. On 24.03.2020 at 2 pm, there was a sudden break out of forest fire, and in the fire accident, four persons died on the spot. Other six persons were rescued and given due medical care, who have returned to their home after medical treatment. It is submitted that all the 10 persons have violate the law in-force. The Government of Tamil Nadu, on compassionate ground have disbursed an ex-gratia of Rs. 4 Lakhs each to the NoK of the</p>

deceased as compensation. It is submitted that the Government has already granted compensation to the victims, hence, the request of the complainant may be rejected. Since, the concerned Government has already granted compensation to the victims of the alleged incident, who had though violated the lockdown rules, no further intervention of the Commission is required in the present case. The case is closed.

Complaint

Diary No	3755/IN/2020	Section	M-4
Language	ENGLISH	Mode	HRCNET/ONLINE
Received Date	06/04/2020	Complaint Date	06/04/2020

Victim

Victim Name	MAHESWARI	Gender	Female
Religion	Unknown	Cast	Unknown
Address	R/O RASINGAPURAM, THENI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU		
District	THENI	State	TAMIL NADU

Complainant

Name	DHANA KUMAR		
Address	C-3/441, THIRD FLOOR, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI		
District	WEST DELHI	State	DELHI (110058)

Incident

Incident Place	RASINGAPURAM FOREST RANGE	Incident Date	24/03/2020
Incident Category	DEATH IN CUSTODY OF FOREST OFFICIALS		
Incident District	THENI	Incident State	TAMIL NADU
Incident Details			