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То

The Chairman

National Human Rights Commission

Manav Adhikar Bhawan

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New Delhi - 110023

Respected Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the abduction of a 17-year old girl, Ms. Champa Bhuimali (name changed), from her house at 2<sup>nd</sup> Khanda Kushamari, Sitalkuchi Block and Police Station, Chotto Salbari Panchayat, Cooch Behar District and the subsequent inaction of the police. On 21.10.2020 the girl was at home along with the rest of her family. She was first found missing from her house between 3 and 4 PM. The family had lodged one complaint to the Officer in Charge of Sitalkuchi Police Station on the very next day but the police did not take any step regarding this matter.

Initially when the complaint was lodged to the Officer in Charge of Sitalkuchi Police Station, the Police said that due to the occasion of Durga Puja, they will not be able to do anything till the festivities end. Even after the puja, when the family asked again, they sent the family away asking them to wait and whenever they'll get any news, they'll inform the family.

Meanwhile, the family had received calls from the victims who told them approximately where she is and who has taken her. Even though the police have been informed of the same, they have not made any efforts to find the missing girl. The last date of call from the victim to her family had been on 16.11.2020.

Police officials of Sitalkuchi Police Station did not treat the complaint of the family members of the victim as First Information Report after knowing the fact that a cognizable crime was committed with the minor victim girl. This is a violation of section 154 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Apex Court Judgement in Lalita Kumari vs. State of U.P. [WP (Crl.) 68 of 2008]. This incident is in complete violation of Article 15 and Article 15 (3) of the Constitution of India which prohibits discrimination against citizens on the basis of sex, caste, race, religion or

place of birth and also provides special protection for women and children. It also violates Article 21 of the Constitution of India and Article 23 which prohibits trafficking in human beings and forced labour. Perpetrator of crime also violates section 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956

The details of the incident have been provided in the fact-finding report below. Due to the lack of investigation by the police personnel of Sitalkuchi Police Station, the girl is still missing from her home. Under these circumstances, I seek your urgent intervention by taking the following actions:

- The case should be investigated by an independent team of the Commission.
- Urgently registered the complaint of the family members of the victim as First Information Report.
- Immediately take action to rescue the minor victim girl
- Disciplinary actions must be taken against the police officials of Sitalkuchi Police Station for their inactiveness to rescue the minor victim and not registered the complaint as FIR.
- The victim and her family should be compensated for the mental harassment and agony suffered by them.
- A competent and speedy investigation should be directed by the Commission to locate the perpetrators as soon as possible.

Thanking you,	
Yours truly	

Dipyaman Adhikary

Assistant Secretary

Banglar Manabadhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM)

**Details of Victim:** Master Champa Bhuimali (name changed), 17 years old; daughter of Mr. Haleshwar Bhuilmali; residing at 2<sup>nd</sup>Khanda Kushamari under Chotto Salbari Panchayat and Sitalkuchi Block and Police Station in the district of Cooch Behar. **Height of the victim:** 4 feet 6 inches; **Complexion of the victim:** fair; **Clothes worn when last seen:** Black and greyish white salwar suit. **Hair color and length:** Black and long; **Mobile number:** 9749780414

**Details of Secondary Victims:** 1. Mr. Haleswar Bhuimali, father of the victim, 55 years old 2. Mrs. ShuklaBhuimali, mother of the victim, 45 years old.

- 3. Mr. HarinathBhuimali, brother of victim, 18 years old.
- 4. Mr. UjjalBhuimali, brother of victim, 17 years old.
- 5. Ms. RumpaBhuimali, sister of victim, 22 years old.
- 6. Ms. JhumpaBhuimali, sister of victim, 21 years old.

**Details of Perpetrator**: Mr.Taposh Roy who took the victim girl from the house, Phone no. 8016249409 and police officials of the Sitalkuchi Police Station who are completely inactive on their part to rescue the victim girl.

Date and Time of Incident: 21.10.2020 around 3- 4PM and thereafter.

Place of Incident: The victim was found missing from the house after 3-4 pm.

Details of the incident: The minor victim, Master Champa Bhuimali (name changed), is a 17 year old girl of the Sanatan Community studying in class 10. On 21.10.2020, the family had lunch together with the victim girl at home. Around 3-4PM, they found the victim absent from home. When she did not return by evening, the family started to search the village thoroughly for the girl. When the victim was not found till the next day, the family lodged one complaint for missing the victim girl at the Sitalkuchi Police station. Police officials did not register the complaint as First Information Report after knowing the incident that a minor girl was missing. The police official of Sitalkuchi Police Station just put the incident in their General Diary being General Diary Entry No. 932 dated 22.10.2020. The police informed the family members of the victim that since it was the time of Durga Puja, nothing can be done till the end of it. When the other members of the family and Mrs. Sonali Bhuimali, who is another elder sister of the victim went to the Police for further updates, they asked them to go back home and wait. Meanwhile, on 03.11.2020, the elder sister of the victim Mrs. Sonali Bhuimali received a call from phone number 8855963387 from the victim. The victim stated that she is in Mumbai, but on further asking from where in Mumbai she was calling, she could not say. The victim further stated that she has been locked in a room and was not allowed to leave. She is too distraught and cannot explain the condition she is in. The only thing she was doing to plead the family members to bring her back home.

On 16.11.2020, the victim again called and told the family that she was at Kalyan Station, Pipe Line, Sonali Aifai Nagar. The victim stated that she is with another female and a male. The female guards her and makes sure she does not go anywhere, and the male is the perpetrator, Mr. Taposh Roy, phone no. 8016249409. The girl has also called the family from this number and pleaded to save and bring her back. The victim has not been able to give any more details regarding the place as she does not know the language of the people around her. All these information has been relayed to the Police but there has been no action regarding the same and the girl still remains missing.

From the act of police officials of Sitalkuchi Police station it is proved that they are inactive on their part to trace out this minor victim girl. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act provides the speedy rescue of the traffic victims and therefore section 13 of the said Act also told that there shall be for each area to be specified by the State Government in this behalf a Special Police

Officer appointed by or on behalf of that government for dealing with offences under this Act in that area. But the officials of Sitalkuchi Police Station did not intend to rescue the minor victim girl which is unethical and must be punishable.

I wish your authority take urgent action to rescue the minor victim girl and also steps taken for perpetrators and the officials who are completely inactive in their duties.

## **Attached Documents**

## Picture of victim



Missing complaint lodged at sitalkuchi Police Station

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