



Banglar

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The Chairman
National Human Rights Commission
Manav Adhikar Bhawan
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA
New Delhi-110023

Respected Sir,

Through this complaint, I seek to draw your attention to the villagers of Kalmati Durganagar (Teprai), who have been suffering due to restrictions on their livelihood by the Border Security Forces (BSF) and arbitrary construction of fences without sticking to the rules laid down by the Government of India. Lack of basic amenities, welfare schemes and undue, despotic restriction is a severe issue that the villagers face. The village is situated under the Dinhata II Block, Sahebganj Police Station and Kaalmati Post Office in the District of Cooch Behar. The village has a population of around 2000 people out of which 1100 are female and 900 are male. It is a Hindu majority population of about 1500 and 500 people belonging to the Muslim community. The chief occupation in the village is farming and daily wage labour with an average income of Rs.4000 per month. Cultivable land is about 2000 acres. The distance from the International Border Pillar and the border fence is about 300-500 meters.

The fact in concern is that the construction of the fence was to be made within 150 gauge meter as per the rule of Government of India but as 192 Batallion, 'C' Company B.S.F has planned to put the fences 300-350 gauge from the International Border Post. Three roads go over the market place of Kaalmati Bhyakra pul, hence most businessmen and general people use that road to travel and use it for other purposes. BSF despotically shuts that road down and restricts vehicles which causes a lot of problem for the people Villagers in that area requested the fences to be build at a distance of 150 gauge as prescribed. The main road from Dinhata to Baman hat is the used by about 4000 families, businessmen, farmers, pregnant women and old sick people. It is a basic requirement to have free access of roads for people to carry on their daily jobs which the BSF has control on. As soon as the BSF received the application letter of request by the villagers , they instantly built a fence along the Kalmati Bhyakra pul Bazaar which was a free road until now, hence restricts the farmers to have easy access to the lands. This sudden intervention has caught people off guard and has restricted their free movement.

The villagers have provided with a written complaint on 21.10.2019 to the following authorities:

1. Dm, Cooch Behar
2. Sub-divisional Officer, Dinhata
3. Block Development Officer (B.D.O), Dinhata II

4. Company Commander B.O.P Camp (Durganagar)

5. Pradhan, Bamnahat-II (Kalmati)

6. Pradhan Sahebganj G.P

No action taken report has been received by the above authorities. These sudden intervention by the BSF on a free road has caused a lot of damage to the local businessmen, farmers and the general people of that area. BSF uses arbitrary power over the people hindering their economic growth.

Some people who have been restricted arbitrarily by the BSF are:

1. Haren Nai Barman, 60, Family members: 6

2. Sanjay Barman, 40, Family members: 5

3. Kamal Barman, 30, Family members: 7

I request your urgent intervention in this case by fulfilling these demands of the villagers:

- The BSF should construct fences within 150 gauge from the IBP.
- The barbed fence should be reconstructed at the zero point instead of in the middle of the village
- There should be irrigation facilities and proper roads in the village
- The Border Area Development Program (BADP) funds should be utilized for the benefit of the border villages
- The villagers should be provided with agricultural tools and cattle rearing support
- There should be opportunities for the employment of youth in government sector jobs.

Thank you.

Yours truly

Dipyaman Adhikary

Assistant Secretary

Banglar Manabadhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM)



Attached Documents

- Mass deputation sent to District Magistrate of Cooch Behar

To

The District Magistrate

Cooch Behar

West Bengal

Date:- 21.10.19

Sub:-Application For Shifting Katatar Fence Within 150 Gauge Mitre.

Respected Sir,

With due respect we inform you that the undersigns are the permanent inhabitants of Kalmati in the village of Durganagar (Teprai). The construction of Fence From Haren Barmans house to Durganagar B.O.P. Camp (Vekrapul) was to be made by 150 gauge mitre as per the rule of India Government. But the Fence exists within approximate 300 gauge mitre from Zero Point. For this reason, Vekrapul Market, the Student of Primary School and Junior Girls High School and the people face a great inconvenience for any time for this Fence. At present the Fence is being opened for repairing.

So, we all request you with our folded hand that you would be kind enough to make the proper investigation so that let the Fence be constructed within 150 gauge mitre instead of 300 gauge mitre according to the rule of India Government.

Copy Forwarded to

1. The District Magistrate

Cooch Behar

2. Sub-Divisional Officer

Dinhata

3. Block Development Officer (B.D.O.)

Dinhata-II

4. Company Commander

B.O.P. Camp (Durganagar)

5. Pradhan

Bamanhat-II G.P. (Kalmati)

6. Pradhan

Sahebganj G.P.

Yours Faithfully

1. Shivanen. Barmen
2. Amal Barmen
3. Anil Ch. Barmen
4. Subodh Barmen
5. Dhiman Sankar
6. Pradipt Barmen
7. Santanu Barmen
8. Biswajit Barmen
9. Kanak Kanta Barmen
10. Nabin Kumar Barmen

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District Magistrate's Office
Cooch Behar
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S.D.O.'s Office, Dinhata
21.10.19

22.10.19
Executive Assistant
Sahebganj Gram Panchayat

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Dinhata-II Gov. Block
Sahebganj, Cooch Behar

1. Sankar Barman
2. Bisnu Barman
3. M. K. Barman
4. Manojang Roy
5. Karmakanta Mohanta
6. Mintu Barman
7. Prasenjit Barman
8. K. K. Barman
9. G. K. Barman
10. K. K. Barman
11. Rajit Barman
12. Ananta Barman
13. Dhiman Barman
14. Ranajit Barman
15. Kishore Barman
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31. Bimal Ch. Barman
32. Satyajit Barman

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