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The Chairperson
National Human Rights Commission
ManavAdhikarBhawan
Block-C, GPO complex, INA
New Delhi-110023

Respected Sir

Through this complaint I want to state the condition of a poor, marginalized and landless 80-year old widow from minority Muslim community (Other Backward Class) residing in Gobra village under Swarupnagar police station area of North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal, who is devoid of her widow pension for the last three years.

Ms. Rahila Gazi, wife of late Echilam Gazi has been receiving widow pension since 2010 but her pension has been stopped since June 2017. Despite repeated appeals to the Block Development Officer of Swarupnagar block, her pension was not revived. Under the circumstances Ms. Gazi is living in acute penury and extreme economic crisis.

Ms. Rahila Gazi has been widow for the last 40 years. She lives in a small bamboo shack and is suffering from chronic illness due to old age. Since 2010, she has been granted widow pension of rupees 400 per month, which was her only income. But since June 2017 she has to make her living from the money her neighbors provide her as an act of help as the pension has been stopped. She is also deprived of government ration. After walking for 1.5 kilometers to the ration shop in poor health condition, the ration shop owner Mr. Eyaha Khan (Registration no. 23370223017) denied her ration on 28.07.20. She lodged a complaint to the Block Development Officer of Swarupnagar block on 8.10.2017 and asked to revive the pension but no action from the BDO, Swarupnagar was taken yet. When her neighbors enquired in the BDO office they were informed that her name was registered as Rahila Gazi in the BPL card (vide no. **WB-15-019-005-003/40558**) whereas, Rahila Bibi in her voter ID card (vide no. 0253773) and hence the pension was stopped. Since then Ms. Rahila Gazi lodged written and verbal complaints to the BDO, Swarupnagar many times but with similar results. She even did an affidavit before the Notary Public at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas of both the names being of the same person and submitted it in the BDO's office but still the pension was not revived.

The present situation is a clear violation of Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India as well as Articles 9 and 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) in which the Indian state committed to adhere with. I therefore, urge your urgent intervention into the matter by directing the concerned authorities to provide widow pension and regular government ration to Ms. RahilaGazi as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours truly

DipyamanAdhikary
Assistant Secretary
MASUM

Voter card of victim



Bank Statement of victim

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHQ/DEBIT NO.	AMOUNT	AMOUNT IN INDIAN RUPEES	BALANCE	CASH
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