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The Chairperson

National Human Rights Commission

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Respected Sir,

I want to draw your kind attention towards the illegitimate and unconstitutional restrictions imposed by the Border Security Force personnel in village- Char Parashpur, situated under Jalangi Block and police station. One of the residents of the village, Mr. Sahar Ali, who lost almost his everything in erosion of Padma river, is now facing illegitimate restrictions in his life and livelihood by the BSF personnel of Farajipara BSF camp, Battalion Number- 141.

Mr. Ali spent all his savings to buy two cows for animal husbandry in May 2020. After a few days he faced a huge problem when the price of cow fodder was doubled. Then he took the written permission from the Pradhan of Ghoshpara Gram Panchayat, Officer in Charge of Jalangi Police Station and Block Development Officer of Jalangi Block to graze his cattle in the char area. But the mentioned BSF personnel did not allow him to do this. The victim has alleged that the perpetrator BSF personnel allows people to graze their cattle after taking bribes and that they are posted almost 10 kilometers away from the International Border Pillar.

This attitude of the BSF personnel of Farajipara BSF camp violates Articles 19 (d) and 21 of the Constitution of India and Articles 11 of International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Goals number 8 and 16 of Sustainable Development Goals and for both these international instruments Government of India is a party.

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

- The Border Security Force should be posted at the zero point instead of in the middle of the village.
- BSF should not illegally restrict the life and livelihood of the villagers particularly of the farmers.
- Victim should be allowed to graze his cattle at the "Char area".
- The concerned authority should take necessary steps to solve the issue.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Name of the victim – Mr. Sahar Ali, son of Mr. Uhab Mondal aged about 42 years, lives in village- Parsahpur, situated under Jalangi Block and police station.

Name of secondary victim – Ms. Sabina Bibi, wife of Mr. Sahar Mondal aged about 36 years.

Name of the perpetrator – Company commandant of Farajipara BSF camp , Battalion Number- 141.

Incident details–Mr. Sahar Ali is resident of village- Parashpur, situated under Jalangi Block and Police Station. His family lost almost everything in erosion of Padma river. To meet his daily needs, he gathered all his meagre savings and purchased 1 cow and one calf on May 2020. Nowadays the price of cow fodder are abnormally hiked. So Mr. Ali is not being able to feed his cows. He bought his cows from Fakirabad, situated under Jalangi Police station. After purchasing the cows on 14th May 2020, he applied before the Pradhan of Ghospara Gram panchayat, and Officer in Charge of Jalangi Police Station to have the permit to graze his cattle at the “char” area. Pradhan of the mentioned panchayat also sought permission from the Block Development Officer of Jalangi Block which was granted.

After being permitted by the mentioned administrative officers, when Mr. Ali went to “Char” area to graze his cattle, the Border Security Force personnel from Farajipara Border Out Post (Battalion Number- 141) restricted him to do the same. He showed his permission letters from Gram panchayat, Police Station and Block Development Office but the Perpetrator BSF personnel did not pay any heed. They also threatened to arrest him in a false case under the Narcotics Drugs Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) act.

After this, he sent a written application before the Company commandant of Farajipara Border Out Post to allow his cattle to graze at the mentioned area. But till date, the BSF personnel have not allowed him to do so. Mr. Sahar Ali can neither purchase fodder for his cattle due to penury nor can he graze his cattle in the “char”. Mr. Sahar Ali told our fact finding team that the perpetrator BSF personnel allow the other villagers to graze their cattle in exchange of bribes. But Mr. Sahar Ali does not have the resources to offer bribe, therefore his cattle get no chance to go there. Mr. Ali also said that the BSF personnel are posted almost 10 kilometers far from the International Border Pillar and interferences with their life and livelihood.

Attached Documents

Photo of victim and his cattle



Voter card of Sahar Ali



