



Complaint Petition

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To

The Chairperson
Odisha Human Rights Commission
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Date: [29-08-2024]

Subject: Complaint Against IIC of Khandagiri Police Station & Others for Assault and Misconduct against a women using Third Degree methods which caused grievous injury to the victim lady

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally lodge a complaint against the IIC of the Khandagiri Police Station, Commissionerate Police, Bhubaneswar, along with certain officers of the police station, including a lady Sub-Inspector, Payal Madam. The complaint pertains to an incident of assault and misuse of criminal force against a victim, Laxmi Dakua, which occurred on 24th August 2024.

01 . That, On that date, Ms. Laxmi Dakua approached the Khandagiri Police Station to file an FIR against individuals associated with an opposing political party. Instead of assisting her in her time of need, the police officers, allegedly acting on the instigation of those individuals, resorted to using criminal force against her. They visited her residence at 2:00 AM under dubious circumstances, seeking to take her to the police station. This action not only violated the legal and ethical standards expected from law enforcement officers, but it also contravened the directives of competent authorities and the guidelines set forth by the apex court.

02. That, The officers involved, including S.I. Payal and others, have been implicated in committing offenses under sections 116(2), 296, 352, 79, 74, 116, 131, and 67 of the BNS-2023. Despite Ms. Dakua being the victim of grievous harm, no FIR has been registered against the responsible officers, further illustrating the blatant abuse of power within the police apparatus.

03. That, It is with great concern that I highlight the growing perception of the Khandagiri Police Station as a center for torture and extortion, allegedly orchestrated by ACP Tapas Kumar Pradhan, who is known for his involvement in various criminal activities, including a Paisa Vahooli racket and custodial murders. It appears that the current leadership within the police department, including the DCP and DM, is either complicit or neglectful in their duties, failing to conduct regular inspections of police stations as mandated by the Odisha Police rules and manual.

04. That, The aforementioned officers' refusal to take action against the errant policemen when the incident was reported to them raises serious questions regarding their integrity and commitment to upholding the rule of law.

I kindly urge the Odisha Human Rights Commission to investigate this matter thoroughly and take the necessary steps to ensure justice for Laxmi Dakua and accountability for the police officers involved in these egregious acts.

I hope you will take prompt action to ensure justice and maintain the law.

Thanking You.

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