

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp. 2681/2014

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Eighty percent burn injuries to an under-trial prisoner in Nawada jail.

BHRC, under the mandate of section 12(a) of Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, takes **suo motu** cognizance of **PTI** News carried in various national dailies today regarding an under-trial prisoner suffering 80% burn injuries in Nawada Jail yesterday (Sunday). Reportedly, the victim is blaming the jailor and his close aides for the incident whereas the jail authorities seem to have informed the District Magistrate, Nawada about attempted suicide by the victim.

2. The victim Rupesh Paswan (40) lodged in Nawada Jail for the last four years in connection with Arms Act offence reportedly alleged that the jailor and two jail inmates first beat him up and then poured kerosene oil over him and burnt him. According to the news, the Deputy Inspector General (Administration) Prisons, Bihar has rushed to investigate the incident.

3. The Commission directs **IG (Prisons & Correctional Services), Bihar** to submit report to the Commission by **14th August, 2014**. Commission also directs the **District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Nawada** to submit **joint report** to the Commission by 14th August, 2014 when the case is listed next.

4. Let copy of the order be faxed to (i) IG, Prisons & Correctional Services, Bihar, (ii) District Magistrate, Nawada and (iii) SP, Nawada for necessary action.

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Member

Date: 28.7.2014

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