

## BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp.57/2014

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

**Subject:** Death of an Elderly Person in Police Custody due to assault/cold

Bihar Human Rights Commission takes **suo motu** cognizance of the death of an elderly person taken in police custody on electricity theft charges due to misbehaviour/assault by the police/winter cold at Shakurabad Police Station of **Jehanabad district** and assault of SHO by irate mob. The news was aired on E.Tv Bihar at 9:15 A.M. onwards. Commission directs **Sri B.S. Meena, DIG Magadh Range, Gaya** to get an enquiry into the incident and related aspects caused by **S.P. Jehanabad** and send report to the Commission by **28<sup>th</sup> January 2014** when the case is listed next. Report of DIG, Magadh Range should indicate actions taken in the matter.

2. The incident raises another collateral issue – whether lock-up (hazats) in police stations are adequately equipped with protective gear including blankets to off-set the effect of bitter cold in winters. **Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bihar** will kindly cause a **review by the Police Headquarters** into this aspect of the matter and take corrective steps, if required, and apprise the Commission about the same by **14<sup>th</sup> February 2014**.

3. Copy of this order be faxed to the (i) **Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bihar** (ii) **Director General of Police, Bihar** (iii) **Sri B.S. Meena, DIG Magadh Range, Gaya** and (iv) **S.P. Jehanabad** for necessary action indicated above.

Sd/-  
(Neelmani)  
**Acting Chairperson**

Date: 10.01.2014

Secretary  
S.P./D.S.