

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp. 540/16

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Cops live and sleep in their barracks segregated on the basis of caste, community and eat food cooked in separate kitchens.

25.01.2016

On a day before Republic Day it was daunting and threatening to read a story in Hindustan Times, Patna; if story is correct this is a sad reflection on our polity and administrative system. It sounds unbelievable that almost after 70 years of independence we have still separate barracks and kitchens for policemen and they are segregated on basis of caste and community.

A policeman belonging to one community cannot eat food from a kitchen from another community. Even the photographs published in the newspaper Hindustan Times show that the food is still being prepared in 19th century type of kitchens by using wood as fuel.

This matter is very important and even if part of the story is true it can not be tolerated. The Principal Secretary, Home is directed to file a report in response to the press report within a period of two weeks before the Commission.

Since the matter is of utmost importance the matter shall be taken up by full bench of the Commission on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to DGP, Bihar.

A copy of this order be also sent to Shri Avinash Kumar, Correspondent, Hindustan Times who is also requested to be present on the next date of hearing to assist the Commission in dealing with the matter.

Copy of the report be also sent with notice.

Post the matter on 10.02.2016.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson