

**COMPLAINT / CASE STATUS**

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Case	National Human Rights Commission		
	Details		
Diary No	148662/CR/2025	Case / File No	1255/10/25/2025
Victim Name	MORE THAN 50 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS	Registration Date	15/12/2025
Action List (Click on Action given in blue color to view details)			
Action No.	Action	Authority	Action Date
3	Additional Information Called for	To:- THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, BANGALORE KARNATAKA Email- prsprim-edu@karnataka.gov.in THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DC Office Complex, Chamarajnagar, Karnataka 571313 CHAMARAJA NAGAR KARNATAKA Email- deo.cnagar@gmail.com	01/04/2026

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1	Action Taken Report Called for	<p>To:- THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DC Office Complex, Chamaraj Nagar, Karnataka 571313 CHAMARAJA NAGAR KARNATAKA Email- deo.cnagar@gmail.com</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, BANGALORE KARNATAKA Email- prsprim-edu@karnataka.gov.in</p>	23/12/2025

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Action : Additional Information Called for(Action No 3)

Action Date	01/04/2026
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Proceeding

1. The complainant alleged an urgent and ongoing human rights violation affecting more than 50 school and college students of Pachedoddi village, Hanur Taluk, Chamaraj Nagar district, Karnataka, who are forced to walk nearly 14 km every day through dense forest and wildlife-prone areas, including tiger habitats, due to the complete absence of road connectivity and public transport. The complainant further alleged that this daily and hazardous journey exposes children to serious risks of wild animal attacks, extreme physical exhaustion, mental trauma, and disruption of education, amounting to violations of their constitutional rights to life, safety, dignity, and education. The complainant also alleged that despite repeated representations, visits by officials, and public appeals over several years, the authorities have failed to provide even basic transport or road infrastructure, reflecting prolonged administrative apathy and necessitating urgent intervention of the Commission in the matter.

2. Vide proceeding dated 23.12.2025, the Bench of the National Human Rights Commission, presided by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Hon'ble Member, took cognizance u/s 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, in the matter. The Registry was directed to issue a notice to the Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and the DM, Chamaraj Nagar, Karnataka, with directions to get the allegations made in the complaint inquired into and to submit an Action Taken Report within two weeks for perusal of the Commission.

3. However, there was no response. Hence, reminder dated 03.02.2026.

4. The Commission has considered the material placed on record. In the present case, the complainant brought into the notice of the Commission the plight of approximately 50

school and college students of Pachedoddi village, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka. It is alleged that in absence of nearby educational institutions, the students are forced to walk nearly 14 km every day through dense forest and wildlife-prone areas, including tiger habitats, due to the complete absence of road connectivity and public transport. It is further submitted that the students are exposed to grave risks, including potential wild animal attacks, extreme physical exertion, and disruption of their education.

5. In this regard, it is worthwhile to refer to the judgment of the **Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Manager Palathingal MLP School, Parappanangadiv vs Sethumadhavan PK and Others***, decided on 08 September 2017. A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta noted that:

"...We cannot expect children in the age group of 10 to 14 years to walk 3 kilometres or more to attend school. The right of education up to the age of 14 years is now a fundamental right under article 21A of the Constitution and if this right is to be meaningful, then efforts must be made to open upper primary schools in such a manner that no child has to walk 3 kilometres or more only to attend school." (Emphasis supplied)

6. The Commission notes with concerns that if submission of the complainant is found to be true, it amount to a violation of their fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India, particularly the rights to life, safety, dignity, and education. Further, there has been complete lack of response from the Govt. of Karnataka despite direction dated 23.12.2025 followed by a reminder dated 03.02.2026.

7. Therefore, in view of above concerns and observations of the Commission, let direction be issued again to the Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and the District Magistrate, Chamarajnagar, Karnataka, for submission of a requisite action taken report within a period of four weeks failing which the Commission would be constrained to invoke Section 13 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993,

regarding personal appearance before the Commission.

Complaint

Diary No	148662/CR/2025	Section	M-4
Language	ENGLISH	Mode	E-MAIL
Received Date	13/12/2025	Complaint Date	09/12/2025

Victim

Victim Name	MORE THAN 50 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS	Gender	Both
Religion	Unknown	Cast	Unknown
Address	PACHEDODDI VILLAGE, HANUR TALUK, CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT, KARNATAKA		
District	CHAMARAJA NAGAR	State	KARNATAKA

Complainant

Name	ADVOCATE Y. BALACHANDER REDDY		
Address	KARNATAKA		
District	KARNATAKA	State	KARNATAKA (0)

Incident

Incident Place	PACHEDODDI VILLAGE, HANUR TALUK, CH	Incident Date	NA
Incident Category	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS/ TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS (GOVT./PVT.)		
Incident District	CHAMARAJA NAGAR	Incident State	KARNATAKA

**Incident
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