

National Human Rights Commission

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

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1	Action Taken Report Called for	<p>To:- THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DC Office Complex, Chamarajnar, Karnataka 571313</p>	23/12/2025

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Proceeding	<p>This proceeding shall be read in continuation of the earlier proceedings of the Commission in the matter.</p> <p>The complainant alleged an urgent and ongoing human rights violation affecting more than 50 school and college students of Pachedoddi village, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar 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.</p> <p>Vide proceeding dated 23.12.2025, the Commission's Bench, presided by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Hon'ble Member, took cognizance in the matter and directed the Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and the DM, Chamarajnagar, 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. This was followed by a reminder dated 03.02.2026.</p>

Be it noted that 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.

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,"

The Commission notes with concerns that if submission of the complainant is found to be true, it shall amount to a violation of their fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India, particularly the rights to life, safety, dignity, and education.

However, despite seriousness of the allegations raised in the complaint and despite the repeated directions of the Commission the concerned authorities, namely, the Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and the DM, Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, have failed submit the requisite reports in the matter.

Taking serious view of the same, the Commission directs its Registry to issue Conditional Summons to the said concerned authorities, namely, the Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore and the DM, Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, u/s 13 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for appearance before the Commission, in person or through a duly authorized representative, who is well versed with the facts of the case on 15.07.2026 at 11:30 hrs., in its office at Manav Adhikar Bhawan, C-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023 along with requisite enquiry report in the matter.

However, if the requisite reports are received on or before 01.07.2026, the personal appearance of the aforesaid authorities shall stand dispensed with.

Complaint

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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 Details			