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JM No. 1/2017
Tirunelveli

SUBMITTED BEFORE THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CHERANMAHADEVI

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Sub : - Laying Charge Sheet U/s. 173(2) CrP.C -Submitted -

Ref : - Tirunelveli District, Veeravanallur PS Cr.No.161/7
U/s 170, 353, 419, 506(i) r/w 34 IPC.

State represented by the
Dy.Suptd of Police,
Organized Crime Unit,
Crime Branch CID,
Tirunelveli City

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Vs

- 1).S.Gnanathiraviyam, Age 40,
S/o.Saminathan,
Poonganagar,
Thiruppuvanam,
Ramnad Dist
- 2).P.Anandan, Age 25,
S/o.Palani,
Anbunagar,
Manamadurai.
Ramnad Dist
- 3).D.Bharathi, Age 26,
D/o.Dhanu,
Vallabhai Road,
Chokkikulam,
Madurai
- 4). Nisargapriya, Age 23,
D/o.Chitramaiah,
Dumgoor,
Karnataka State
- 5). Sudha, Age 22,
M/o.Kamalammal,
Dhavangireh Dist,
Karnataka State.

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Accused

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Charged U/s 419, 353, 506(i) IPC r/w 34 IPC

The above noted accused are all friends and associates. They all in an association misusing the name of the Govt. Human Rights Commission.

On 15.08.2010 at about 20.00 hrs, when Tmt.V.Roselin Savio, the Sub -, Inspector of Police of Veeravanallur Police Station was on duty at her office room discharging her official duty at the Police Station, Veeravanallur all the above noted accused intentionally made an entry in to the room of the Sub Inspector of Police at Veervanallur Police Station fraudulently posing themselves as if they are coming from Govt. Human Rights Commission and authantatively demanded the documents in a threatening manner relating to one Suresh of Kottaivasal Street, Veeravanallur, who was detained under Goondas Act.

When the Sub Inspector of Police, asked the above noted accused about their identity, the accused told her that they all coming from Govt. Human Rights Commission and when the Sub Inspector of Police asked the accused to show their identity cards, they not only refused but started threatening the Sub Inspector of Police with dire consequences.

All the five accused again and again emphasized and impersonated themselves as Government officers as if they are coming from Govt. Human Rights Commission and behaved with the Sub Inspector of Police in a threatening manner and prevented her from discharging her official duties.


All the five accused threatened the Sub Inspector of Police raising their voices and pointed their fingers near the face of the Sub Inspector of police and with gestures and roaring voices made her frightened. Further, all the accused blamed the Sub Inspector of Police that Veeravanallur police are detaining innocent people under Goondas Act. All the accused above noted caused alarm to the Sub Inspector of Police by stating that if she did not hand over the records, they will inform the authorities and will endanger her future carrier and job.

Alarmed by the acts of all the five accused, (Sub Inspector of Police) escaped out of her room and conveyed the incident to her superior officer.

All the five accused intentionally made an entry into the room of the women Sub Inspector of Police and impersonating themselves as Govt. officers of the Govt., Human Rights Commission and made the Woman Sub Inspector of Police Tmt. Roselin Savio to believe that they were the officers of National Human Rights Commission and on that pretext intentionally induces the Sub Inspector of Police so deceived to provide the documents which they required and which Act she would not do if she were not so deceived by such impersonation and thus cheated the Woman Sub - Inspector of Police cheating the Sub - Inspector of Police, a public servant.

Hence A1 to A5 are liable to be prosecuted for having committed offences punishable under sections 419, 353, 506 (i) r/w 34 IPC for entered into the office of the Woman Sub Inspector of Police and deterring a public servant from discharging her official duties and also for threatening her and criminal conduct of intimidating her with dire consequences and trying to assault her.

Hence this charge.


Dy. Supdt of Police,
Organized Crime Unit,
Crime Branch CID,
Tirunelveli City

LIST OF WITNESSES AND MEMO OF EVIDENCE

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| <p>1</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PW</p> | <p>Tmt.Roselin Savio, Age: 34/11 Women Sub- Inspector of Police, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist</p> | <p>To speak about that she is the complainant of this case - On 15.08.2010 at about 20.00 hrs accused A1 to A5 entered in to the room and threatened as if they were all coming from Govt.Human Rights Commission - denied to show their identity cards - demanded the Goondas documents pertaining to Suresh - gave information to Inspr of Police, Mukkudal i/c of Veeravanallur PS - written complaint - escorted the women accused along with PW4, PW 16 - Witnessed the argument made by A3 with JM, Cheranmahadevi regarding the remand and other connected facts.</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PW</p> | <p>Tr.Johnson Kennedy, HC 2514, Age: 46 / 11, S/o. Thirumal Nadar, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dt</p> | <p>To speak about that he is the station writer - incharge of P.S - the entry of A1 to A5 in to the WSI room - provided seat to them - threatening made by the accused - eye witness of the occurrence and other connected facts.</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PW</p> | <p>Tr.Narayanan, HC552, Age: 55/11 S/o.Arumugam Pillai, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist</p> | <p>To speak about that he was the station sentry on 15.08.10 - entry of A1 to A5 in to the WSI room - provided seat to them along with PW2 and other connected facts.</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PW</p> | <p>Tr.Murugan, SSI127, Age 51/11, S/o.Chelliah, 4/54, Salai Street, Kunioor, Veeravanallur PS.</p> | <p>To speak about that he returned after evening rounds to PS - entry of A1 to A5 in to WSI room - threatening made by A1 to A5 as if they were all coming from Govt. Human Rights Commission - denied to show their identity cards - eye witness of the occurrence - escorted the female accused along with PW16 led by WSI and other connected facts.</p> |
| <p>5</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PW</p> | <p>Tr.Nambi Narayanan, Gr.I.292, Age:36/11, S/o.Velu, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist</p> | <p>To speak about that he is the driver of Veeravanallur PS jeep TN 72 G-0565 - entry of A1 to A5 in to WSI room - threatning made by the accused- eye witness of the occurrence and other connected facts.</p> |

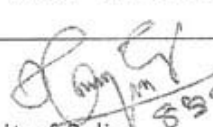
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| 6 A2 | Tr.Thalavai, Age 37/11, S/o.Pitchaikannu Thevar, 110/118, Church Street, Kilakkulam, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that they are residing at Kilakkulam, Veeravanallur - proceeding to bazaar area on 15.08.10 at about 20.00 hrs - heard noise at police station - visited station - seen the threatening made by A1 to A5 as if coming from Govt.Human Rights Commission - eye witness of the occurrence and other connected facts. |
| 7 B2 | Tr.Lakshmanan, Age 30/11, S/o.Subramanian, 34/40, Pillayar Koil Street, Kilakkulam, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli Dist | |
| 8 A3 | Tr.S.Esakkimuthu, HC 694, Age 46/11, S/o.Sankaralingam, Mukkudal Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that he is accompanied to Veeravanallur PS along with Inspr of Police, Mukkudal PS i/c of Veeravanallur PS - prepared FIR as per the instructions of Inspr and other connected facts. |
| 9 A3 | Tr.S.Raman, SSI 2147, Age 52/11, S/o.Shanmuga Thevar, Pathamadai Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that he is accompanied to Veeravanallur PS along with Tr. Sankar, Inspr of Police, Cheranmahadevi PS - prepared remand report as per the instructions of Inspr, Mukkudal PS and other connected facts. |
| 10 B3 | Tr.Sivakumar, Age 30/11, S/o.Sankaralingam, 22/12, Annaimaniammai St, Pathamadai, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that he is the local Dinakaran press reporter - visited Veeravanallur PS to collect news - On request of Tr.Murugesan,, Inspr of Police, Mukkudal PS - recorded the enquiry and arrest of A1 to A5 at Police station - - handed over the CD to Inspr, Mukkudal PS and other connected facts. |
| 11 A3 | Tr.Vellapandi, Age 19/11, S/o.Balasubramanian, Mathang Koil St, Kilakkulam, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli Dist. | To speak about that they attested in the observation mahazar prepared by Tr.Murugesan,, Inspr of Police, Mukkudal PS and other connected facts |
| 12 B3 | Tr.Sivanupandian, Age 25/11, S/o.Esakki Thevar, Seenivasa Perumal Koil St, Kilakkulam , Veeravanallur , | |

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| 13 | Tr.Chithiraiselvan, Age 47, S/o.Andi Adaviyar, 73 North Aiyandar St, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli Dist. | To speak about that he is member and convenor of citizen for Human Rights Movement of Veeravanallur - On receipt of information from one Ganesan- visited Veeravanallur PS on 15.08.10 at 21.00 hrs - attested the arrest memo and other connected facts |
| 14 | Tr.P.Murugan, SSI 2442, Age 52/11, S/o.Petchimuthu, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that on information came to station - guarded the accused A1 to A5 - escorted the male accused and other connected facts |
| 15 | Tr.S.Balu, SSI 2183, Age 52/11, S/o. Subbiah, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that on information came to station - guarded the accused A1 to A5 - escorted the male accused and other connected facts |
| 16 | Tr. M.Kajamohideen, SSI 1986, Age 57/11, S/o. Mohaideen Pitchai, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that he reached Police station on receipt of information about the occurrence - escorted the female accused along with SSI. Murugan and WSI - witnessed the argument made by A3 with JM, Chernamahadevi and other connected facts |
| 17 | Tr.S.Murugan, SSI 1983, Age 54/11, S/o. Sappani Asari, Veeravanallur Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that they were Special Crime Party of Cheranmahadevi Sub - Division - On receipt of information - came to Veeravanallur Police station guarded the accused at Police station and other connected facts |
| 18 | Tr.V.Kaliappan, HC 2585, Age 53/11, S/o.Vellaiyan, Ambasamudram Police Station, Tirunelveli Dist | To speak about that they were Special Crime Party of Cheranmahadevi Sub - Division - On receipt of information - came to Veeravanallur Police station guarded the accused at Police station and other connected facts |
| 19 | Tr.K.P.Karuppasamy, Age: 47/11 HC 2154, S/o Paramasiva Thevar, Veeravanallur PS ? | To speak about the his assistance of Investigation Officer in U.I. Cases, reached at 21.00 hrs at Police Station, Prepared Rough Sketch & Observation Mahazer as per the instructions of the I.O and other connected facts |

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| 20 | Tr.Selvaraj, Age:50/11, S/o Ramiah, 87, 11 th Ward, Kottaivasal St., Veeravanallur. | To speak about the parents of Suresh, they were enquired by the accused prior of one day, coming from Human Rights Commission and other connected facts. |
| 21 | Tmt.Muthuselvi, Age 46/11, W/o.Selvaraj, 87, 11 th Ward, Kottaivasal St., Veeravanallur. | |
| 22 | Tr.Ganesan, Age 35/11, S/o.K.Subbiah, 23 A, Nambirajapuram, Thatchanallur. | To speak about his Non Government Organization, directed the accused to enquire the Goondas Act case about one Suresh of Veeravanallur area and Police Station and other connected facts. |
| 23 | Tr.Gopal Murugan, Age 32/11, S/o.Subbiah, 17/B, Kottaivasal St, Veeravanallur, Tirunelveli Dist. | To speak about that he is the independent 11 th ward councillor of Veeravanallur Selection Grade Panchayat- He preferred complaint before SI Tr.Arumugassamy of Veeravanallur PS on 08.07.10 in Cr.No.149/10 (Goondas Ground case) - enquired by A1 to A5 two days prior to the occurrence by A1 to A5 as if they were all coming from Govt. Human Rights Commission Division - behavior of the Suresh and other connected facts |
| 24 | Tr.P.Arumugasamy, Age 53/11, S.I of Police. S/o Paramasivan, Arasamara Street, Iddaikal, Tenkasi Taluk, VeeravanallurPS. | To speak about that he registered a case in Veeravanallur PS Cr.No 149/10 (Goondas Ground Case) - On receipt the complaint of Tr.Gopal Murugan - the details of cases against Suresh of Kottaivasal St,Veeravanallur and his behavior and other connected facts |
| 25 | Tr.S.Rajendran, Age 33/11, S/o.Subbiah Pandian, 5/34, Sannathi St, Athalanallur. | To speak about that they attested in the observation mahazar prepared by the DSP, OCU,CBCID, Tirunelveli City on 01.03.2011 and other connected facts |
| 26 | Tr.P.Ponnarasu, Age 44/11, S/o.Periyasamy, 9/43, Alagappapuram St, Mukkudal. | |

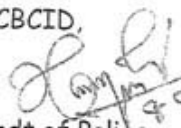
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| 27 | Tr.K.Paulraj, Age 45/11, Gr.I, 915, S/o.Kuthalingam, Mukkudal PS, Working as SB constable in Veeravanallur Police Station. | To speak about that he is the SB constable of Veeravanallur PS - eye witness of the occurrence - gave information to SB office about the occurrence / registration of case to SB office and other connected facts |
| 28 | Tr.E.Ramraj, Age 27/11, S/o.Esakki, 55 A, Pasumpon Street, Veeravanallur. | To speak about that he is the Selection Grade Panchayat Electrician - On 15.08.10 from 6 PM to 16.08.10 6AM - burning of panchayat street lights properly and other connected facts |
| 29 | Tr.Mavudhu, Age48/11, S/o.Pattani Rowhter, 10/108, Pallivasal St, Arikesaanllur. | To speak about that he was Line Inspector in Veeravanallur EB sub-station - regular supply of electricity to street lights on 15.08.10 night at Veeravanallur Selection Grade Panchayat and other connected facts |
| 30 | Tr.Arivudai Nambi, Superintendent, Central Prison, Vellore, Formerly the Addl .Supdt of Central Prison, Palayamkottai | To speak about that he was ADSP, Central Prison, Palayamkottai - On request of Inspr Murugesan of Mukkudal PS _ he served the goondas detention order to the accused Suresh of Kottaivasal St, Veeravanallur on 18.07.10 and goondas booklet served on 21.07.10 at Central Prison , Palayamkottai and other connected facts |
| 31 | Dr. Indra, Medical Officer, Govt. Hospital, Melapalayam, Tirunelveli District. | To speak about that she examined and investigated female accused A3 to A5 - No illness to A4 , A5 except A3 suffering from hypothyroidism - issued necessary certificates and other connected facts |
| 32 | Tr.A.Sankar, Age 49/11, Inspector of Police, Mambalam PS., T.Nagar , Chennai. | To speak about that he received the information about the occurrence at Veeravanallur PS through DSP Tr.Ramu - rushed to Veeravanallur PS - eye witness of the occurrence - Assisted Inspr of Police, Mukkudal PS and other connected facts. |
| 33 | Tr.S.Ramu, Age:50/11, Dy.Supdt.of Police, S/o Sundaresan, Social Justice& Human Rights, Salem Zone, Salem (Formerly DSP, Cheranmahadevi Sub Division, Tirunelveli District) | To speak about that he got information about the occurrence at Veeravanallur PS - instructed to PW 28 to rush to Veeravanallur PS - visited Veeravanallur PS - enquired the accused A1 to A5 - gave instructions to Inspr Murugesan of Mukkudal PS - sent an enquiry report to Supdt of Police, Tirunelveli Dist and other connected facts |

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| 34 | Tr.Murugesan, Age:41/11. S/o Durai Pandi, Inspector of Police, Mukkudal, (I/c. of Veeravanallur PS., Tirunelveli Dist.) Now at Madhukkarai, PS Coimbatore PS | To speak about that on receipt of information about the occurrence from PW1 - conveyed to DSP Tr.Ramu - rushed to Veeravanallur PS - enquired the accused A1to A5 - received complaint from PW1 about the occurrence at Veeravanallur PS - registration of case in Cr.No.161/2010 - took up investigation prepared observation mahazar, rough sketch - examined witnesses - arrest of the accused - sent them for remand - handed over the CD file to Inspr Nagarajan of Tenkasi PS and other connected facts |
| 35 | Tr.Nagarajan, Age 38/11, S/o Jeyaraman, Inspector of Police, Tenkasi P.S | To speak about that he took up investigation as per the instructions vide memo in C.no.555/camp/DIG/TIN/2010 dt 24.08.10 - examined the witnesses - charged the case on 04.09.10 in Veeravanallur PS Cr.no 161/2010 u/s. 170,353,417,506(i) IPC r/w.34 IPC and other connected facts. |
| 36 | Tr.S.Balraj, DSP, OCU, CBCID, Tirunelveli City. Now at Kodaikanal. | To speak about that he took up further investigation of this case and other connected facts. |
| 37 | Tr.T.Karuppusamy,DSP OCU, CBCID, Tirunelveli City. | To speak about that he took up further investigation of this case - completion of investigation and laid charge sheet and other connected facts. |


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 Organized Crime Unit,
 Crime Branch CID,
 Tirunelveli City

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE FURNISHED TO THE ACCUSED

1. Copy of FIR
2. Copy of Rough sketch and Observation Mahazar dt 01.03.11
3. Copies of 161 (3) CrPC statements of PW 1 to PW 35.
4. Copy of proforma for health screening of prisoners on admission to jail to AA A5
5. Copy of orders of Deputy Inspector General of Police, Tirunelveli Range, change of investigation officer in C.No.555/camp/DIG/TIN/2010 dt.24.08.2010.
6. Copy of order in C.No. 32 /Camp (MO /SCB SZ/2011 dt 24.01.11 To take further investigation of this case.
7. Copy of charge sheet laid by Tr.Nagarajan, Inspr of Police, Tenkasi, and its connected records, Dt 04.09.10, in CC No.191/10 dt 06.09.10 of JM, Chernamahadevi.
8. Copy of letter in Ref. No.3155/SHRC/2010 dt.11.03.2011 of State Human Rights Commission, Chennai.
8. Copy of charge sheet laid by Tr.T.Karuppusamy, DSP, OCU, CBCID, TirunelveliCity dt. .08.08.2011


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Organized Crime Unit,
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Letter No.3166 /SHRC/ 2011 Dated: 11.03.2011

From,
Thiru. T.Duraisamy, M.A.
Registrar (Law)
District & Sessions Judge

To,
Smt. S.Rajeswari,
Superintendent of Police,
Crime Branch CID,
South Zone,
Chennai - 600 032.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: CB CID - OCU Tirunelveli City - Tirunelveli District Veeravanallur
P.S. Cr.No.161/2010 u/s.170, 353 416, 506 (i) r/w.34 IPC
Transferred to CB CID - Certain details required from State
Human Rights Commission reply sent
Ref: Your Letter No. C.No.C1/22058/2010 Dt.08.03.2011

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the letter cited, and to inform that the following five Persons viz.

| S.No. | Name of the Persons | Address |
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| 1 | S.Gnanathiraviyam, Age 40 S/o.Saminathan | Poonganagar, Thiruppavanam, Sivagangai Dist. |
| 2 | P.Anandan, Age 25, S/o.Palani | Anbunagar, Manamadurai, Sivagangai Dist. |
| 3 | D.Bharathi, Age 26, D/o. Dhanu, | Vallabhai Road, Chokkikulam, Madurai, |
| 4 | Nisargapriya, Age 23, D/o. Chitramaiah, | Dumgoor, Karnataka. |
| 5 | Sudha, Age 22, M/o. Kamalammai. | Dhavangireh District, Karnataka |

are not working in the State Human Rights Commission Tamil Nadu and the Commission have no knowledge about them.

Yours faithfully,

(T. Duraisamy)

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Letter No.47443/HR/2011-1
Public (Human Rights) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9

Dated: 05.01.2011

From
Dr. S. Karuthiah Pandian, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government

HR Cell / 008323 / 2011
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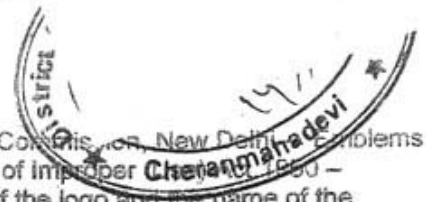
To
The Secretary to Government,
CT & R Department,
Chennai-9.(w.e.)
The Inspector General of Registrar,
Chennai-28.(w.e.).

The Director General of Police,
Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Chennai-600 004(w.e.)

All Commissioners of Police(w.e)
All Range Deputy Inspector General of Police
All District Collectors(w.e.)
All District Superintendents of Police (w.e.)



Sir,



Sub : National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi - Problems and Names (Prevention of improper use - Improper use / misuse of the logo and the name of the National Human Rights Commission / State Human Rights Commission by some NGOs / Organizations / Societies - Certain instructions issued by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi - Communication of - Regarding.

- Ref 1) Government Letter No.13598/HR/2009-2, Public (Human Rights) Department, dated 21.7.2010
- 2) From the Secretary General National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi D.O.Letter No.18(13)2010 Coord, dated 29.12.2010.

I am directed to invite your attention to the reference first cited wherein the Government has communicated the Notification of Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated.22.01.2010 and 30.03.2010 and on the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2010 (Act 2 of 2010) as per the recommendation of State Human Rights Commission in Case No.1089/2009 to prevent the misuse of the word "Human Rights" by certain Associations / Non-Governmental Organizations.

p.t.o.

2. The Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi in his letter 2nd cited has now stated that some individuals/NGOs/organizations are misusing the name of the National Human Rights Commission by illegally using the NHRC logo claiming association with the NHRC, Some of these organizations have registered themselves having similar acronym or logo with an intention to misleading the public. The commission has neither a provision for registration, affiliation of the individuals/NGOs/organizations nor authorize any one to act on its behalf. The individuals/NGOs/organizations using the NHRC logo, name or writing 'Having association with NHRC' or words to the effect misleading the public by misusing the name of the Commission will render themselves liable for legal action. In order to check misuse of the name and logo of the Commission. Commission has requested to take immediate action against such individuals/NGOs/organizations who are found misusing the name and logo of the Commission and ensure that nobody misuses the name and logo of the NHRC for personal gains and to send action taken report to NHRC, not to register any organization having similar name/acronym/logo as NHRC, India and to give wide publicity in the local electronic and print media that there is no provision for registration, affiliation of the individuals/NGOs/organizations with the National Human Rights Commission and Commission does not authorize any one to act on its behalf.

3. In this connection, I am directed to enclose a copy of National Human Rights Commission's letter in the reference 2nd cited for necessary action and to request you for the strict compliance on the guidelines issued by the Commission against the improper use / misuse of the logo and the names similar to the National Human Rights Commission or State Human Rights Commission by the Non Governmental organizations / Societies / Associations, besides taking action for wide publicity through local electronic and print media.

4. The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,



for Secretary to Government.

Copy to

The Secretary,
SHRC, Tamil Nadu,
Thiruvarangam Malligai",
No.143, P.S.Kumarasamy Raja Salai,
Chennai-28(w.e.)

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D.O. No:18(13)/2010-Coord.

SECRETARY TO GOVT.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT
30 DEC 2010
SECRETARIAT
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December, 2010

Dear *Ms. Malathi*,

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The Commission in the recent past has come across cases where some individuals/NGOs/organizations are misusing the name of the National Human Rights Commission by illegally using the NHRC logo claiming association with the NHRC. Some of these organizations have registered themselves having similar acronym or logo with an intention to mislead the public.

2. The Commission has neither a provision for registration, affiliation of the individuals/NGOs/organizations nor authorize any one to act on its behalf. The individuals/NGOs/organizations using the NHRC logo, name or writing 'Having association with NHRC' or words to the effect misleading the public by misusing the name of the Commission will render themselves liable for legal action.

3. The name and logo of the National Human Rights Commission has been listed in the Schedule of Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 under entry number 26 and 27. The improper use/misuse of the logo and the name of the Commission is punishable as per the Act.

4. The Commission has written to Chief Secretaries of States and UTs to take strict action against such individuals/NGOs/organizations misusing the name and logo of the Commission and misleading the public.

However, the practice of misusing the name and logo of the NHRC by the individuals/NGOs/organizations is unabated and Commission has taken serious note of it. To check misuse of the name and logo of the Commission, you are requested to:

- (a) direct all DMs/SSPs to take immediate action against such individuals/NGOs/organizations who are found misusing the name and logo of the Commission and ensure that nobody misuses the name and logo of the NHRC for personal gains and action taken report may be sent to NHRC;
- (b) direct Registrar of Societies in the State not to register any organization having similar name/acronym/logo as NHRC, India.


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- (c) give wide publicity in the local electronic and print media that there is no provision for registration, affiliation of the Individuals/NGOs/organizations with the National Human Rights Commission and Commission does not authorize any one to act on its behalf. The individuals/NGOs/organizations misusing the name and logo of the NHRC will invite legal action against them.

I shall be grateful for an early action on your part.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(K.S. Money)

Smt. S. Malathi
Chief Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu
Chennai.
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