

Success Story

Brief of the case of Brother Philip Noronha, Vice Principal, The Holy Cross School, White Field, Bangalore.

The National Commission for Minorities received a complaint from the Provincial and Team Brothers of the Holy Cross, Bangalore, regarding violation of human rights and dignity of Brother Philip Noronha of the Holy Cross School, Whitefield, Bangalore. He was allegedly slapped by the Police Inspector of Whitefield Police Station in front of the public who were instigated by Hindu fundamentalists for which the Inspector refused to get a case registered when a complaint was lodged at the Police Station.

As per the decision of the NCM the matter was taken up with the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, vide D.O. dated 11.11.2010 by Secretary, NCM. A reply was received from the Principal Secretary (Home) of Karnataka Government dated 25.06.2011 stating that an enquiry made on the allegation revealed that the concerned Police Inspector had slapped and humiliated Brother Noronha in public but action taken against the instigators was not reported. As such the Chairman, NCM, wrote to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka on 8.8.2011 suggesting initiation of immediate action against the Police Inspector who slapped and humiliated Brother Noronha in public and also against the instigators named in the enquiry report, who had launched the attack with the clear intention of maligning a Minority Educational Institution.

The action taken report received from the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department dated 28.12.2011 stated that the State Government has viewed the behavior of the concerned Police Inspector seriously and has since placed him under suspension followed by a Departmental Enquiry. Regretting occurrence of such an incident, the Commission has been assured by the Government of Karnataka that such inactions and misbehavior would not be tolerated in future.