

NHRC, India intervention ensures payment of Rs 50,000 as relief to a 5-year-old student subjected to inhuman treatment in a private school in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

The services of an erring attendant terminated and class teacher suspended for six months

The Commission reiterates the prohibition of physical punishment or mental harassment of children under Section 17 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009

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On the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India in a case of inhuman treatment to a 5-year-old student in a private school by the teacher and staff in Rewa, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has paid Rs 50,000/- as relief to the victim. In response to the Commission's notices followed by the conditional summons to the District Collector on the matter, it was informed that the services of an erring attendant have been terminated and the class teacher has been suspended for six months.

The reports from the district authorities revealed that the class teacher sent the child to an attendant who forced him to wash his soiled clothes and put them on, resulting in his illness. An FIR was also registered under Section 238 BNS read with 75 JJ Act on the matter, which is under investigation.

The Commission had registered the case on 23rd January, 2025 in this regard. Based on the material on record, the Commission observed that evidently the accused attendant and class teacher must have used force, causing the child mental and physical suffering along with humiliation before the entire class.

Section 17 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, prohibits any child from being subjected to physical punishment or mental harassment.

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