

NHRC takes suo motu cognizance of the reported death of one and injuries to three others after debris fell on them while undertaking PMC-related drainage work in a trench near Nanded City township in Maharashtra

Issues notice to the State Chief Secretary calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken *suo motu* cognizance of a media report that one worker died and three got injured when debris fell on them while undertaking Pune Municipal Corporation-related drainage work in a trench near Nanded City Township, Maharashtra. Reportedly, the incident happened on 4th July, 2025.

The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise a serious issue of violation of the human rights of the victim. Therefore, it has issued a notice to the Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. The report is also expected to include the health status of the injured persons, as well as compensation, if any, paid to the next of kin of the victim.

According to the media report, carried on 5th August, 2025, the work was part of the Japan International Cooperation Agency River Improvement project, which includes building new sewage treatment plants and drainage lines in the area.

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