

NHRC, India takes suo motu cognizance of the reported burning of a girl student by the cook for asking for food at a residential school in the Shakurabad area of Jehanabad district, Bihar

Issues notices to the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Jehanabad, Bihar

The report to include the health status of the student

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken *suo motu* cognizance of a media report that a girl student, who asked for food from the cook of her residential school, was burned with a hot spatula, due to which she suffered burn injuries. Reportedly, the incident happened at Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School in the Shakurabad area of Jehanabad district, Bihar.

The Commission has examined 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 notices to the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Jehanabad, Bihar calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. The report is expected to include the health status of the injured student.

According to the media report, carried on 5th August, 2025, the cook was accused of a similar incident in the past and had previously been transferred to a different department due to a complaint against her.

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