

NHRC, India takes suo motu cognizance of the reported sexual abuse of a 7-year-old boy by the Imam of a mosque in the Jhabreda area of Roorkee, Uttarakhand

Issues notices to the DM and the Superintendent of Police, Roorkee, calling for a detailed report within two weeks

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken *suo motu* cognizance of a media report that an Imam sexually abused a 7-year-old boy at a mosque in the Jhabreda area of Roorkee, Uttarakhand on 20th August, 2025. Reportedly, the victim boy had gone to study in the mosque.

The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of the human rights of the victim. Therefore, it has issued notices to the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Roorkee, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.

According to the media report, carried on 22nd August, 2025, the perpetrator took the boy to his room forcefully and committed the heinous act. He also gave the victim a threat to life if he revealed the incident to anyone. The child informed his family about the incident after reaching home.

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