

# NHRC takes suo motu cognizance of the reported branding of students with a hot iron rod by their teacher at a hostel inside a temple complex in Barmer district, Rajasthan

Issues notices to the DM and the Superintendent of Police, Barmer, 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 a teacher, annoyed with the bedwetting by some students, branded them with a hot iron rod at a hostel inside a temple complex in Barmer district, Rajasthan. Reportedly, the video of the incident also went viral on social media.

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

According to the media report, carried on 22nd August, 2025, one of the injured boys reached his home and reported the matter to his family, after which the villagers gathered in large numbers to protest.

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