

NHRC Takes Suo Motu Cognizance of Death of Four Children in Nanded, Maharashtra

Issues Notices to Municipal Commissioner, District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police; Seeks 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 regarding the tragic death of four children due to drowning in a deep pit near an under construction drain in the Islampura area of Nanded district, Maharashtra, on 16th April 2026.

Reportedly, the drain was being constructed by the local civic body, and wastewater had accumulated in a nearby pit measuring approximately 15 feet in depth. The children, who were playing near the site, are said to have entered the water without anticipating its depth, leading to the unfortunate incident.

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 victims. Accordingly, it has issued notices to the Commissioner, Nanded Waghala City Municipal Corporation, the District Magistrate, and the Superintendent of Police, Nanded, Maharashtra.

The authorities have been directed to submit a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. The report is expected to include, among other things, the status of health of any affected individuals and details regarding compensation, if any, provided to the next of kin of the deceased children.

As per the media report dated 17th April 2026, local residents and police personnel rushed to the site upon hearing cries for help and attempted rescue operations. However, despite their efforts, the children could not be saved.

The Commission will further examine the matter upon receipt of the reports from the concerned authorities.

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