

NHRC, India takes suo motu cognizance of the reported death of a female inmate of a Remand Home in the Deoghar district of Jharkhand under suspicious circumstances

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken *suo motu* cognizance of a media report about the death of a 19-year-old female inmate of a Remand Home in the Charki Pahadi area of the Deoghar district of Jharkhand on 02nd May 2026 under suspicious circumstances. The cause of her death is yet to be ascertained.

The Commission has observed that the contents of the media report, if true, raise a serious issue of violation of human rights. Therefore, it has issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand and the Superintendent of Police, Deogarh, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.

According to the media report, carried on 04th May 2026, when the inmate's condition suddenly deteriorated, the Remand Home staff rushed her to the Deoghar Sadar Hospital, where she died during treatment. Reportedly, five inmates of this Remand Home have died since 1st January 2026, raising questions about its security and arrangements.

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