

NHRC, India takes *suo motu* cognizance of the reported loss of a toddler's eyesight due to medical negligence in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken *suo motu* cognizance of a media report that a one-and-a-half-year-old toddler lost his eyesight due to medical negligence at the Banda Civil Hospital in the Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh. Reportedly, the child was taken to the hospital for treatment of a cold and redness in his eyes. The doctors allegedly administered nasal drops into his eyes, following which he developed an infection that resulted in the loss of vision.

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 a notice to the Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.

According to the media report, carried on 30th June 2026, after the incident, the toddler was then taken to the District Hospital for further treatment and to the AIIMS, Bhopal. However, the family was informed that his eyesight could not be restored.

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