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File No. 3277/25/5/2020

Commission took suo motu cognizance on a news item published in Ananda Bazar Patrika by reporter, Nilotpal Biswas entitled "দু'ঘণ্টার পার্কিং খরচ ২১০ টাকা, শহর জুড়ে রমরমা ব্যবসা" Reports have since been received from Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Kolkata duly enquired into by ACP (Traffic), Kolkata and from Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

According to the report of ACP (Traffic) no specific complaints were received regarding overcharging of parking fees by the police authorities. However, they have taken cautionary actions by calling the parking agencies of K.M.C. entrusted with collecting parking fees from Cam^{ox}mac Street and Middleton Street area. Details are mentioned in the report. Similarly, the Municipal Commissioner has conducted an inspection and found that the agencies are using hand held machines for charging parking fees. During inspection the K.M.C. authorities did not find any case of extortion of car parking fees by the contractors.

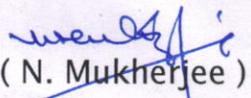
In this connection I perused the report of the journalist which I find is extremely vague as it has not mentioned the name and address of the person ^{who} ~~which~~ had been subject to such alleged extortion in Cam^{ox}mac Street, on the contrary, he mentions "এক যুগল". Similarly, instead of mentioning specific name of the alleged perpetrator he states that one person wearing blue shirt and trouser allegedly overcharged. Such vague report takes ^{sus} nowhere unless this reporter gives ^s his statement to the Human Rights

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Commission mentioning specific details like name and address of victim, registration number of his car for which he was overcharged, name of the alleged perpetrator and the agency for which he is working, time and date of occurrence etc.

In view of reasons stated above, I am of the opinion that the matter be filed.


(N. Mukherjee)

Member

14/9/2021

Hon'ble Chairman

The Hd Registrar is directed
to upload the order.


22/9/21