

WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
PURTA BHAVAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA – 91

File No. 283/WBHRC/Com/2014-15

Petitioner - Ruma Maity

**Action Taken Report**

Complainant Ruma Maity of Purba Medinipur filed a written complaint before the Commission on 06.05.2014 stating that she had lost her mobile phone and bag in the local train but the Railway officials refused to register her complaint and harassed her. The Commission took cognizance of her complaint and called for a report from the S.R.P., Howrah. The report of the S.R.P., Howrah was considered by the Commission and the Commission summoned the then on-duty lady S.I. Rupsina Parvin of Howrah GRPS for a hearing.

Lady S.I. Rupsina Parvin of Howrah GRPS was examined. A medical report of the complainant was considered and it was seen that the S.R.P., Howrah had found lady S.I. Rupsina Parvin guilty and had only “ensured” her (a minor punishment) even though the offence on the part of the officer was very serious as she had committed gross violation of the complainant’s basic human rights. The medical report of the complainant showed that she had been assaulted from head to toe by causing serious injuries.

The Commission noticed that “some of the senior police officers are in the habit of giving minor punishments in cases of serious nature on the part of offending police officer especially when enquiry report is called for by the Commission. The concerned officers are not using their discretion properly while differentiating between major and minor offences and are wrongly applying the respective punishment and in

most cases are letting of the police officer will not have a deterrent effect on the erring police officer but will encourage further misbehaviour on their part”.

Accordingly the Commission recommended as follows:-

- (1) Departmental proceedings be initiated against Lady S.I. Rupsina Parveen, the on-duty officer of Howrah GRPS on 14.03.2014.
- (2) A sum of Rs. 20,000/- in two equal monthly installments @ Rs. 10,000/- be recovered from the salary of LSI Rupsina Parvin and be paid to complainant/victim Ruma Maity.

By an action taken report dated 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 the Govt. informed the Commission that recommendations passed by the Commission had been complied with.

Sd/-  
Shampa Dutt (Paul)  
Registrar  
WBHRC