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From: Shri Laima Chozah IAS,  
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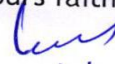
To: The Chief Secretary  
Government of West Bengal  
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Sir,

I am directed to send herewith an authenticated copy of the Recommendations dated 26.02.2016 made by the West Bengal Human Rights Commission alongwith the copy of the report of the Superintendent of Police, North 24 Parganas and the copy of the report of the Superintendent of Police, WBHRC in connection with an intimation received from the Superintendent, Kishalaya Children`s Home, Barasat regarding missing of a boy namely Sanju Biswas for taking necessary action. The recommendations are self-explanatory.

Action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on the recommendations may please be intimated to the Commission at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

  
Secretary & CEO.

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File No. 381/WBHRC/COM/2015-16

Present

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| 2. Shri M. S. Dwivedy       | Member             |

A report was received vide Memo No. 308/1(4)/KI dated 05.07.2015 from the Superintendent, Kishalaya Children's Home, Barasat, North 24-Parganas intimating missing of an inmate namely Sanju Biswas (Age 14 years) from the said Home on 04.07.2015 at about 1:30 P.M.

2. West Bengal Human Rights Commission took due cognizance of the matter and called for a report from the Superintendent of Police, North 24-Parganas as well as Director of Social Welfare Department, West Bengal within four weeks on 24.07.2015.
3. The Superintendent of Police, North 24-Parganas submitted his report to the Commission on 07.12.2015. In his report it was stated that Sanju Biswas (14), son of Paban Biswas of Balamathpara, Barnpur, PS- Krishnaganj, Dist. Nadia was admitted to Kishalaya Children's Home on the order of the Child Welfare Committee North 24-Parganas vide their Memo No. 255/CWC/24 PGS(N) dated 31.10.2011. He was studying at Manobata Vidyayatan High School, Hridaypur, in Class V. He escaped on 04.07.2015 at around 13:30 Hrs from Manabata Vidyayatan High School, Hridaypur. On the basis of written complaint of the Superintendent of Kishalaya Children's Home, Barasat, a case was registered at Barasat P.S. being No. 561 dated 04.07.15 under Sections 363/365 IPC. The

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The boy was later recovered by Sealdah GRPS vide their G.D. Entry No. 417 dated 06.08.15 and produced before the CWC. The Superintendent, Kishalaya Children's Home arranged readmission of the boy on 11.08.15 and he was restored from Kishalaya Children's Home to his family vide CWC order No. 716/15/24 on 16.10.15.

4. No report was received from the office of the Director of Social Welfare Department for which the Commission expressed its displeasure.
5. The matter was reviewed and it was decided that the Superintendent of Police, Investigating Wing of the Commission, West Bengal will conduct a survey about the existing security system in Kishalaya Children's Home as well as Manobata School and suggests its improvement. The report was duly submitted by the Superintendent of Police, WBHRC on 25.02.2016 to the Commission. According to the report between 2011-2016 (Till February 2016) a total number of 33 inmates had escaped from Kishalaya Home and only 20 could be recovered. 13 such escaped inmates are untraced. From Manobata High School a total number of 15 inmates have escaped during the same period. The Superintendent of Police, WBHRC, in his report informed that 131 inmates between age group of 6 years to 18 years out of which 23 are foreigners (Bangladesh 21, Myanmar-2) are admitted in Kishalaya Children's Home, KNC, Barasat, North 24-Parganas as on 19.02.16. 9 of such inmates are mentally challenged and 4 are physically challenged. 20 children are studying in Class V to VIII at Manobata Sikshayatan High School, Hridaypur, Barasat situated at a distance of about 2 KM from the Home. The premises is located on a land of measuring 17 acres and there is one main Hostel having capacity of 200 children. There is a hospital unit of 10 beds etc. There is a total sanctioned staff of 37

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- but there are vacancies of 17 in various ranks including cook, Cook Mate, LDC, Teacher, Vocational Training Instructor, Physical Instructor as well as Assistant Superintendent.
6. The existing security system of the Home was examined by the visiting team and it was found that there are only 8 security staff appointed by the office of the DM, North 24-Parganas on temporary basis from Sahara Security Agency. They performed security duty in 3 shifts round the clock. There is no permanent night guard. There are two sanctioned post of night guard and one of darwan. There is one permanent Supervisor who is supposed to look after the security system but it was not monitored properly. Very recently, February 2016, 3 inmates have escaped from the Home by scaling its brickwall.
7. At Manobata Sikshayatan High School, Hridaypur, Barasat which is located at a distance of 2 KM from the Home, the inmates of the Home come to study on foot without any security staff for escorting. Thus, there is ample scope of inmates to escape during their transit from Home to School and back.
8. **Recommendations of the Commission:-**

In view of the report of the S.P., WBHRC and the S.P. North 24-Parganas, the Commission gives following recommendations for improving the security measures (a) Kishalaya Children's Home be protected by fixing concertina fencing on top of its brick boundary wall, (b) Adequate lighting arrangement around the Home and CC TV monitoring be done, (c) Supervision at every 2 hours interval by the officers of the Home and Alarm system be introduced, (d) Introduction of school bus and adequate security personnel for transit of Home children from School and back. (e) Since there is 17 acres of land available for the Home out of 5 acres is used rest could be used for construction of new buildings including hostel, (f) Perimeter wall be constructed around the outer

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periphery, (g) It is also suggested that guards may be placed by the police authority whenever Home inmates are admitted to Barasat Hospital. (h) Vacancies (17) may be filled up for better functioning, (i) Director, Social Welfare Department be directed to send reports to West Bengal Human Rights Commission whenever called for.

9. The matter is brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal for adequate action.

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Member

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Acting Chairperson

Dated, February, 2016

- Encl: A) Report of the Superintendent of Police, North 24-Parganas  
B) Report of the Superintendent of Police, Investigating Wing of the Commission

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