



NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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(Law Division)

Case No.- 2043/90/0/2025

Date : 24/11/2025

To,

THE CHAIRMAN

Ministry of Railway, Railway Board, 256-A, Raisina Road, Rajpath Area, Central

Secretariat,

NEW DELHI DELHI

110001

Email- crb@rb.railnet.gov.in

Subject: Action Taken Report Called for(ATR) -2043/90/0/2025.

Sir/ Madam,

The complaint/ intimation dated 21/11/2025, was placed before the Commission on 24/11/2025. Upon perusing the same, the Commission directed as follows:

Notice under Section 12 of the PHR Act,1993

The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, has entrusted the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, with the responsibility of protecting and promoting the rights of all human beings in the country and having the powers of a civil court for inquiry u/s 13 of the PHR Act, 1993.

The complainant alleged that the Indian Railways serves only halal-processed meat in non-vegetarian meals, which creates unfair discrimination and causes human-rights violations. The complainant further alleged that this practice excludes people from Hindu SC communities, who traditionally work in the meat trade and therefore harms their livelihood rights and equal opportunities. The complainant also alleged that Hindu and Sikh passengers do not get food options that match their religious beliefs, affecting their freedom of choice and religious rights which violates their rights to equality, non-discrimination, freedom of profession, right to life with dignity and religious freedom under Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(g), 21 and 25 of the Constitution, and is contrary to the principles laid down in cases of Olga Tellis (1985), Indian Young Lawyers Association (2018), State of Karnataka v. Appa Balu Ingale (1995) and NHRC v. State of Gujarat (2009). The complainant stated that such a policy in a government-run system appears to violate the principles of equality, secularism, non-discrimination, and the right to livelihood. The complainant sought the intervention of the Commission in the matter and requested urgent action.

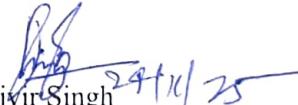
The allegations made in the complaint *prima facie* seem to be violations of the human rights of the people, as the practice of selling only Halal meat badly affects the livelihood of the Hindu SC communities, other non-Muslims communities and also the Railway as the Govt. agency, should respect the Rights to choice of food of the people belongs to all the religious faith, as per the secular spirit of the Constitution of India.

The Bench of the National Human Rights Commission, presided by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Hon'ble Member, has taken cognizance u/s 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, in the matter. The Registry is directed to issue a notice to the Chairman, Railway Board, New Delhi, with directions to get the allegations made in the complaint inquired into and to submit an Action Taken Report within two weeks for perusal of the Commission. A copy of the complaint is attached herewith.

The authority is also directed that a copy of the report in the matter be also sent on e-mail: **bench-mpk@gov.in**

2. Accordingly, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the complaint/ intimation as an attachment for taking appropriate action in the matter as per the directions of the Commission. It is requested that an Action Taken Report be sent to the Commission within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of this letter.



Your's faithfully

Brijvir Singh 24/11/25
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