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To
Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
Acting Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi -110 023
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Respected Madam,

Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of harassment of journalist by Telangana police on July 9, 2024.

We are writing to you to bring to your kind attention that On July 9, 2024 Sri Charan a news reporter from Zee Telugu was reporting the student protest in Osmania University, India. The students were protesting against the District Selection Committee (DSC) exam notification, demanding the postponement of examination which allows the students sufficient time to prepare.

Sri Charan while filming the protest was apprehended by the Inspector Rajender who grabbed him by the collar and made detained him that patrol car knowing that he is a journalist who is cover the protest. The journalist was taken to the Osmania University police station.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference - [Hyderabad police manhandle journalists and students at protest in Osmania university \(thenewsminute.com\)](https://www.thenewsminute.com/hyderabad-police-manhandle-journalists-and-students-at-protest-in-osmania-university)

We believe detention of journalist by the police is an act of reprisal against his activism.

We urgently appeal to you to exercise Section 12 (a) of the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019, and take *suo moto* cognizance of this incident and initiate an independent inquiry through NHRC's investigation wing. We hope and expect that the NHRC will intervene in this case impartially and in a time bound manner.

Yours Sincerely,

(Henri Tiphagne)
National Working Secretary