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To
Justice V. Ramasubramanian (Retd),
Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi -110 023
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Respected Sir,

Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of attack on journalist Dip Saikia in Laii Village, Senapathi District, Manipur on 30.08.2025 - Reg

We are writing to you to bring to your kind attention that on 30.08.2025 journalist Dip Saikia from Hornbill TV (A Nagaland based News Channel) visited Laii Village, Senapathi District, Manipur to cover the Zinnia Flower Festival. When the journalist was covering the flower festival, he was shot twice by an attacker using an air gun resulting in the journalist sustained severe injuries on his right leg and under his armpit. He was shifted to Senapathi District Hospital and was later shifted to Nagaland for advanced treatment.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/assamese-journalist-shot-at-during-cultural-event-in-manipur-9191724>

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
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