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To
Justice Mr. 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 murder of journalist Dharmendra Singh Chauhan on 18 May 2025 - Reg

We are reaching out to bring to your kind attention the tragic incident that occurred on 18.05.2025. Journalist Dharmendra Singh Chauhan, affiliated with Fast News India, was shot in the head near his residence in Luhari Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana, while taking his routine post-dinner walk. The attackers opened fire and fled the scene. As per news reports, their identities remain unknown.

Local villagers discovered Mr. Chauhan lying in a pool of blood and immediately transported him to a hospital in Pataudi. He was later transferred to Ganesh Ji Hospital in Gurugram, where he succumbed to injuries.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [Journalist, Out On A Walk, Shot Dead In Haryana](#) ; [India: Haryana journalist killed in targeted shooting - IFJ](#)

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