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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 censorship of
'The Wire' by the Government of India on 09.05.2025 – Reg**

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that on 09.05.2025 the webpage of 'The Wire' a non profit news and opinion website has been blocked across India as per order of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Under the IT Act, 2000. The website has been blocked without issuing notice and providing an opportunity for the 'The Wire' before the inter departmental committee under IT Act, 2000.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [Statement by The Wire on the Government's Blocking and Unblocking of its Website - The Wire](#)

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