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To

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Acting Chairperson,  
National Human Rights Commission,  
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Respected Madam,

**Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of attack on journalist Niutpal Bora and Nava Baruah while covering a story in Samaguri by polls.**

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that Niutpal Bora is a journalist working for News 18 Assam East and Nava Baruah is a journalist working at NKTV. On November 09, 2024, the two journalists were covering a story of firing incident at Muri Puthikhathi area under Samaguri police station. The journalist was attacked by a group of congress party supporters and they damaged the video camera belonging to the journalist.

The attack has sparked widespread outrage by the journalist across Assam, the journalist Union of Assam and All Assam Journalist Union condemned the attacked and demanded immediate arrest of the attackers. The journalist registered an FIR in Samaguri police station and on 11.11.2024 Samaguri police arrested one attacker Taher Uddin while others attackers fled away.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [ARPA opposes proposal to close Dibrugarh Town Railway Station, calls it anti-development](#)

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