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

**Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of blocking of 4 PM News YouTube Channel by the Government of India on 29.04.2025.**

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that on 29.04.2025, the YouTube channel of 4 PM News, a digital news outlet with over 7 million subscribers was blocked by the government of India without any disclosure of specific reasons or evidence and without following principles of natural justice. YouTube has also failed intimate or serve notice to the editor in chief of 4 PM News, Sanjay Sharma. The YouTube channel displayed “unavailable in this country because of an order from the government related to national security or public order”.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [‘4 PM News’ YouTube channel blocked on Centre’s orders](#)

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