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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 arbitrary suspension of Assistant Professor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology for her Instagram Posts.

We are writing to you to bring to your kind attention that on 08.05.2025, S Lora an Assistant Professor associated with the Directorate of Career Center at SRM Institute of Science and Technology posed on her Instagram stating “India killed a child in Pakistan and wounded two people in the early Wednesday strikes. Killing innocent lives for your own bloodlust and for your election stunts is not bravery and it’s not justice. It is a cowardice act!”. The screen shorts on her whatsapp status were shared on ‘X’ and were further shared on other social media platforms.

On 08.05.2025, couple of hours after the Instagram posts the Registrar of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, S Ponnuswamy suspended S. Lora and issued an order for enquiry for her involvement in “Unethical activities”. S. Lora has been working in the SRM Institute of Science and Technology since 2012. The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – [Tamil Nadu: SRM University professor suspended for criticising ‘Operation Sindoor’](#)

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