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To
Mrs. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani,
Acting Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi –110 023
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Respected Madam,

Subject: **Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of detention of protesting student activist from Tripura Student Union and Student Federation of India on July 4, 2024 by Agartala Police.**

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that on July 4, 2024 student activist of Tripura Student Union (TSU) and Student Federation of India (SFI) staged a protest in front of Shiksha Bhawan, Agartala. The students demonstrated against school mergers in Tripura and attack on eight girl students during a protest, UGC-NET, school Consolidation in Tripura, Failed Vidyajyoti Scheme, Teacher Shortage and Delay in providing textbooks to the students.

Agartala police obstructed the protestors when they started their procession from Chatra Yuva Bhawan to Skiksha Bhawan, Agartala, Tripura. Then detained SFI state secretary Sandeepan Deb and other protesting students.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference - Country's education system crippled under BJP: SFI - Tripura Chronicle

We believe detention of the protesting student activist is an act of reprisal against the activist as Human Rights Defenders.

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