

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES (A Constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India)

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Minutes of the hearing held on 05.07.2024 before the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi

The hearing of the case of Shri Sunil Kumar Saroj S/o Shri Munanlal Saroj R/o 184/5, Railway Colony, Kishanganj, District North Delhi, Delhi regarding mental harassment and being implicated in a false case by the Income Tax Department was held on 05.07.2024 before the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi.

Ms. Paramita M. Biswas, Principal Commissioner of IT-12, Delhi, Shri Sovinder Jit Singh, ITO (Hq), PCIT-12, New Delhi, Shri Vikas Kumar Mahto, ITO Ward-35(1), Income Tax Department, delhi were present. The petitioner was also present.

The case was discussed in detail. The petitioner informed the Commission that he received a letter No. ITBA/RCV/S/2201/2023-24/1056935067 (1) dated 10/10/2023 from the Income Tax Department, Government of India according to which the applicant has outstanding income tax of Rs 4,71,24,260. The applicant informed the Commission that he works in a clothing shop and he has an ancestral house of 50 yards. He has also informed that he does not have any other property.

The Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax, New Delhi submitted a report and apprised the Commission that petitioner Shri Sunil Kumar Saroj is maintaining current account with ICICI Bank Sadar Bazar, Delhi in the name of M/s 'Kanha Traders'. The address, mobile number, PAN number and email mentioned in the Bank account details are same as declared in the income-tax return filed for the Assessment year 2017-18, which shows that account belongs to Shri Sunil Kumar Saroj. Further, he has not filed the income tax returns for the year 2018-19 (F.Y. 2017-18) and therefore, he was issued a notice U/s 148A(b). As per information, there was a huge amount of transaction in the account even there was some foreign remittance. Shri Saroj was issued number of notices by the income tax department but he has not given any response. The tax and interest demand of Rs. 471,24,256/- was raised by the Income tax department. The case was also fixed for hearing but no response was received from Shri Sunil Kumar. He was imposed a penalty of Rs.20000/- upon noncompliance of various notices issued to him. Even, he refused to receive the notices of the Department. The Income Tax Department has no data about the caste of petitioner therefore no discrimination on caste basis.

After hearing both the parties, the Commission observed that the petitioner appears to be poor Scheduled Castes. He has denied for opening of any current account in the ICICI bank and he has no knowledge of the transactions in the said account. He has also alleged that there is a conspiracy and financial fraud against him. The accused person is using his identity, PAN no. and other documents for the fraudulent transactions, IT return in the fake bank account.

In view of above the Commission advised Shri Vikas Kumar Mahto, ITO Ward-35(1), Delhi to give personal hearing to the petitioner.

The petitioner is also advised to prepare one representation/ complaint which may be filed to concerned Bank Authorities for fraudulent account and a complaint may also be registered in Economic Offence Wing (EOW) in Delhi Police for taking appropriate action in the matter as per rules.

With above recommendations the matter is closed in the Commission.

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Chairman,