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## **Media Release**

# **RS MP Nathwaniji Complains to NHRC Against Authorities for Grave Violations Of Human Rights**

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## **Authorities Acted Brutally in a Merciless Way in Complete Disregard of Human Dignity -Parimal Nathwani**

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**Ranchi: May 5, 2011:** Rajya sabha member Mr. Parimal Nathwani has lodged an elaborate complaint to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) under section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993. The complaint is against the authorities viz. Ranchi Regional Development Authority (RRDA), Ranchi Municipal Corporation and Police for destructing the slum areas of Islamnagar, Alinagar etc while demolishing the so called encroachment. He also urged the Commission to order an immediate inquiry into the entire episode.

Mr. Nathwani alleged in the complaint that the authorities acted so brutally that one person was killed on the spot, several others injured and another person succumbed to the injuries later on. He gave a sordid account of how the poor people were rendered homeless and subjected to stay under the open sky.

He urged the Hon'ble Commission to order an immediate inquiry into the entire episode, to direct the concerned Police Officers to register the FIR against the guilty. He also requested the NHRC to direct that the guilty be arrested forthwith without any delay and rehabilitate the displaced persons on the spot, to provide them with immediate shelter and make necessary arrangements for food and water supply along with the medical care. He further sought an order for appropriate compensation for the heirs of those killed brutally and those died of shock of demolition of their houses/shops due to severe heart attack and also to provide for the compensation to the people who received injuries during the incident.

Mr. Nathwani also urged the Commission to take up these matters on priority basis and issue orders without any delay.

He said in the complaint that he worked for up-lifting of the poor people in Islamnagar where the grave human rights violation occurred. He said he contributed handsomely from his personal fund; and not the MPLAD fund, for improving the living conditions of the people in the area through an NGO patronized by him viz HOP. He worked in the areas of education, health and hygiene.

He however said that his complaint was also for the Below Poverty Line people of other areas such as Naga Baba Khatal, Harmu Nadi, Islamnagar, Millat Colony etc where the authorities attacked with equal brutality and mercilessness.

Mr. Nathwani also said in the complaint that the issue of encroachment was referring to the large number of Buildings in the city allegedly constructed in violation of the building laws, by-laws, rules and regulations. Even the Press reports were against big buildings and construction and not against the poor people Below Poverty Line, who had small dwellings; he added in his complaint to NHRC.

Mr. Nathwani alleged as if the State Government, the Ranchi Municipal Corporation and the RRDA and the Police all under the guise of implementation of the so called encroachment removal drive had decided not to touch the big buildings and structures came up in gross violation of the building laws, by laws and rules - regulation; but designed to demolish residences of poor people.

To put in practice their well thought out design and plan, Mr. Nathwani wrote, the said authorities by taking law in their hands started removing the dwellings of the poor people without following the due process of law. They resorted to the use of the brutal force and violence. They used lathis, battens and stones. Having not satisfied with the use of this brutal force they indulged in indiscriminate firing injuring a number of people and killing two, one on the spot and one later on. The police and other people using force appeared to have been bent upon killing the people because the bullet injuries were on the vital parts of the body and not on legs and feet, he added.

He further said that these poor people resided there for more than thirty years and their existence and residences were recognized by all the concerned authorities by giving them electricity connections and registration as voters and ration-card holders residing there.

The authorities acted in the most brutal manner exceeding all limits. They behaved as the most merciless and brutal force upon the poor, humble and peaceful people. They were mercilessly driven out and their small dwellings were bulldozed. The brutal forces attacked upon them like wolves preying upon the lambs in the dark of the night. They were treated inhumanly and rendered homeless. Mr. Nathwani's complaint reads and adds that the women and children are under constant fear for their lives and there is no safety, no dignity, no human life for them.

Mr. Nathwani appealed and sought protection to the areas viz. Kole Para, Millat Colony, Harijan Colony, Adivasi Colony, HEC, Chuttia, Bariyatu, Pahdi Tola and Sainik Colony (Military) in Namkum area so that the areas should not get destroyed or demolished without giving proper time, temporary shelter and the commitment for permanent shelter on oath under the schemes of Govt. of India like National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) or Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission. He also mentioned that the Sainik colony was a very old colony and only ladies and children stayed there as their men were at the border of Pakistan and China.

Mr. Nathwani has submitted his written complaint dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to NHRC Chairman justice KG Balakrishnan and other members of NHRC.

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