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Complaint No.5801/2025 by Iqvinder Singh Gill & Surinder Paul Sharma.

BEFORE:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR,
(Retd.), CHAIRMAN.**

Present:

For the Complainant: None.

For the Respondent: None.

For the Police: None.

ORDER

1. Both the complainants namely Sh. Iqvinder Singh and Sh. Surinder Paul Sharma are NRIs and both have their roots in Punjab. Instantly, because of excessive and incessant rainfall rather almost the entire State of Punjab, is inundated. The excessive and incessant rains but naturally have also damaged the ready for harvesting crops. The heavily flooded areas of Punjab also but naturally have endangered lives stock(s).

2. To alleviate and mitigate the agony of all affected by natures' scourge wherebys lives and property(ies) have been sweepingly ravaged, thus the present complaint has been filed by the present complainants, who are NRIs.

3 Through the instant complaint, the NRIs intend to undertake philanthropic work in the panchayat(s) concerned. However, their aspiration to undertake philanthropic work rather has been threatened to be undermined by certain purported unscrupulous persons. Therefore, they espouse that directions be passed, upon all concerned, thus for ensuring the removal of obstacles in the functional effectivity of their philanthropic mission.

4. Though, this Commission has no jurisdiction to pass any mandamus, upon, certain purported unscrupulous persons, who have purportedly expressed their intention to impede the undertakings of alleviating philanthropic works by the present complainants, who are NRIs from Punjab. However, In terms of the aims and objects whereby this Commission was established, and which underline, the trite fact, that the apposite special legislation nomenclatured as, *the Punjab State Commission for Non-Resident Indians Act, 2011 (Punjab Act No. 33 of 2011)*, thus becoming brought on the statute book rather for protecting and safeguarding the interests of the Non- Resident Indians in the State of Punjab, and to recommend remedial measures for their welfare and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Consequently when, the proposed undertakings of philanthropic work by the present complainants who are NRIs, rather becomes purportedly endangered by certain purported unscrupulous elements. Resultantly, when therebys the supra aims and objects whereby this Commission was established but would become defeated. Therefore, this Commission for furthering the supra aims and objects, thus naturally becomes enjoined to protect and safeguard the interests of the present complainants and also is bound to recommend remedial measures rather for facilitating the undertakings of works, thus meant for the welfare of the present NRIs. Significantly, the supra aims and objects also take within their fold, the safe guardings of the extant philanthropic mission of the present complainants. Moreover, they also take within their gamut the assigning of functional effectivity thereto, thus through recommending(s) of remedial measures against the purported miscreants.

5. If so, all the ill-effects of ill-indulgences by certain purported unscrupulous elements, thus require theirs being curtailed. Resultantly, this Commission, deems it necessary to pass directions upon the District Collectors concerned,

and the upon SSPs concerned, to ensure that the undertakings of philanthropic activities by the present NRIs, which naturally are maneuvered towards mitigating flood disaster, thus, do not face any hindrances from any mischief mongers, especially when therebys, all the ill-effects of the present agony(ies), thus ensuing from the ravaging floods sweeping the State of Punjab, but would become ebbed.

6. This Commission has also perused the development works undertaken by the present complainants. The said development works are mentioned in the progress report furnished to the Punjab Government Authorities. The same are extracted hereafter:-

1. Environment: Water, Air, Soil, Noise, Pollution, Plants
2. Sewage Treatment Plant-STP/Shappads/Naala- In works.
3. Soil/Water Conservation-Rainwater Harvesting Well, Sua (canal) water, Trees-in works.
4. Rurian/Garbage disposal/vermi compost- In works with round glass foundation support.
5. Regenerative/Organic farming-promoting in cooperation with the lions club-Ludhiana.

6. Noise pollution control.
 7. Infrastructure projects: School building, dispensary, ROs, Community Centers/Dharamsala, New water supply, water storage, tanky and new pipes, infrastructure/Roads- Installing Sewer and Rainwater Harvesting pipes.
 8. Safety and Security- To deal with stray dogs and animals, initiative by Dr. Iqvinder Gill-A new surgery centre for stray dogs in works-1.5 crore project.
 9. Cameras and solar lights- in works.
 10. Cell phone towers emissions.
 11. IIT, Bombay Rural initiatives: IT Centers, Lagoons, waste water treatment: IIT technique, Rural Tele-Centers (RTC) for medical care, Rukart-Cold Storage for Farmers, Sanitary Pads.
 12. Drug abuse and mental health- A Multi prong Approach- A Priority, hired two known drug addicts (mentoring).
7. The undertaking of the abovesaid developmental works by the present complainants manifest their keen insightful diagnoses of the multifarious problems besetting the urban

as well as the rural areas of the Punjab. Therefore, it is clear that both the complainants are well-meaning persons and also inspire the confidence of this Commission, that they have all the requisite wherewithals besides possess all the requisite finances, thus for voluntarily undertaking such steps which would alleviate the present flood disaster and also would mitigate its' aftermath(s).

8. Consequently to facilitate, the supra aims and objects, the Commission is bound to pass directions upon the District Collectors concerned, and upon the SSPs concerned to further the undertakings of philanthropic mission by the present complainants, which but naturally would mitigate the present flood disaster, which has gravely affected human life(ives) and property as well as has direly affected livestock(s).

9. Cumulatively, this Commission is led to pass directions upon the District Collectors, and upon SSPs concerned to,

(A) To ensure that the present complainants effectively undertake and execute their espoused philanthropic mission but without any obstacles from any quarter.

(B) The District Collectors concerned and SSPs concerned shall ensure that no obstacle and hindrances, rather become

caused to the present NRIs by certain unscrupulous elements, who obviously are dampening the holistic spirits of the NRIs, who are the present complainants.

(C) In case any other NRI besides the present complainants, who belong to Punjab, and intend to undertake similar philanthropic works in their respective areas, thereupon the District Collectors concerned, and the SSPs concerned shall ensure the forwarding(s) of their mission through providing them personal security. Moreover, a posse of armed police men be deployed at the relevant sites, whereby the threats meted to the NRIs concerned are warded off.

10. The above directions shall also be applied vis-à-vis the present complainants.

11. This Court appreciates the undertakings of philanthropic work by the present complainants and expects them to even contribute to alleviate the misery which has befallen the people of Himachal Pradesh, thus on account of the devastating floods and landslides which have also occurred there, rather on account of incessant and excessive rains.

12. List on 27.11.2025.

13. A copy of the complaint along with its annexures be forwarded to the District Collectors concerned and to the SSPs, concerned, thus for ensuring compliance(s) with the supra directions.
14. On the subsequent date of hearing the progress report(s) in respect of compliances by all the concerned be placed on the record, by the District Collectors concerned, and by the SSPs concerned.
15. The District Collectors concerned are directed to deploy senior Executive Officers for furnishing the relevant reports before this Commission.
16. Parties may also submit his/her/their response/queries on website of the Commission i.e. www.nricommissionpunjab.com for speedy action.
17. Concerned be informed accordingly.



JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR (Retd.)
CHAIRMAN

Dated: 15.09.2025.
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