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From

Niten Chandra, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All RDCs
All Collectors

Sub: Integration of Transgender community

Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith newspaper cutting of the Times of India dated 8.9.2016 regarding transgenders of Odisha.

2. As you are aware, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 15.4.2014 in WP(C) No.400/2012 – National Legal Service Authority (NLSA) vrs. Union of India and Others had passed specific direction for design and implementation of Government programmes for integration of transgenders with the community. Government of Odisha has already taken a number of steps such as treating them as priority households for ration card distribution under NFSA Act. Panchayati Raj Department has also allowed them auto inclusion under SECC.
3. In the meantime, a group of transgenders had also met me putting forth hardships faced by them in accessing land, housing, education, vocational training, health services, employment, etc. A copy of the representation of transgenders is also enclosed.
4. You are requested to enumerate the transgenders in your district, both in urban and rural areas, and provide them appropriate assistance under various ongoing programmes of the Government to improve their social and economic status.

Yours faithfully,

N. Chandra

Principal Secretary

Encl. As above

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Copy forwarded to all DSSOs for information and necessary action.

N. Chandra

Principal Secretary

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RPF arrests 275 transgenders for harassing passengers

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Bhubaneswar: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has arrested 275 transgenders from different trains and stations under the East Coast Railway (ECoR) zone on charges of harassing passengers. They were arrested during a special drive conducted by the RPF last month.

Railways sources said the security personnel launched the drive on receipt of several complaints. Transgenders usually ask for money from passengers and if they don't get it, they abuse and even manhandle them, said a senior RPF official.

ECoR data shows the increasing trend of this menace. In June, 139 transgenders were arrested but the number increased to 225 in July and 275 in August this year. The RPF had arrested 1,903 transgenders in 2015. But in this year, in eight months, the number of arrests shot to 1,861. It may cross the 2,000 mark, said the official.

Most of the harassers have been arrested



from the Khurda division of ECoR. The Waltair and Sambalpur divisions of the zone saw fewer cases.

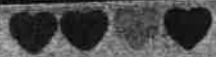
Sometimes passengers send tweets to top railway officials about the menace. A transgender came to me and asked for money. When I denied, that person used abusive language and even showed lewd gesture to me. She offended me in front of others. It was really embarrassing for me, said Dipu-na Behera of Ganjam.

Another passenger, Rohit Kumar from Bihars Kisanganj area, said, When I offered them five rupees, a sumuch threw it to me and asked for more. When I didnt give

more money, they abused me. ECoR deputy chief security commissioner Bijay Kumar Maharana said the TGs harass the train passengers by asking money from them. They use abusive language and sometimes beat some passenger to get money. Most of the cases are happening in general compartments as sometimes RPF officials cant enter into the coaches due to heavy rush, he added.

All Odisha Transgender Welfare Trust chairperson Mira Parida said they dont support violence, but they cant stop the TGs from asking money in trains. They dont have any option. They live with the money they collect from trains. Government should support this community to lead a dignified life, she said.

Manaka Kinnar, chairperson of Transgender Surakshya Trust, said they cant scope to start any business or any enterprise like other communities. If government or society helps them, we can also have good life, she said.



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ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ବିଭାଗ,

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ବିଷୟ : ଭୂମିହୀନ କିନ୍ନର (ଟିଜି) ମାନଙ୍କୁ ମାଗଣାରେ ଜାଗା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦେବା ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ।

ମହାଶୟ/ମହାଶୟା/କିନ୍ନର,

ଆପଣମାନଙ୍କ ଗୋଚରାର୍ଥେ ଜଣାଉଅଛୁ କି, ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଥିବା ପାଖାପାଖି ୨୦ ହଜାର କିନ୍ନରମାନେ କିଭଳି ଅବହେଳିତ ଓ ନିର୍ଯ୍ୟାତ୍ତିତ ଜୀବନ ଅତିବାହିତ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ତାହା ଏକ ଦୁଃଖଦାୟକ ଘଟଣା । ଏହା ଭିତରେ ସମସ୍ତ କିନ୍ନର ଏବଂ ଟିଜି ଭୂମିହୀନ ଅଛନ୍ତି । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ଘରୁ ବାହାର କରିଦେଲା ପରେ ସେମାନେ ରାସ୍ତାକଡ଼, ଦୋକାନ, ରେଲଷ୍ଟେସନ, ବସ୍ଷ୍ଟେସନ ଭଳି ଜନଗହଳିପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ସମ୍ବେଦନଶୀଳ ଜାଗାମାନଙ୍କରେ ରହୁଥିବା ବେଳେ ବହୁ ସମୟରେ ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କ ଲୋଲୁପ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିର ଶିକାର ହେବା ସହ ମୃତ୍ୟୁମୁଖରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ପଡ଼ିଥାନ୍ତି । ଏହାର ବହୁତ ନଜିର ମଧ୍ୟ ରହିଛି ।

ତେଣୁ ଆମେ ଆପଣଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ନିବେଦନ କରୁଅଛୁ କି :-

୧. ସହରରେ ବସବାସ କରୁଥିବା କିନ୍ନର/ହିଞ୍ଜଡ଼ା/ଟିଜିମାନଙ୍କୁ ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳ ଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ଥିବା ଯୋଜନାରେ ସାମିଲ କରିବା ସହ ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳରେ ମାଗଣାରେ ଜମି ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଉ ।
୨. ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳରେ ଗଢ଼ି ଉଠିଥିବା କିନ୍ନର ବସ୍ତିଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଉଚ୍ଛେଦ କରାନଯାଇ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ତୁରନ୍ତ ଅଲଥାନ କରାଯାଉ ।
୩. ଉଚ୍ଚତମ ନ୍ୟାୟାଳୟଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ମୁତାବକ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ କିନ୍ନର ବସ୍ତିଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ପାଣି, ବିଜୁଳି, ଶୌଚଳୟର ସୁ-ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯାଉ ।
୪. ବୁକ୍, ପଞ୍ଚାୟତ ଓ ଗ୍ରାମଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ଥିବା କିନ୍ନର/ଟିଜିମାନେ ଭୂମିହୀନ ହୋଇଥିବାରୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ମାଗଣାରେ ଜାଗା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦେବା ସହ ବିଜୁ ପକ୍ଷୀଘର ଯୋଜନା, ଇନ୍ଦିରାଆବାସ ଯୋଜନା, ବିପିଏଲ୍ ତାଲିକାଭୁକ୍ତ କରିବା ସହ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ସମସ୍ତ ସରକାରୀ ସୁବିଧା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଉ ।

ଏଣୁ ବିନୀତ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରୁକି, ଆପଣ ଅଗ୍ରାଧିକାର ଭିତ୍ତିରେ କିନ୍ନର/ଟିଜିମାନଙ୍କୁ ସାମିଲ କରି ଯଥୋଚିତ ନ୍ୟାୟ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

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Date 20/08/2016

To
The Chief Secretary, Odisha
Bhubaneswar.

Sub. : Ensuring Right of Quality Education for Transgenders.

Sir,

A unspoken, deprived and abolished community with harsh beauty discriminated by our society called transgender or Hijra Community is treated as untouched part of our society clapping on the roads with begging and forced for sex work to live due to unemployment and lack of education. Hijra is a very vast community in India with approx. population of more than 5 million and out of 5 million not even 1 million of population transgenders are educated. (As per the reports of various NGOs) These transgenders are discriminated by God, thrown out by families and bullied by our society. They were born normal but our society declared them as abnormal creatures. Transgenders are in existence since thousands of years. But there is no change in them and in their living style. They still lead the life of guilty. U.N.O. (United Nations Organisations) started programme of gender equality of man and woman. But where is the third gender? It should be man=woman=third gender. Again U.N.O. and our Indian Govt. started programme of education, "Sab Padho, Sab Badho". So why the transgenders or third gender community is still untouched by these scheme. As per some State Govt. schemes third gender are benefited by reservation in schools and colleges. But I asked a simple question that can a blind person go school with the normal children? No. Because he need special schools and healthy environment to get the education with his own kind of community. Same with the transgenders. They need a special school, so they will be treated as a normal student with the community members of their own. Because this transgender community also comes under the physical disability group due to genetic

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and reproductive defect in their body. Education is the powerful weapon and knowledge is the most precious and important treasure of life. So I kindly request you to start a education project for the third gender people so they can get their identity and live the life with dignity and prosperity.

Sir, it is the time to bring the change to push up these transgenders from the life of guilt to the life of dignity and our Govt. will be the model country for other nations in terms of true gender equality (man=woman=transgender) and human rights. India is the largest democratic country with the jewel of secularism and fraternity by giving the place to transgenders or third genders in our society with pride and dignity once again India will be called great incredible country.

Therefore, enclosing this letter I request you to take a right step of providing quality education for the betterment of this deprived and untouched community.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Menka Kinnar
(Menaka Kinnar)
President

Bhanu Pratap S Tomar
(Bhanu Pratap S Tomar)
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Right of Education of Transgenders
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