

Before the Maharashtra State Commission for
Protection of Child Rights.

Enquiry, under section 13(1) & 14 of the child
right protection act, 2005

Case No. 60/ 2013-14

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This matter appeared in the newspaper Lokmat on 16/3/2012 alleging that teacher and headmistress of school, situated at Dadar has forced kids to clean toilet. It is also mentioned that headmistress, has allegedly tied hands of two children, locked them in toilet and ordered them to clean the toilet with their pants. The Commission took the cognizance and issued notices to concern school's authorities and others. Matter heard on 21/3/2013, 8/4/2013, 23/4/2013 and 13/8/2013. The father of child Shri Prakash Gandhi appeared before Commission and filed written complaint before Commission alleging that his son was frightened by teacher and his hands were tied with chain. Trustee of Antonio da Silva High School submitted her affidavit through advocate. She refuted allegations made by the complainant and appeared in newspaper.

2. In the reply she has admitted that teacher, Cindrella Pereira was suspended and enquiry is pending against her.

Two teachers have also been arrested on the basis of complaint. Senior police inspector, Shivaji park appeared before the Commission and submitted the status report. In his report he has mentioned that two accused name Smt. Carol pereira and Smt. Cindrella Pereira have been arrested on the charges under section 341 of Indian Penal Code and Section 23 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2006. Both the accused are now on bail and investigation is going on.

3. Police has already registered F.I.R. against accused. School has taken disciplinary action and suspended them therefore Commission's recommendation are as under :

- i) Investigating officer is directed to submit status report.
- ii) School education department is directed to submit a concrete mechanism and plan to avoid this type of incident in future.

By order and seal of Commission.



(A.N.Tripathi)
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Secretary

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