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BIRBHUM DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Ref. No. WBLLROA/Birbhum/08/2022

Date 08/08/2022

To
The Additional District Magistrate &
District Land & Land Reforms Officer
Birbhum.

Sub: Memorandum over the incident occurred on 05.08.2022 at the office of
the BL&LRO, Bolpur.

Sir,

The perceived danger in form of an open threat to life at the gun-point to the BL&LRO, Bolpur pushes us to write this to you with apprehensive hearts in the interest of safety and security of the officers and officials discharging duties, catering citizen services as well as for the commoners visiting the Government offices. The incident ought not be looked as one relating only to the Bolpur BL&LRO's office, rather it imposes severe danger and threats to the pan-district offices as also to the district administration itself. The targeted one which has taken place on last Friday (05.08.2022) at the office of the BL&LRO, Bolpur is, in our opinion, aimed to inject severe apprehensions among the officers and staffs of other offices throughout the district with the targeted motif of forcing officers at the behest of life threats to carry out the illegitimate claims of the land mafias.

The incident of Bolpur BL&LRO's office needs no detailed introduction as the media coverage itself speaks the details. However, briefly, on last Friday (05.08.2022) at around 4.00 p.m. in the afternoon, two miscreants entered the office chamber of the BL&LRO, Bolpur. At the material time, one lady clerk was also inside the chamber of the BL&LRO for official works. Reportedly, the said hooligans carrying arms with them and without any introduction of themselves, threw a bundle of papers; pointed guns towards the BL&LRO and the lady clerk and gave an ultimatum to the BL&LRO to make corrections in the record of rights within three days in favour of the persons mentioned in the said bundle of papers. It has been also threatened to the BL&LRO that in case of failure of such correction of record of

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rights within the said period of three days, they would shoot the BL&LRO to death; turn his body porous with bullets. After casting such threats of dire consequences, the hooligans fled away in no moment and they could not be even identified. Pertinently the BL&LRO, Bolpur informed the incident to you over telephone, lodged a formal complaint with the concerned Bolpur Police Station immediately after the incident.

Sir, as you know, the officers of the land set-up have to work not only round the working hours, but beyond that in order to cater citizen services promptly and even on same day in tune with the standard beneficial principle of the Government. It is not out of place to mention that the interest of all spheres of people relating to land issues is involved and therefore in automatic course, the officers become vulnerable to the grudges of those people against whom the decision of officers goes. At the same time, here cannot be any denying that despite a few infrastructural constraints, the officers put their level best to adhere to the time frame for catering citizen services.

While **strongly deprecating the incident with no sufficient words**, we, the **West Bengal Land & Land Reforms Officers' Association**, Birbhum District Committee put forward the followings for your kind attention and immediate intervention.

1. Sir, we expected visit of any officer of the district or even sub-division level to the BL&LRO's office immediately after such grave occurrence to give moral support to the BL&LRO, other officers and staffs of the said office. But this Association is unintentionally constrained to note the perceived notice of silence of the authorities of the land set-up in this regard – both at the sub-division as well as at the district level.
2. Reportedly none of the actual culprits has yet been arrested so far. We earnestly urge the district civil administration as well as the police authorities to expedite the investigation process and to prosecute the actual offenders of the incident immediately.

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3. Had there been any CCTV coverage at the office, the hooligans might have been identified to be immediately prosecuted by the police authorities in accordance with law. Therefore, we request the district administration to make immediate arrangements for CCTV coverage of entire office premises in each offices of the district in the interest of safety and security of not only the officers and staffs but also the common people visiting the offices for getting services.
4. We also request you to make immediate arrangements for deputation of adequate number of police forces in each offices of the district round the working hours to ensure safety and security of the officers, staffs as well as commoners visiting the offices.
5. We feel and therefore earnestly request you that considering the gravity of the incident, an official reporting over the incident may kindly be made from your kind end with the higher authorities of the Department.
6. Apart from the issue in question, officers frequently experience threats while conducting enforcement programme in respect of minor minerals. We request you to make sufficient security arrangements to ensure safety and security of the enforcement teams.

We eagerly expect and remain ever expecting that immediate effective measures be taken by your kind self.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours,

Md. Wasim Rahman
District Secretary 08708722
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