राष्ट्रीय मानव अधिकार आयोग अनिता सिन्हा, भा.र.से. मानवे अधिकार भवन, सी-ब्लॉक, जीपीओ कम्पले ञ्जाईएनए, नई दिल्ली-110023 भारत ANITA SINHA, IRS Joint Secretary (P&T) ATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION Manay Adhikar Bhawan, C-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023 India of Sikkin Ph. No. (O) 011-24663217 / 24663269 B-28/1/2024-Coord Confidential Section Dear Sh. V. B. Pathome Department This is regarding misuse of name and logo of the Commission by Individuals/ NGOs/

Organizations/ Societies.

- The Name and Logo of the National Human Rights Commission is listed under the Schedule of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 under entry number 26 and 27 and any improper use/ misuse of the logo and the name of the Commission attracts the provisions of the Act. As per Section 5 of the Act, any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 3 shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and, as per Section 6 of the Act, no prosecution for any offence punishable under this Act shall be instituted, except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or of any office authorised in this behalf by general or special order of the Central Government.
- 3. The National Human Rights Commission has its sole office at New Delhi and there is no office/ branch in any part of the country. Further, it is clarified that the NHRC neither appoints District Presidents nor any other post. Also, there is no provision for registration/ affiliation/ recognition of any individuals/ NGOs/ Organizations/ Societies with the NHRC.
- 4. When the matter was placed before the Full Commission meeting on 16.02.2024, the Commission has directed as under:-

"The Matter to be taken up with State Governments/UT Governments to de-register such organizations and action against them in accordance with existing laws/rules/regulations."

- It is pertinent to mention that the Commission is in receipt of several complaints and the copies of the same are enclosed herewith.
- I shall be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter and arrange to take appropriate action on 6. the above complaints pertaining to the respective State/UTs, at your end.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Anita Sinha)

To

Shri Vijay Bhushan Pathak, IAS

Chief Secretary Government of Sikkim Secretariat, Tehsiling, Gangtok-737101

Encl: As above.

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