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## Continued and repeated police atrocities against thousands of poor people - police challenging the authority of the Human Rights Commission

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Sir,

**Sub: Continued and repeated police atrocities against thousands of poor people despite pending complaints with Human Rights Commission - police challenging the authority of and making a mockery of the Human Rights Commission by repeated crimes against poor people.**

**Ref:** My previous complaints on the matter dt. 7-1-12 and 14-1-12, **reportedly** registered by SHRC as Case No. 8564 of 2012.

I had already lodged two complaints with the State Human Rights Commission vide my letters dt. 7-10-2012 and 14-10-2012 against the shocking atrocities committed by police against more than 1000 poor people coming to my house to receive charity, and the **said complaints included detailed video testimonies of hundreds of people evidencing the said atrocities.**

A complaint was also lodged via email and fax dt. 7-1-12 to the top State Govt. officials including the Commissioner of Police, Director General of Police, Home Secretary, Chief Secretary, Addl. Chief Secretary to CM, and the CM Cell on the issue.

While the matter is pending before the Human Rights Commission, **the police has the audacity to continue their crimes** against poor people **this Saturday also, i.e. 24-11-12**, and prevented **all but one person** from receiving the charity yesterday by blocking all roads to my house and chasing away more than 1000 poor people, thus **robbing them of their basic right to livelihood and liberty**. I have got abundant video evidences to prove the said police atrocities this week also.

**If the police had any lawful or valid objection to the charity done by me out of my own money** (we strictly prohibit donations from any third-party) which is praised by many reputed magazines like Ananda Vikatan, Hindu, Now Indiar Times, Neethiyin Kural, and Sathiyam TV, **nothing prevented them from issuing a written notice** to me asking me to stop the charity citing the reasons for the same. The police orally cite the **laughable and illogical excuse** of so-called alleged nuisance caused to the residents of the street because of the poor people, without understanding that their said oral stand **begs the basic common-sense question as to how such alleged nuisance suddenly sprung up after 2.5 years** especially when my charity has been going on continuously uninterrupted every week for the last 2.5 years, and the average crowd is around 1500 poor people every week, and Diwali clothes given every year (to 2400 people in 2011 and 3965 people this year), as proved by detailed videos on the website of the Trust (<http://www.sri-sivathanu-charitable-trust.org/>).

Even assuming that a small number of undesirable elements cause trouble in the crowd, the police should take action against just those people instead of chasing away thousands of innocent people. **The extreme, high-handed and inhuman action of the police is akin to closing down of temples** on the excuse that just a few anti-social elements could come in the crowd, or **shutting down the laudable Annadhanam scheme by the Government** in all temples just because one or two poor people coming to get meals create some nuisance.

I also understand that a handful of residents in the locality have been wandering the street yesterday and today chasing away the poor people under encouragement and instigation from the police, **treating such people as untouchables and prohibiting them from even walking on the road**. By assuming that they have the self-imposed authority to prevent other poor citizens from even walking on the road, **the said handful of residents expose themselves to being classified as either insane or inhuman or both**.

It is a pitiful state of affairs in this great democracy that **even an experienced advocate and philanthropist whose family consists of 3 sons who are all PhDs from USA is unable to give his own hard-earned money** to the deserving thousands of poor people. It is a mystery that police has not taken action to prevent the alleged nuisance to the so-called few residents and it is also not known why the police should chase away ALL POOR PERSONS from receiving the charity instead of chasing away only the alleged trouble creators in the queue of poor persons whose videos are available in my website <http://www.sri-sivathanu-charitable-trust.org>.

I hope and request that the Human Rights Commission acts urgently on this most important THIRD complaint to uphold the rule of law and to protect the basic HUMAN RIGHT to life and liberty of those poor people and **by taking suitable action against the police officials VERY URGENTLY SO THAT THE CRIMES AGAINST POOR PERSONS ARE NOT CONTINUED IN THE COMING SATURDAYS**.

Yours sincerely,  
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