

**KARNATAKA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

1-4<sup>th</sup> Floors, 5<sup>th</sup> Stage, M.S. Building, Bengaluru – 560001

**H.R.C No: 2808/10/19/2019  
c/w 4300/10/19/2019**

Date: 09-11-2020

**PRESENT**

Justice D.H. Waghela  
Chairperson

Shri K.B. Changappa  
Member

Shri R.K. Dutta  
Member

**Informant:**

Commissioner of Police,  
Mangaluru City

**ORDER**

The complaint is registered on the basis of report dated 16-07-2019 of the Commissioner of Police, Mangaluru City. It is reported that on 14-07-2019 at about 08.00 p.m., one Shri Mohammad appeared in North police station and orally requested to trace his relative, Abdul Muneer (hereinafter referred as deceased). Subsequently, the deceased was traced by Haleangadi police in mulki police station limits and he was being escorted to police station for enquiry in Tata Ace vehicle which was driven by the deceased himself. It is further stated that upon reaching Kulur bridge, the deceased suddenly stopped his vehicle and told the accompanying police station that he wanted to relieve himself and suddenly jumped into the river from the bridge without any warning. It is stated that the body of the deceased was found on 15-07-2019 at 18.30 hours.

The inquest was conducted by J.M.F.C II Court, Mangaluru. It is reported that the relatives of the deceased prisoner have not expressed any doubt regarding the cause of his death and there were no external injuries on the body of the deceased.

The final opinion submitted by Department of Forensic Medicine, Wenlock Hospital, Mangaluru states that the body shows advanced putrefactive changes, hence exact cause of death cannot be ascertained. However, death secondary to drowning cannot be ruled out.

The magisterial enquiry report in U.D.R No: 14/2019 u/s 174 (3) (IV) of Code of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 state that the death was due to suicide by escaping from the custody of the police.

The investigation report dated 23-01-2020 of the C.I.D, Bengaluru reiterates the report dated 16-07-2019 of the Commissioner of Police, Mangaluru. It is further reported that allegations of harassment to the deceased by North police station, Mangaluru are not proved during the investigation and the relatives of the deceased have not express any doubt regarding the cause of his death. Hence, final report is submitted to the Sub-divisional officer, Mangaluru and II J.M.F.C Court, Mangaluru.

The file was referred to the I/c I.G.P of the Commission to conduct a detailed investigation into the matter.

Pursuant to such order dated 29-07-2020, report dated 01-10-2020 is received. It is opined as under:

*“Therefore based on the statement of blood relatives, police statements, the SHD of Mangalore North P.S, Log book of control room, final P.M report and the final report submitted by the C.I.D investigation officers, the death of Abdul Muneer on 14-07-2019 at -1-15 am has occurred because he escaped from the police custody stating that he wanted to urinate and committed suicide by jumping off the Kulur Bridge into the river. He also pushed the constable who tried to stop him from escaping.”*

In view of the material placed on record, the Commission does not find indication of any suspicious circumstance to enquire further into the complaint. Accordingly, the cases are disposed and proceeding is closed without any recommendation.

Sd/-  
(Justice D.H. Waghela)  
Chairperson

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