

**Before the Kerala State Human Rights Commission**  
**Sitting at Alappuzha**

**Present : Shri. K.E. Gangadharan**  
**Hon'ble Member**

**HRMP No: 51/2010**

Petitioner : Sri.N.Chandran & others

Respondents :

**Order dated**

Petitioner present.

The grievance of the petitioners are as follows.

The petitioners are residing in Karthikapally Taluk belonging schedule caste and living below poverty line. For getting drinking water the petitioners residing in (Karthikapally) has depending the public tape which is 200 meter away from this residence. They further states it causing much inconvenience for aged persons and children to take water in the public tape. So their request is to draw a water connection in the public path way used by them water authority another states that only after getting permission from the land owner they will be in a position to proceed further in the matter.

On the basis of the petition the Commission called for a report from the Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority Harippad and a report

was filed. The report reveals that there is no public pathway in the area and the petitioner has filed a petition before the RDO for issuing an order allowing a public pathway as easementary right is pending before the consideration of RDO. Without allowing the petitioner by the RDO or the land owner giving permission to draw a pipe line in the area to Water Authority cannot proceed further in the matter.

The petitioner was also heard. The grievance raised by the petitioner in the complaint is genuine. As per the report of the respondent they are ready to draw a pipe line to the petitioner property are only after the RDO allowed the public path way or else getting consent from the land owner. By going through these aspects the commission feels that the matter can be solved only through an amicable settlement. Hence Secretary, Karthikapally is directed to interfere in the matter by convening a meeting of the petitioners and the land owner.

Copy of the order may be communicated to the petitioner and Secretary, Karthikapally Grama Panchayat.

**Sd/-**  
**K.E. Gangadharan**  
**Member**

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