

**BEFORE THE KERALA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Present: Mr.Justice N.Dhinakar,
Hon'ble Chairperson**

Dated this the 1st June, 2009.

H.R.M.P.No.236/2009

Petitioner : Suo-motu action.

Respondent :

ORDER

The above HRMP was registered suo-motu on the basis of a news report published in a daily dated 17-1-2009 under the caption "Ayye, Nanakedu". In the daily it is reported that a sum of Rs.50,000/-, which was the daily wages of the inmates, kept at the office of the Mental Health Center, Thiruvananthapuram, was lost by theft. The cash was kept at the criminal ward, where the patients from the jails are admitted for treatment and two doctors, nurse and nursing assistants are in charge of the said ward. It is also reported in the newspaper that the authorities decided to keep the incident secretly without making any complaint and enquiry.

A report was called for from the Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram, and in the report submitted by the Director it is stated that Superintendent of the Mental Health Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, has submitted a report to him and the issue was solved in such a way without loss of any amount to the inmates. According to the report, steps are being taken to avoid such incidents in future.

In the report it is further stated that direction was issued to the Superintendent, Mental Health Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, to file a case before the police to prosecute the accused, after necessary enquiry, and also to realize the lost amount.

The above report shows that action has already been initiated in the matter. In view of the report no further orders are required. The petition is closed.

Justice N.Dhinakar,
Chairperson.

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