

**National Project on Preventing Torture in India:
From Public Awareness to State Accountability**



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People's Watch—An Overview

People's Watch ("PW") is a human rights organisation that has been actively engaging itself in the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Rajasthan since 1995. After eleven years of work, PW has expanded its concerns across India.

Vision

A society free from human rights violations and discrimination to be built through cultivating a human rights culture and building a participatory democracy.

Mission

- Protection of human rights through monitoring human rights violations, intervention and building solidarity with people's struggle for human rights.
- Promoting human rights culture through education and conscientising the larger community.

Brief History and Background

In 1993, Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of PW and a passionate human rights advocate since 1977, became determined to professionalise human rights responses in the state of Rajasthan in India. He and like-minded people such as Dr. Devasahayam, the present Director of the Institute of Human Rights Education, and Fr. Diamond Raj, a Catholic Priest with the Archdiocese of Madurai, founded PW in December 1995 along with a team of Advisory Board members. In its nascent stage, the organisation was entirely committed to monitoring the state to improve accountability for human rights violations. Over time, the organisation expanded into the fields of legal intervention, rehabilitation, and campaigning. PW now boasts a legal team committed to intervening on behalf of torture victims and a Rehabilitation Centre for victims of domestic violence and torture, where victims receive housing and support. Its Campaign Unit works to improve human rights awareness throughout the community and to engage other organisations in the struggle. It is particularly engaged in building what is popularly known as the 'Citizens for Human Rights Movement.' Its Human Rights Education program has successfully introduced the concept of human rights into school curricula in over fourteen states across the country. The program is based on the strongly held belief that the value of rights can be firmly established only when instilled in the minds of children as a social virtue, as a value to be safeguarded and protected as something stable and indestructible.

The National Project on Preventing Torture in India

People's Watch, in league with the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, began the National Project on Preventing Torture in India (NPPTI) in January 2006 with a grant from the European Union under the EIDHR. The primary aim of the action is to initiate and to model a national campaign for the prevention of torture in India, with a deliberate focus on torture practices routinely employed by police. The project focuses especially upon safeguarding groups on the margins of Indian society, such as Dalit, tribal groups, minorities, women and children.

The project consists of two major stages:

1. Formation of nine State-wide networks to monitor instances of torture and to intervene on behalf of victims.
2. A national campaign against torture that uses monitoring data to develop public awareness, to train professionals, to improve institutional responses to abuse, and to lobby for India's ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT) and its Optional Protocols.

The Project's design reflects priorities set by the European Commission's EIDHR Call for Proposals—specifically, research on torture practices, legal support for victims, awareness-raising, and legislative lobbying.

In the years 2006 and 2007, the Project has undertaken the following in the State of Orissa:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fact-Findings	: 16	472
Legal Interventions	: 15	72
Training Programmes	: 12	11

The overall goal of the Project is the prevention and reduction of torture in India, where police abuses remain an entrenched and often routine law enforcement strategy despite India's status as the world's largest democracy. The Project confronts frequent police practices that include assault and physical abuse, custodial death,

custodial rape, threats and psychological humiliation, and deprivation of food, water, sleep, and medical attention.

The primary goals of the Project are as follows:

- Protecting potential victims of torture, particularly those belonging to vulnerable and marginalised communities.
- Highlighting individual cases of torture as they occur
- Improving institutional responses to instances of torture by demanding state accountability
- Advancing an ethic of responsibility and restraint among law-enforcement officers
- Educating and enlisting professional groups such as lawyers, social activists, doctors, psychiatrists, journalists, and teachers in the campaign to prevent and to eliminate torture
- Raising public awareness of torture as an unlawful and widespread abuse of police powers
- Promoting favourable policy outcomes in the form of new domestic anti-torture legislation and commitments to existing international treaties

Ultimately, one of the most enduring effects of the Project will be the model that it sets for addressing issues of torture nationally. Recognising that there are insufficient resources to stanch the practice of torture nationally, PW has sought to create an example for preventing torture that can be duplicated. A key aspect of this approach is the “model taluk,” in which monitoring and campaigning efforts will be intensely focussed in one “taluk” (an administrative subdivision of a district) in each State, with the goal of working towards the elimination of torture practices entirely. This model will create a paradigm for the prevention and elimination of torture on a much larger scale.

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Why This Report?

This report falls under the “Campaign Against Torture” segment of the NPPTI. It seeks to raise awareness of torture and ultimately to influence policies relating to the misuse of official power. The basic thrust of the report is to reveal the context in which PW felt compelled to undertake the NPPTI. This contextual picture is painted by examining three major categories:

1. Data on actual occurrences of torture and police misbehaviour from 2000-2006, collected through state-level organisations and secondary source research
2. An analysis of trends that emerge from the data, with special attention to the effects of torture on marginalised groups such as Dalits and women
3. Institutional responses at the state level

Ultimately, the research reveals a sad scene, in which rhetoric is abundant and action scarce. Indeed, despite its refusal to ratify the CAT or expressly to criminalise torture, India continuously pays lip service to the prevention of torture through its Parliament, Courts, and Commissions. Yet the data reveal an appalling prevalence of police misconduct, including the use of torture as a common interrogation method. Institutional responses are anaemic, in terms of both documentation and concrete preventive actions.

Aside from raising awareness, then, this report aims to combat the complacency and denial that define the Indian Government’s response to such blatant human rights transgressions. It provides irrefutable proof that invites Indian policymakers to acknowledge the extent of torture practices in the country and to take a participatory role in ensuring that basic human rights are guaranteed to all of India’s citizens. By demanding a dialogue on the issue, PW hopes to end the silence that continues to expose hundreds of thousands of Indians to the practice of torture every year.

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DETAILS: CASES REPORTED IN NEWS, REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS BY MEDIA AGENCIES/ NGO'S AND
GOVERNMENT BODIES FROM THE YEARS 2000-2006.

Orissa Tabulation

Date	Location	Victim	Classification
November 12, 2001	Singla, Balasore	Chandan Murmu	Custodial Death
March 3, 2005	Shahid Nagar	Dilip Kumar Sahu	Custodial Death
February 1, 2003	Mahanga	Pitambar Pradhan	Custodial Death
March 2, 2003	Cuttack, Choudwar	Dipak Kumar Swain	Custodial Death
June 24, 2003	Near Khurda Railway Station	Sukant Das	Custodial Death
December 31, 2003	Bikrapur, Angul	Narana Behera	Custodial Death
September 15, 2004	Biramitrapur	Nandu Badaik	Custodial Death
March 17, 2005	Kuchinda PS	Gajendra Bag	Custodial Death
September 18, 2005	Farazipara Village	Chheparuddin Mondal	Extrajudicial Killing
October 20, 2006	Rayagada	Daringill Majhi	Illegal Detention
December 30, 1999	Near Maikanch Village	Eight Adivasi Women	Police Firing
September 28, 2000	Badamtolia Village	19 Tribals (including 9 women)	Police Violence
December 15, 2000	Nuasahi	Adivasis	Police Inaction
December 16, 2000	Maikanch, Kashipur	Three dead (Abhilas Jhodia, Raghu Jodhia, Jamudhar Jhodia), 8 Adivasis maimed (protesting against mining company)	Police Firing
October 31, 2001	Raighar	Three tribals (dead)	Police Firing
January 2, 2006	Nuagaon Village	Nine Protestors (Sudam Barla, Govind Laguni, etc.)	Police Firing
June 13, 2003	Mahakalapada	Nilima Barik	Violence Against Women
June 14, 2003	Batira, Patkura	Niyati Behera (Dalit sarpanch)	Police Inaction / Violence Against Women

June 6, 2004	Cuttack	Unidentified Woman	Police Rape
January 15, 2005	Koraput	Unidentified Woman	Police Rape
October 19, 2005	Nimapara	Chandana Patnaik (female teacher)	Violence Against Women
April 13, 2001	Sambalpur	Budha Boi (16-year-old girl)	Police Torture / Violence Against Women
February 20, 2002	Harbhanga	SC/ST Villagers (Pramodini Bai, Suhasini Bai, etc.)	Police Torture / Violence Against Women
November 5, 2002	Kendrapara	Protestors	Police Violence (Lathi-Charge)
March 16, 2003	Balasore	Puli Shiva (9-year-old detainee)	Police Torture
June 24, 2004	Mayurbhanj	Rajendra Kumar Ram (advocate)	Police Torture
February 6, 2003	Parvatipur PS	Dasuram Maleka (Tribal poet)	Police Torture
June-August, 2004	Puri District	Subhas Ghadei (15-year-old boy)	Illegal Detention
December 1, 2004	Kashipur, Rayagada	16 Protesting Adivasis	Police Violence (Lathi-Charge)
March 3, 2005	Mahila PS	Unidentified Girl	Police Inaction / Violence Against Women
May 9, 2005	Kalinganagar	Four Tribals (2 children) (dead)	Police Violence (Lathi-Charge)
June 23, 2005	Nuapada	Ten Tribals (6 women)	Police Violence / Illegal Detention
Since 2000	Gajapati District	Sitinga Majhi & Maninga Kandha (mistaken for Sonkia Majhi and Bathili Majhi)	Police Torture / Illegal Detention
January 2, 2006	Kalinganagar	Twelve Tribals (5 bodies were returned by the police in mutilated state)	Police Firing

February 6, 2006	Puri Hospital	Siba Shankar Sahu & Debadutta Pradhan (members of farmers' group)	Police Violence / Illegal Detention
Since 2005	Bhubaneswar	Eight Minor Female Prisoners	Illegal Detention
August 6, 2003	Rayagara District	Students	Corporal Punishment

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www.achrweb.org
www.asianage.com
www.hindu.com
www.nhrc.nic.in
www.sikhspectrum.com

I. Custodial Death

Chandan Murmu, Pathadurga village

Nov 12, 2001

- Chandan Murmu of Pathadurga village had been brought to Singla PS in connection with the theft of a two-wheeler and later he was found hanging in custody
- Three policemen, including the officer-in-charge of Singla PS in Balasore district, was suspended in connection with this custodial death.
- An alleged bicycle thief committed suicide in Angul in September. Another person was allegedly tortured to death in Chandanpur PS in Puri district last month

Full Story in:

- The Pioneer, 12/11/01
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Pitambar Pradhan, Mahanga

Feb 1, 2003

- On 1 February 2003, Pitambar Pradhan alias Bhalu was tortured in custody and died at Mahanga PS.

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/>
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Dipak Kumar Swain, Choudwar

March 2, 2003

- On 2 March 2003 Dipak Kumar Swain, aged 35, was tortured and died in police custody at Cuttack Circle Jail.

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/>

Sukant Das

June 24, 2003

- On 24 June 2003, Sukant Das, aged 14, committed suicide while he was in police custody.
- The police hesitating to file a complaint

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/>

Nandu Badaik

September 15, 2004

- Nandu Badaik, was picked up by the Biramitrapur police for interrogation in conjunction with an unidentified dead body which was found on 12 September, near the Orissa-Jharkhand border
- Nandu died in police custody.
- he officers involved stated that Nandu collapsed suddenly and was admitted to hospital in Rourkela, where he died.
- Relatives of the victim have refuted the police version of events on several counts. Nandu's family state that he was pronounced dead at Karunamai Nursing Home.
- Ram Badaik, the nephew of the deceased, stated that when he went to the PS with food for Nandu he had seen his uncle being beaten up by policemen.

Full Story in:

- 'Custody' death sparks row' Statesman News Service, Rourkela, Sept. 15. 2004

Dilip Sahu, Patkura

March 3, 2005

- On 3 March 2005, Dilip Sahu, a native of Patkura, was found dead in custody at Shahid Nagar PS.
- Congress members demanded for a CBI inquiry into the death.

Full Story in:

- The Pioneer, 12/03/2005

Gajendra Bag, Sambalpur

March 18, 2005

- The state government has ordered a judicial probe into the recent custodial deaths at Sahidnagar PS and Kuchinda PS in Sambalpur district
- At 5.30 p.m. on 18 March 2005, Gajendra Bag was found hanging in custody at Kuchinda PS
- An unnatural death case had been registered and the DSP is investigating the incident
- A joint inquiry was conducted by the Sambalpur district magistrate and SP and the report had already been submitted to the NHRC

Full Story in:

- 'Custody probe comes at last' Statesman News Service, BHUBANESWAR, March 18, 2005

Chheparuddin Mondal, Murshidabad

September 23, 2005

- On 20 September 2005, Chheparuddin Mondal aged 35, was beaten and died in custody
- The policemen involved threatened the victim's wife and the local population not to lodge a complaint about this incident.
- The alleged perpetrators are: Subir Pal, officer-in-charge, Jalangi PS, Bidhan Bitan Circle; Inspector Domkal Snehashish Dirghangi Sub Divisional PO, Domkal and Murshidabad District police contingent.

Full Story in:

- Asia Human Rights Commission, www.achrweb.org

Sk Mairaj, Purnabazar

January 17, 2006

- On 22 March 1991, Sk Mairaj aged 27, of Purnabazar died in police custody, at Balasore PS
- The inspector-in-charge of Balasore PS, Santosh Das, has been convicted and sentenced to three years in jail in connection with the custodial death, under Section 304 (part II) of the IPC. However, he was granted bail after an appeal.
- The victim Mairaj was picked up by Bhadrak Police following riots at Bhadrak. It was alleged that the victim was physically tortured by Das while he was detained at Bhadrak town hall. Mairaj was taken to the hospital after he became seriously ill, where he eventually died

Full Story in:

- 'Police officer sentenced in custodial death case gets bail', Statesman News Service, BALASORE, Jan. 17.2006

II. Police Violence

September 29, 2000

- On 28 September, 2000 over 500 Adivasis gathered at Bangiriposhi PS in Orissa's Mayurbhanj district in protest against an alleged police attack at Badamtolia village near Baripada.
- The Adivasis allege that the policemen arrived at the village in nine vehicles and indiscriminately attacked the villagers.
- During the incident 19 people, including nine women, were injured.
- The protest demanded release of innocent people arrested by the police during the search operation and payment of compensation to the injured. The police had come to search for some accused persons involved in the assault on a forest range officer

Full Story in:

- <http://www.deccan.com> (Deccan Chronicle, 29th Sept. 2000)

January 20, 2002

- Policemen of Harbhanga village have displayed on going human rights abuses against innocent victims
- On the night of January 20, 2002 police resorted to tear gas grenades and a lathi charge, to disperse a crowd that had gathered in the village.
- Women were mainly targeted by the uncontrolled police force. They were fearlessly unclothed, molested and assaulted at gunpoint.
- The police forcibly entered the houses of the entire village one after the other by breaking their doors and windows.
- The male members who were present inside the houses or in the village were brutally assaulted irrespective of their age, illness or involvement in the agitation.
- Mainly lathis were used to assault the men
- The police forces were drunk, totally undisciplined and behaved like 'organised criminals' in the absence of any controlling/commanding officer
- No FIR has been filed by the villagers against the police atrocities

Full Story in:

- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Human-rights/2002/harbhanga.htm>

Rajendra Kumar Ram, Mayurbhanj

July 13, 2004

- A lawyer has been tortured by policemen of Mayurbhanj District
- On 24 June 2004, Rajendra Kumar Ram, an advocate, was arrested by officers of Baripada Sadar PS while he was on his way to a court
- He was assaulted by the policemen and sustained severe injuries. When he was produced before the sub-divisional judicial magistrate, he complained of police torture and was then sent by the court for medical examination. The medical report confirmed his injuries
- The police state that the lawyer resisted arrest, assaulted the police party and suffered simple injuries when he was over-powered
- His complaint was not received by the police and no action was taken against the accused police officers

Full Story in:

- 'House fury over cop torture' Statesman News Service, BHUBANESWAR, July 13, 2004

December 1, 2004

- On 1 December 2004, the Orissa police attacked and critically injured 16 Adivasis in Kashipur, in Rayagada district.
- More than 300 Adivasis and Dalits were targeted for protesting against the creation of a police station and barracks for armed police at D Karol.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.sikhspectrum.com/022005/orissa.htm>

February 7, 2005

- There has been a continuing spate of human rights abuses inflicted by the Orissa state police on villagers. Their only 'crime' is that they have been peacefully resisting moves by bauxite-mining multi-national companies to displace them from their land.
- On December 1, 2004 the Orissa police launched a brutal lathi charge on 400 Adivasis, mostly women, who had gathered to peacefully protest against the inauguration of a new road to a proposed bauxite-mining site in Baphlimali.

- As a result, 16 people were critically injured and three women were beaten unconscious.

Full Story in:

- www.sacw.net/Nation/citizensappealOrissafeb05.html

June 10, 2005

- On May 9 about 5,000 Adivasis from Kalinganagar gathered to protest against non-payment of dues for land acquired for the construction of steel plants by the State Government.
- They were “brutally assaulted by the police” and four Adivasis, including two children were killed. Many of the injured were reported to be in a critical condition.
- A young girl, who was severely beaten up by the police, is still missing.
- The police arrested 26 persons, 25 of them women. Criminal cases were registered against 300 Adivasis under the IPC.
- The National Human Rights Commission has asked its Special Rapporteur, A.B. Tripathy to investigate the incident.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/06/10/stories/2005061002151300.htm>
- <http://nhrc.nic.in/dispArchive.asp?fno=981>

Chandana Patnaik, Puri

October 19 2005

- Ms Chandana Patnaik, a lecturer at Netrananda Sahu Women’s College at Kakatpur in Puri district, has alleged that she was being harassed and tortured by the local police and district officials at the behest of a minister’s son.
- The alleged victim has filed a case in the local court and lodged a complaint with the State Commission for Women.
- The commission has visited the area and taken up the investigation.
- The Orissa Human Rights Commission is also involved in the investigation.

Full Story in:

- ‘OHRC probe into ‘torture’ of college teacher’ Statesman News Service, BHUBANESWAR, Oct. 19. 2005

III. Police Firing

December 30, 1999; December 16, 2000

- On 16 December 2000, around 4000 people were at a meeting in Maikanch village to discuss their next road blockade, when armed police descended upon them and opened fire
- The local police killed three unarmed Adivasis and wounded several more.
- Almost a year before this incident, on 30 December 1999, eight innocent Adivasis, including one woman, were killed by the police in a nearby village.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.petitiononline.com/OrissaHR/petition.html>

November 7, 2001

- On 31 October, 2001 SI K.C. Patnaik of Nabarangapur district, Additional District Magistrate D. Prusty and officer-in-charge of Raighar PS opened fire on a group of Adivasis. Three Adivasis died.
- The state government ordered a judicial probe into the incident and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 1 lakh to the next of kin of the victims.
- Free medical treatment was also been ordered for the Adivasis injured in the police action

Full Story in:

- 'Nabarangapur firing: Naveen suspends 3 top officers' The Indian Express 08/11/2001

February 7, 2005

- On December 16, 2000, three Adivasis were killed in Kashipur, when police fired on unarmed villagers associated with the people's struggle against bauxite mining.
- Following international outrage at the incident, one of UAIL's original stakeholders, Norsk Hydro of Norway, withdrew from the project in a move that clearly implicated both the UAIL and the Orissa government.

Full Story in:

- www.sacw.net/Nation/citizensappealOrissafeb05.html

Ganesh Das, Kendrapara

January 2, 2006

- On 2 January 2006, an unarmed fisherman from West Bengal, Ganesh Das was reportedly killed in an unprovoked firing.
- A joint patrol team of the Orissa forest department and police from Gahirmatha in Kendrapara district, were involved in the firing.

Full Story in:

- Cases from ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
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January 18, 2006

- On 2 January 2006, at Kalinga Nagar in Jajpur district, police officials opened fire on a crowd of Adivasis.
- Seven people are reported to have been killed on the spot and at least 40 others injured. Five others injured in the police firing were later pronounced dead at the Jajpur district hospital. One policeman was reportedly killed by the Adivasis.
- During the resultant chaos, policemen fired rubber bullets, teargas shells and live rounds at the protestors.
- Several reports have stated that police officials continued to shoot Adivasis as they fled and several individuals were shot in the back.
- Three doctors who conducted autopsies on protestors have been suspended. There was outrage after five of the bodies were returned to relatives with the hands cut off.
- Some of the Adivasis victims also had their genitals cut off

Full Story in:

- Amnesty International. News Service No: 114. 18 January 2006
- BBC. Thursday, 5 January 2006
- http://www.telegraphindia.com/1060114/asp/nation/story_5719791.asp

IV. Custodial Rape/ Sexual Harassment

Nilima Barik Kendrapara

June 13, 2003

- On 13 June 2003, Nilima Barik was allegedly stripped and molested by Ashok Barik, officer-in-charge of Mahakalpada PS.

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/barik0503.htm>
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June 22, 2004

- On 6 June 2004, an alleged rape occurred of a middle-aged woman from the Narsinghpur area.
- The rape was reported to have occurred outside the Bank of Baroda near the reserve police ground adjacent to the Mahila PS.
- Five policemen, including four Armed Police Reserve (APR) constables, were arrested and placed under suspension for their alleged involvement in the gang rape of the woman.

Full Story in:

- 'Cops in remand for gang rape', Statesman News Service Cuttack, June 22.2004
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January 15, 2005

- A woman was gang raped inside a police station at Koraput in Orissa.
- The victim was invited to the PS by the Circle Inspector S K Oddu, on the pretext of obtaining a job.
- She was then raped by Inspector Oddu and two others.
- According to the victim, "They said there is no need to be scared. We are policemen; today is the last day for getting the job. Then the CI raped me, and after him Nagurao and Doctor Rath".

Full Story in:

- Times of India, September 12, 2004, Sunday.
- New Indian Express/ANI, Sunday

V. Police Acquiescence

Niyati Behera

June 14 2003

- On 14 June 2003, a complaint was made against the stripping and molestation of a Dalit, Ms Niyati Behera, age 25, by a group of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) supporters near the Batira hamlet under the Patkura police station.
- The police are allegedly protecting the culprits

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/behera0403.htm>

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VI. Custodial Torture And Police Assaults

Budha Boi, Sambalpur

April 23, 2001

- On 13 April 2001, Amir Khan a constable of the Armed Police Reserve based at Sambalpur, attempted to rape Budha. When she struggled, he threw acid on her face.
- Last year on October 17 2000, Poonam Singhal of Kalahandi was seriously injured in an acid attack.
- Khan has absconded, and the police are searching for him.
- A case has been registered following an FIR lodged by Belal Bagarti, the girl's uncle.

Full Story in:

- 'Girl spurns cop's advances, has acid thrown on her' Hindustan Times
- 23/04/2001 (Bargarh/Bhubaneswar)

November 05, 2002

- A group of people recently arrested by Kendrapara police in connection with a road blockade, have alleged that the police beat them with lathis, stripped them and made them drink urine, at Marshaghai PS.
- The allegation was made by 86 members of Mankarpur Puja committee in a memorandum recently submitted to the Kendrapara district collector Hemant Sharma.
- The police denied the charge.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.dailypioneer.com/secon3.asp?cat=\state1&d=States>

Puli Shiva, Balasore

March 16, 2003

- On 16 March 2003, Puli Shiva aged 9 was arrested for theft.
- He was treated in an inhumane and degrading manner while being produced before the court, in Balasore.
- He was tied with a rope around his waist like a hard-core criminal and made to walk bare foot.
- The inhuman and degrading treatment violates the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) act 2000, and numerous Supreme Court judgments on the issue. It also violates internationally accepted standards on the treatment of juvenile delinquents.

Full Story in:

- <http://achrweb.org/countries/india/orissa/Shiva0303.htm>
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VII. Illegal Detention

Subhas Ghadei, Puri
September 01, 2004

- Subhas Ghadei, age 15, who was anxiously waiting for his exam results, was picked up by police personnel from his village, along with nearly 150-odd persons who have been accused of killing a police officer.
- On the charge sheet, the police recorded that Subhas was 20 years old.
- On 5 August 2004, after nearly two months in jail, a bail application was filed at court. However the judicial magistrate, rejected his bail plea on the grounds that he was 20 years old.
- The court observed that he should not be treated as a juvenile.
- The certificate issued by the Orissa Board of Secondary Education confirmed Subhas to be 15 years old. When another bail plea was moved in a higher court, the Puri district sessions judge directed the police to verify the records and find out whether the age of the juvenile was 15 years or not.
- The police have not submitted any investigation or report.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.asianage.com/>
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July 19, 2005

- Pratap Naik, a tribal man, had to wait nine years to be released from prison despite being acquitted.
- He was convicted of murder in 1989 by a local court but was acquitted by the state's High Court in 1994. He was released only in 2003. No reason has been given for the delay.

Full Story in:

- BBC. Tuesday, 19 July, 2005

VIII. Corporal Punishment / Abuse

August 06, 2003

- Two non-tribal teachers, including the headmaster of a tribal residential school were arrested, on charges of sexual assault on male students of the school.
- Forty students had reportedly fled from the school, after torture inflicted on them by the teachers became unbearable.
- The state government has already placed the two teachers under suspension following recommendations from the Rayagara district collector.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.deccanherald.com/deccanherald/aug07/n5.asp>

01-Custodial Death

FF Code : EU/OR/JSP/340/07
Victim(s) : Bibek Giri
Perpetrator(s) : Chita Ranjan Biswal, Supt.,
Kujanga Jail
Location : Kujanga Jail
Date of incident : 29/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim Bibek Giri and his two sons were convicted of a crime and sent to jail on 4 December 2006. On 26 January 2007 Bibek fell ill with chest pains and a fever. Bibek's son complained on behalf of his father's to the jail warden. The warden told his son to pay him a Rs. 300 bribe to take him to the hospital. When Bibek and his son protested, the jail superintendent threatened to incarcerate them longer. No action was taken.

On 29 January 2007, Bibek was finally taken to the hospital where he died that day.



02-Police Acquiescence

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/06 /07
Victim(s) : Pankajini Parida
Perpetrator(s) : POs
Location : Biramoharajpu PS
Date of incident : 23/08/2006

Case Details:

Victim Pankajini Parida was a minor girl of 15 years. She worked as a maidservant in the house of Jambeswar Beghar. Jambeswar Beghar raped her several times and she became pregnant.

On 23rd August 2006, Pankajini Parida lodged a complaint at the Birmoharajpu PS. No action was taken, as Jambeswar Beghar was politically active and an influential person.

Eventually, the police filed a case (No. 144/06), but did not arrest Jambeswar Beghar.

Pankajini Parida met the SP, who called the Birmoharajpur PS to pursue the case.

When Pankajini Parida went to the station with her uncle, the police pushed her uncle and hit him on the forehead with a ruler.

FF Code : EU/ OR/CTC/16/07
Victim(s) : Santi Devi Burma
Perpetrator(s) : Nirod Mohanty, IIC
Location : Bidanasi PS
Date of incident : 02/12/2006

Case Details:

Victim Santi Devi Burma resided with her minor grand daughter.

On 2 December, 2006 two local miscreants abducted Santi Devi Burma after threatening her with a knife.

On 3 December 2006, Santi Devi Burma went to the Bidanasi PS to lodge an FIR against the miscreants. The police arrested the miscreants, but then released them. Santi Devi Burma protested, but IIC Nirod Mohanty put her in the lock-up for twelve hours (from 9.00am to 9.00pm) and insulted her.

Since this time, the miscreants have threatened Santi Devi Burma to leave the place. The police, meanwhile, are threatening to jail her if she comes to the police station again.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKL/47/07
Victim(s)	: Baishanab Raula
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) CI Naugaon PS; 2) SP Naugaon PS
Location	: Naugaon PS
Date of incident	: 15/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Baishanab Raula is a newspaper reporter.

On 15 October 2007, Raula's neighbors attacked him with iron rods, and attempted to shoot him. The neighbors' attack caused Raula to bleed heavily, and he was struck to the ground. The neighbors also attacked Raula's family.

That night, Raula lodged a FIR with the Naugaon PS. However, the Naugaon PS CI removed the names of the accused from the FIR. The neighbors are defense personnel and the police have a good relationship with them.

Raula then complained to the Naugaon PS SP, but there was no subsequent police action taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/49/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Sagar Soren; 2) Laxmi Soren
Perpetrator(s)	: Panda, Inspector in Charge, Tirtol PS; 2) Dhala, PO, Tirto IPS
Location	: Gahamgada, Jagatsingpur
Date of incident	: 03/10/2007

Case Details:

On 3 October 2006, some men kidnapped victim Laxmi Soren near her house.

On the same day, Laxmi's father, victim Sagar Soren, informed Tirtol PS Inspector in Charge (IIC) Panda of the kidnapping. IIC Panda demanded Rs. 20,000 from Sagar in order to search for Laxmi, which Sagar paid.

IIC Panda and a second Tirtol PS police officer, Dhala, arrested the kidnappers. However, the police officers accepted a bribe of Rs. 30,000 from the kidnappers and then released them.

When Sagar returned to the Tirtol PS to inquire about the investigation, IIC Panda explained that they needed more money. Sagar paid IIC Panda Rs. 40,000 more.

Two days later, when Sagar inquired about the progress of the investigation, IIC Panda ordered Sagar to sit on the verandah and tried to depress Sagar.

Ultimately, Sagar was able to rescue Laxmi. Thereafter, IIC Panda threatened to imprison Sagar if he did not pay the IIC more money. IIC Panda also pressured Sagar to give Laxmi in marriage to one of the kidnapers, which IIC Panda explained would resolve the matter.

FF Code	: EU/ OR/KHR/80/07
Victim(s)	: Sukanti Mallik
Perpetrator(s)	: Alok Kumar Jena, OC, Balipatna PS
Location	: Marthapur, Balipatna
Date of incident	: 04/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sukanti Mallik belongs to the Scheduled Caste group.

There was a conflict between the dominant caste and the lower caste during the last elections, as a result of which the dominant caste people entered the houses of the lower castes and raped the women. Sukanti was one of the affected women; her condition was critical, so she was taken to the PHC, wherefrom she was referred to various other hospitals.

An FIR was booked, but OC Alok Jena of Balipatna PS took no action. Instead, the police have attempted to falsify the case and arrest members of the Scheduled Caste.

FF Code	: EU/ OR/DKL/88/07
Victim(s)	: Tikili Biswal
Perpetrator(s)	: Suresh Ku. Sethi, O.I.C, Rasola PS
Location	: Khariar Dole, Dhenkanal
Date of incident	: 18/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Tikili Biswal is a goat keeper and belongs to the Scheduled caste.

On 18 March 2007, while she was returning home with her herds of goat, she was dragged to the nearest field and raped by Ramachandra Behara. Afterwards, he threatened her not to disclose the assault to anybody, or he would murder her and her husband.

Despite the threat, Tikili went and informed her husband and some other villagers about the rape. Being outraged by this information, they all went to lodge a FIR at Rasola Police Station. O.I.C Suresh Kumar Sethi refused to receive the complaint and demanded Rs.300. Tikili paid him Rs.150 but the O.I.C did not take any action against the accused. A complaint has been send to the SWC but no action has been taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/92/07
Victim(s)	: Jhuna Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Maheswar Sethy, ASI, Jagatsingpur PS; 2) SDPO, Jagatsingpur PS
Location	: Jagatsingpur PS
Date of incident	: 21/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Jhuna Behera is a house wife.

On 21 February 2007, Juna Jena entered her house and seriously injured Behera while attempting to sexually assault her

Behera went to the Jagatsingpur PS to lodge a FIR, and the police ultimately accepted after first refusing. Afterwards, Jagatsingpur PS ASI Maheswar Sethy and the SDPO went to Behera's house demanding that she withdraw the case. The police officers took Behera to the police station and detained her for several hours for no legitimate reason.

Behera later lodged a complaint with the SP.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/93/07
Victim(s)	: Sukanta Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: Maheswar Sethy, ASI
Location	: Jagatsingpur PS
Date of incident	: 11/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sukanta Behara maintains his family by running a tiffin shop. He owns a small piece of land, which the village head (Sarpanch) tried to confiscate.

Sukanta Behera went to lodge a complaint at Jagatsinghpur PS, but his complaint was altered. Sukanta Behera was detained in the police lock-up and prevented from proceeding with the case.

ASI Maheswar Sethy frequently visited Sukanta Behera's house, threatening him not to report the matter elsewhere. At present, no action has been taken regarding the case.

FF Code	: EU/OR/KUR/96/07
Victim(s)	: Jhunalata Swain
Perpetrator(s)	: Utkal Keshari Das, IIC
Location	: Air Field PS, Khurda
Date of incident	: 17/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Jhunalata Swain is a house wife, and her husband is a civil servant.

On 14th April 2007, Jhunalata Swain was beaten and insulted by her neighbour Madhu Khatia, who also snatched away her chain and ear ring.

Jhunalata Swain went to the Air Field PS to lodge a complaint, but IIC Utkal Keshari Das paid no heed and refused to receive the complaint. Jhunalata Swain had to wait a long time in the police station, but no action was taken.

While returning home, Jhunalata Swain was once again abused by Madhu Khatia. She ran to the police station with her brother. Her complaint was received, but Jhunalata Swain was not issued a copy of the FIR. No action was taken.

On 19 April 2007, Jhunalata Swain filed a complaint before the SDJM, Bhubaneswar on 19th April 2007. No action was taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/471/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Manju Das, 2) Sasmita Das
Perpetrator(s)	: Kundu, IIC
Location	: Cuttack PS
Date of incident	: 11/01/2007

Case Details:

Manju Das, age 45, and her daughter Sasmita Das, age 10, went to fetch water from the tap near their house. On the way, Manju's neighbours Abbu Bakkar and his son Anu Sekh assaulted her and tore her clothes. Anu Sekh also misbehaved with Sasmita.

On 11 January 2007, Manju went to the Cuttack PS and attempted to lodge a complaint against Abbu Bakkar. Cuttack IIC Mr. Kundu refused to accept the FIR. Instead, he scolded Manju. When Manju protested, IIC Kundu got angry and pushed Manju out of the PS by her neck. The police have taken no action on this matter.

Abbu Bakkar and Anu Sekh continue to threaten Manju and her family that if they pursue the matter they will kidnap Sasmita.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/98/07
Victim(s)	: Somanath Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Hari Sankar Bhoi, SI, Baragada PS; 2) OIC, Baragada PS; 3) POs Unnamed Baragada PS
Location	: Khurda
Date of incident	: 06/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Somnath Naik worked in a sweet shop owned by Arun Kumar Mohapatra.

On 6th April 2007, Naik's mother learned that Naik had died. She went to Bhubaneswar to retrieve Naik's body, but the body had already been cremated.

On 7 April 2007, suspecting murder, Naik's mother went to the Baragada PS, where Hari Sankar Bhoi is the SI, to lodge a complaint of murder but the OIC instead recorded the case as a suicide.

On 23 December 2007, a complaint was filed with the SHRC but no reply has been received.

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/106/07
Victim(s) : Santi Lata Danta
Perpetrator(s) : Pramod Kumar Das, ASI
Location : Manmunda PS
Date of incident : 27/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Santi Lata Danta is an Anganwadi (Crèche) worker.

On 27 February 2007, Pradeep Mendeli, the husband of the village Sarpanch (head) came to her house. He started abusing her with obscene language and beat her severely, pulling her hair and threatening to kill her.

Santi and her husband went to lodge a complaint at Manmunda PS but the officer demanded a bribe, and after registering the case he did not hand over a copy of the complaint to Santi. When she protested, the officer present beat her and her husband. ASI Pramod Kumar Das also threatened Santi to withdraw her complaint.

The next day Santi and her husband went to the SP and registered a complaint against ASI Pramod Kumar Das, but no action was taken.

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/129/07
Victim(s) : Mamta Sahu
Perpetrator(s) : OIC, Dunguripalli PS
Location : Karlajury, Dunguripalli PS,
Subarnapur District
Date of incident : 27/10/2006

Case Details:

Victim Mamta Sahu, age 25, is a Dalit. Mamta is married to Basudev Sahu. Her dowry consisted of a Hero Honda motorcycle.

Six months after marriage, her husband demanded 20 grams in gold, a colour television, another motorcycle and Rs. 20 000. Mamta told her father about this and due to his poor

financial condition, he agreed to give Rs. 10 000. When Mamta's in-laws heard about this, they tortured her, assaulted her, and threatened to kill her.

When Mamta told her father about the abuse he called a village meeting to discuss the matter, but Mamta's in-laws did not stop torturing her. When they tried to kill her, she escaped to her father's house. After agreement with her in-laws, Mamta returned to her husband's house. However her in-laws said that they would keep pestering her, until their demands were met.

Mamta went to lodge a complaint against her in-laws at Bolangir PS. However the police did not take any action against them.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/139/07
Victim(s)	: Manjali Rout
Perpetrator(s)	: OIC, Biridi PS
Location	: Haladiapada, Biridi PS, Jagatsinghpur District
Date of incident	: 06/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Manjali Rout, age 27, is married.

On 6 May 2007 at 8am Manjali was doing her housework when Pitabas Ojha and Chintamani Ojha arrived at her house. Knowing that her husband was absent, they forcibly entered the house. When Manjali resisted, they pushed her to one side and she fell against the wall, causing a head injury. They pushed her again, causing her to injure her hand. When she shouted they ran away.

Manjali and her husband went to the police station to lodge a complaint. On the way to the police station the culprits beat them.

After lodging the FIR the police have not taken any action against the culprits.

FF Code : EU/OR/ CTC /347/07
Victim(s) : Ms Tiki Sahu
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sri Akhaya Behera, IIC
Chauliaganj PS 2) Ms. Jayashree
Kundu, IIC, Mahila PS
Location : Chuliaganj District
Date of incident : 01/11/2006

Case Details:

Victim Ms. Tiki Sahu is a 38 year-old handicapped woman who inherited some property from her father. Tiki's brother Rajendra Sahu also inherited property from her father. When Rajendra learned about Tiki's inheritance, he physically assaulted her and drove her out from the home.

Tiki informed IIC Chauliaganj Mr. Dillip Kumar Behera on 1 September 2005. After receiving a bribe from Rajendra, Mr. Behera called Tiki to the PS, beat her and verbally abused her. Then Mr. Behera forced Tiki to sign a blank paper and told her not to quarrel with Rajendra regarding property. Mr. Behera told Tiki not to tell anyone about the incident or he would file a false case against her or send her to an orphanage. Tiki was released on the condition that she would appear before him. Every evening Tiki went to PS to meet Mr. Behera, most of the time waiting for hours.

On 1 November 2006, Rajendra falsely accused Tiki of theft and beat her until she was unconscious. As a result, Tiki was unable to appear before Mr. Behera. Tiki made a personal appearance before the IIC, and then lodged a complaint against Rajendra to Mahila IIC Jayashree Kundu. Though her complaint was received, IIC Kundu told Tiki that the police were not there to solve her family disputes. The police have not taken any action on Tiki's complaints.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/349/07
Victim(s)	: Nagma Sultan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Jayashree Kundu, Officer in Charge, Mahila PS; 2) POs Mahila PS; 3) POs Bidnasi PS
Location	: Buxibazar, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 01/10/2006

Case Details:

The husband of victim Nagma Sultan, age 35, secured a loan under pressure from his brother of four lakhs and Rs. 30,000 for his brother's shop, using Sultan's land as the guarantee.

When Sultan learned of this unfair arrangement, she met with local Panchayat leaders and worked out a three month repayment plan. When Sultan reminded her brother-in-law about the repayment schedule, he forced Sultan's husband to leave the shop.

On 14 May 2005, at 2:00pm, Sultan's brother-in-law attacked Sultan and her husband. Sultan attempted to lodge a complaint with the Bidanasi PS, but the police officers there refused to take any action.

On 19 May 2005, Sultan met with D.I.G. (C.R.) of Cuttack who referred her to the city D.S.P., but nothing materialized from those meetings. Indeed, her brother-in-law continued to harass her and he and his friends would make inappropriate comments about her daughter. When Sultan complained about these comments to the Mahila PS on 11 October 2006, the police officers scolded her and detained her in custody from 9:00am until 8:00pm. The Mahila PS police officers warned Sultan that, if they found her near the police station, they would take serious action against her family. The Mahila PS Officer in Charge Jayashree Kundu also forced Sultan to provide her signature on a blank piece of paper. Later, Officer in Charge Kundu came to Sultan's house and slapped her husband two to three times.

03-Police Intimidation

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/2/07
Victim(s)	: Muralidhar Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: Maheswar Sethi, SI
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 11/12/2006

Case Details:

Victim Muralidhar Behera is 50 years old. He married his daughter Sumitra Behera to Rama Das as per Hindu customs.

On 10 December 2006, during the delivery of her second child, Sumitra Behera suffered pain and heavy bleeding due to the doctors' negligence. Later, the doctors referred her to Cuttack Hospital. On the way to the Hospital, Sumitra and her newborn child died.

On 11 December 2006, Muralidhar Behera went to the Jagatsinghpur PS to lodge a complaint, but the police refused to receive the complaint. Instead, they threatened to file a false charge against Muralidhar Behera.

The next day, police officials visited Muralidhar Behera at his house and threatened him so that he would withdraw his case.

On 17 December 2007, the ASI of Jagatsinghpur PS approached Muralidhar Behera and forced him to sign a blank piece of paper. The ASI also threatened to jail him and his family if he did not keep quiet.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ KUR/11 /06.
Victim(s)	: Sakuntala Sahu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Bhabanikanta Pattnaik, IIC; 2) PC
Location	: Laxmisagar PS
Date of incident	: 31/07/2006

Case Details:

On 31st July, 2007, victim Sakuntala Sahu and her daughter were arrested and handcuffed by IIC Bhabanikanta Pattnaik and three PCs of Laxminagar PS on the allegation that they had

demolished the boundary of their neighbour Urmila. The police detained Sakuntala Sahu and her daughter, and deprived them of food and water.

That night, the IIC tried to touch Sakuntala Sahu's private parts, despite her and her daughter's objections.

The next morning, Sakuntala Sahu's husband arrived, but the police insulted him.

Later, the police forcefully obtained Sakuntala Sahu's signature on an agreement to pay compensation to the complainant.

Sakuntala Sahu filed a case at the Court against the police, but no action has been taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/77/07
Victim(s)	: Sasmita Sahu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Prasant Kumar Behera, ASI; 2) POs, Capital PS
Location	: Gola Mohammedpur, Balipatna
Date of incident	: 05/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sasmita Sahu runs a betel shop.

On 5th March 2007, some officers from the Capital Police Station, led by ASI Prasant Kumar Behera, came and demanded some cigarettes and gutkha (pan parag) from Sasmita Sahu. Sasmita Sahu refused. The police officers became angry and insulted Sasmita Sahu. They threatened her not to keep her shop open and told her to move. They pulled her saree and tore her blouse so that she stood almost naked. The police then threatened to kill Sasmita Sahu if she told anyone about what had happened.

Sasmita Sahu went to the Capital GH and acquired treatment.

On 6 March 2007, Sasmita Sahu lodged a complaint at Capital PS, but received no copy of this complaint.



04-Police Torture - No Death

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/81/07
Victim(s) : Lokanath Badi
Perpetrator(s) : Baisnab Charan Das, ASI,
Menda Out Post PS
Location : Menda Out Post PS
Date of incident : 21/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Lokanath Badi belongs to a poor scheduled caste family.

On 21 March 2007, he was summoned to Menda Out Post PS. When he arrived at the out post, there were many upper caste people present, including the O.I.C and ASI Baisnab Charan Das. The O.I.C abused Lokanath by punching him on the forehead and pulling his hair. The police subjected him to severe torture; as a result of which he incurred several injuries to his head and his nose started bleeding. He had to be hospitalized, where he was bed ridden for a week.

A complaint has been sent to the SHRC but no action has been taken.

FF Code : EU/OR/DKL/87/07
Victim(s) : Bibekananda Naik
Perpetrator(s) : Ashok Kumar, O.I.C,
Township PS
Location : Nalco PS
Date of incident : 09/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bibekananda Naik is unemployed and a member of the Scheduled caste.

The O.I.C of Nalco Police Station arrested Bibekananda, giving him no apparent reason for his arrest. He was detained at the police station for three days. While inside, he was subjected to brutal torture and he was forced to accept that he was guilty of stealing a mobile phone.

Bibekananda's mother went to the police station and protested her son's innocence, but the police beat her son in her presence and abused her with obscene language.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/114/07
Victim(s)	: Laxmidhara Mohanty
Perpetrator(s)	: Bhimasen Panchuati, OIC
Location	: Niali PS
Date of incident	: 27/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Laxmidhara Mohanty is a daily wage labourer. While Laxmidhara and his friends were returning home from work they witnessed a quarrel between two families in their village. Many people gathered and watched the quarrel. One person was killed in the scuffle. When police arrived at the spot, they took the corpse away and asked Laxmidhara to be a witness to this. Laxmidhara obliged and signed a piece of paper.

After two months, on 15 April 2007, the police called Laxmidhara to the police station, where he was detained until night time. At about 11PM, OIC Bhimasen Panchuati arrived at the PS in a drunken state. He stamped on Laxmidhara with his boot clad feet, beat him with a lathi, punched and kicked him, until 1 AM. He accused Laxmidhara of having been involved in the murder case and detained him for many days.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/119/07
Victim(s)	: Pathani Mohanty
Perpetrator(s)	: Bhimasen Panchuati, OIC
Location	: Niali PS, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 29/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Pathani Mohanty is a daily wage labourer. He is illiterate.

On 25 April 2007 Pathani was herding his buffaloes. A few policemen arrived and ordered him to report to Niali Police Station. Pathani refused to go, as he was not involved in any case.

Again on 26 April 2007, Pathani was called to the police station, where he was detained. OIC Bhimasen Panchuati abused him with vulgar language, beat him severely with a lathi, kicked

him and also burnt him with cigarette butts. He was then booked in a false case, the police stated that he planned to kill the sarpanch (village head). Though Pathani Mohanty begged the police that he was not guilty they paid no heed. After being released on bail, he made a complaint to the SP of Niali Police Station.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKL/132/07
Victim(s)	: Ashok Kumar Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: Manasa Pradhan, OIC
Location	: Mahisapata, Dhenkanal Sadar PS, Dhenkanal District
Date of incident	: 20/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ashok Kumar Naik, age 25, belongs to the schedule caste. He is a daily labourer.

On 19 May 2007 Parsuram Pradhan was killed by some unknown person.

On 20 May 2007 at 9am, OIC Manasa Pradhan of Dhenkanal Sadar PS called Ashok to the police station. They kept him detained for four days, interrogating him about the murder of Parsuram Pradhan, of which Ashok knew nothing. Every evening OIC Manasa Pradhan, assaulted Ashok, slapping him and beating him with a lathi. The police also took him around several villages, asking the residents to identify him in connection with the murder, but nobody recognized him.

On 23 May 2007 the police released Ashok, threatening him not to speak of what had happened.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ JSP/204 /07
Victim(s)	: Abinas Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: Maheswar Sethi, SI
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 27/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Abinas Behera is an agriculturist, who was arrested in a false case owing to political rivalry. He was arrested at Gopalpur and taken to Jagatsinghpur Police Station. At the station, SI Maheswar Sethi pulled his shirt and labeled Abinas Behera as a dacoit and beat him using a lathi. The victim was subjected to such brutal torture that he was unable to walk. In fear of the police, he hesitates to open his mouth.

“On dated 27/07/07 the vicgtim was taken to Jagatsinghpur PS for some political rivalry case by the SI. They put the victim in the lock-up. In lock-up the SI told him to open dress then looking at him he started beating the victim with lathi. The SI and another constable had also beaten him on his knee and foot in the lathi as result of which the victim could not walk. Due to fist blow the victim also could not talk properly.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ KUR/209 /07
Victim(s)	: Babu Khan
Perpetrator(s)	: E. Ramachandra Reddy, SI, Khurda PS
Location	: Khurda PS
Date of incident	: 13/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Babu Khan is a taxi driver.

On 13 August 2007, Khan and a bus driver had a verbal fight. As a result the bus driver registered a complaint against Khan with the Khurda PS. Consequently, SI E. Ramachandra Reddy arrived on the scene and beat Khan and forcibly dragged him to the police station. At the police station, SI Reddy beat Khan with a lathi.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC /228 /07
Victim(s)	: Gobinda Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Prafulla Kumar Mishra, SI, Bidnasi PS; 2) Nirodh Kumar Mohanty, IIC, Bidnasi PS
Location	: Bidanasi PS
Date of incident	: 19/09/2007

Case Details:

On 19 September 2007, victim Gobinda Behera found an abandoned baby on the road and took it home.

A neighbor stole baby from Behera's home. On 20 September 2007, Behera attempted to lodge a FIR with the Bidnasi PS against the neighbor. SI Pradula was smoking ganja when Behera arrived, and he hit Behera with a lathi on the neck and back, rendering Behera unconscious. IIC Nirodh Kumar Mohanty then kicked Behera out of the station.

Behera lodged a complaint with the SP but has not received a reply.

FF Code : EU/OR/ CTC/230 /07
Victim(s) : Kumar Sandha
Perpetrator(s) : Ajay Pratap Das, ASI
Location : Salepur PS, Cuttack
Date of incident : 19/09/2007

Case Details:

On 19 September 2007, victim Kumar Sandha went to the Salepur PS to lodge a complaint against a man who had an illicit relationship with Sandha's daughter. ASI Ajay Pratap Das refused to accept the complaint and slapped Kumar on the cheek, beat him with a lathi, and kicked him. ASI Das also inserted the lathi into Sandha's anus and warned him not to talk about his treatment.

On 21 September 2007, Sandha lodged a complaint with the SP but no action has been taken.

FF Code : EU/OR/ CTC/232 /07
Victim(s) : Bishna Bhoi
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ajay Kumar Mohanty, ASI,
Cuttack Sadar PS;
2) POs Cuttack Sadar PS
Location : Cuttack Sadar PS
Date of incident : 16/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bishna Bhoi's daughter was tortured by her in-laws and husband who demanded more dowry. When Bhoi learned of this, he went to his daughter's house and found her missing.

On 16 September 2007, Bhoi went to the Cuttack Sadar PS to lodge a complaint against the in-laws and husband.

On 19 September 2007, Bhoi went back to the Cuttack Sadar PS to inquire about the complaint. At the police station, ASI Ajay Kumar Mohanty beat Bhoi on the legs and back and also slapped him. ASI Mohanty then locked up Bhoi and beat him with a lathi and kicked him. The next day police officers again bat Bhoi and kicked him with their boots. ASI Mohanty then grabbed Bhoi by the hair and pushed him out of the police station. As a result of the beatings, Bhoi was unable to walk for two days.

Bhoi lodged a complaint with the SP but no action has been taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/233 /07
Victim(s)	: Md. Rayamat Khan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Niranjan Sahu, ASI, Lalbagh PS; 2) Ajay Kumar Das, Constable, Lalbagh PS; 3) POs Lalbagh PS
Location	: Lalbagh PS, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 17/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rayamat Khan was the subject of a false case registered by men who were angry that Khan had stopped them from beating another man. The case was registered with the Lalbagh PS.

On 17th September 2007, ASI Niranjan Sahu arrested Khan and locked him up. At night, ASI Sahu and two constables, including Ajay Kumar Das, tied Khans hands and legs together and beat him.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/234 /07
Victim(s)	: 1) Gaynaranjan Patra
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Pradeepta Kumar Mohanty, ASI, Chauliganga PS; 2) POs Chauliganga PS
Location	: Chauliganga PS, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 27/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Gaynaranjan Patra owns a photo studio.

Patra's younger brother lodged a complaint against Patra with the Chauliganga PS.

On 28 July 2007, Patra was summoned to the Chauliganga PS where ASI Pradeepta Kumar Mohanty demanded Rs.2000 as bribe to resolve the case, and then detained him that night at the police station.

On 9 September 2007, six policemen took Patra to the Chauliganga PS without giving him a reason. At the station, ASI Pradeepta Mohanty was drunk and beat Gaynaranjan Patra on his hands and feet using a lathi. ASI Mohanty then forced Patra to sign ten to twelve blank papers. The police then demanded a bribe from Patra's wife to solve the case to produce Patra before a court.

FF Code : EU/OR/ CTC/239 /07
Victim(s) : Sukanta Pradhan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Praffula Kumar Mishra, ASI,
Purighat PS;
2) POs Purighat PS
Location : Purighat PS
Date of incident : 13/08/2007

Case Details:

On 11 August 2007, a few men destroyed victim Sukanta Pradhan's home.

Pradhan went to the Purighat PS with some witness to register a FIR. However, the police officers refused to register the FIR and, instead, pushed down on Pradhan's neck and kicked him.

Two days later, on 13 August 2007, Sukanta returned to the PS. There, ASI Praffula Kumar Mishra kicked Sukanta and beat him with a lathi. The police forcefully took Sukanta's signature on two papers. They POs told Sukanta that they would put him in jail if he told anyone about the incident.

FF Code : EU/OR/ CTC/240 /07
Victim(s) : Paresh Kumar Mohanty
Perpetrator(s) : 1) S.N. Das, SI, Lalbagh PS;
2) POs Lalbagh PS
Location : Lalbagh PS
Date of incident : 03/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Paresh Kumar Mohanty was a member of an organization which mishandled around 3 lakhs worth of money that was owed to around 1500 women. Mohanty was not involved with the mishandling of this money.

On 3 September 2007, at the bus stand, some of the women approached Mohanty and called him a thief, and they complained to the Lalbagh PS. The Lalbagh PS police officers detained Mohanty at the police station, and SI S.N. Das beat Mohanty on the legs with a baton until Mohanty was unable to walk. SI Das also beat Mohanty on other parts of his body.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/241 /07
Victim(s)	: Rhemat Khan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Pratap Chandra rout, ASI, Markat Nagar PS; 2) POs Markat Nagar PS
Location	: Markat Nagar PS
Date of incident	: 07/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rhemat Khan's son was beaten by another man.

On 7 September 2007, Rhemat lodged a FIR against the man with the Markat Nagar PS, where Pratap Chandra Rout is the ASI. However, when he had asked for a copy of the FIR, the police refused to give him it.

The next day, the police forcibly took Rhemat to the PS where he was detained for three days. While in police custody, the Markat Nagar PS police officers beat Rhemat with batons and kicked him with their boots. The police forced Rhemat to sign two papers, and then, after taking Rs. 500, released him.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/244 /07
Victim(s)	: Prakash Kumar Sharma
Perpetrator(s)	: Bijay Kumar Mishra, ASI
Location	: Mangala Bagh PS
Date of incident	: 30/08/2007

Case Details:

A SCB Pharmacy College student took Rs. 1000 from Debadata Swain and threatened to chase him out of college if he disclosed the matter. The victim Prakash Kumar Sharma learned about the incident and attempted to help Debadata and demanded the money back. But he and his friends were humiliated by the senior students. On 30 August 2007, Prakash and other students went to the Mangala Bagh PS to lodge a FIR. The police refused accept the complaint. The students then protested in front of the PS.

At approximately 10.45pm, Prakash was arrested and put in the police lock-up. At about midnight, while he was sleeping, the ASI entered the cell and beat him with a lathi. When victim screamed, police officers dragged him a room where they beat him until he was unconscious. The police officers revived Prakash with water. The next day, the police forced Prakash to sign on 12 blank papers and then released him.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/475/07
Victim(s)	: Kausalya Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Sitakanta Muduli, Exercise Department staff; 2) Pramod Ray, Exercise Department staff; 3) Smt. Minati Beura, Exercise Department staff; 4) Dibakar Nayak, Exercise Department staff;
Location	: Choudwar Gupteswarsahi Choudwar, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 09/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kausalya Behera, a female, complained to the Governor, Chief Minister, Excise Minister, Excise Director, and Superintendent of Police that fifteen illegal liquor shops had opened in Choudwar.

On 9 January 2007 at around 8:00pm, in retaliation for Behera's complaints, the local excise staff of Choudwar-Cuttack searched her house without a search warrant, and without the permission of the local police station. During the search, the excise staff declared that Behera's family had to suffer because of her complaints and because of similar complaints that her husband had made previously made in 2006.

The following day, the excise staff, including Sitakanta Muduli, Pramod Ray, Smt. Minati Beura and Dibakar Nayak, took Behera to the Cuttack office at Shelter Square. The excise staff beat and kicked Behera, and hit her fingers with a stick, in order to force Behera to provide her signature to several blank pieces of paper.



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FF Code : EU/OR/DKL/22/07
Victim(s) : Satyaban Naik
Perpetrator(s) : SI Anugul Sub Jail
Location : Jayenga P.S
Date of incident : 07/04/2007

Case Details:

Satyaban Nayak was incarcerated and began a protest against the jailors for serving bad food to the prisoners. The prisoners held a strike. To end the protest, jailer Anugul promised to provide good food to the prisoners. When he failed to meet his promise, the prisoners began a three day fast, from 7 April 2006 to 10 April 2006, to strike against the poor food. During the strike, jailors beat Satyaban several times inside the cell. As a result of the beatings and his fast, Satyaban's condition became serious and he was taken to the hospital.

On the 15 April 2007, Satyaban was discharged from the hospital and returned to jail.

FF Code : EU/OR/KUR/27/2007
Victim(s) : Deepak Kumar
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Birupakhya SI, Lingaraj PS;
2) Lingaraj PS CI;
3) POs Lingaraj PS
Location : Lingaraj PS
Date of incident : 29/12/2006

Case Details:

In June 2006, victim Deepak Kumar, a shopkeeper, was asked by a person whether the shampoo the person had purchased at another shop was expired. Kumar confirmed that the shampoo was expired, and the person returned the bottle to the other shop. The other shopkeeper became angry that Kumar had affected her business.

On 23 December 2006, at around 10:00pm, the other shopkeeper came to Kumar's store and yelled obscenities at Kumar in front of many customers.

On 24 December 2006, during Kumar's breakfast, Lingaraj PS police officers informed Kumar that the other shopkeeper had registered a FIR against him. The FIR alleged that Kumar had made inappropriate comments about her and also misbehaved with her. Kumar proclaimed his innocence, and then Lingaraj PS CI Bhiru Palia slapped Kumar and told him not to think of himself as a "big" businessman. CI Bhiru Palia also beat Kumar on his back and fat with a roller stick. Kumar sustained a scar on his back from the beating.

The Lingaraj PS SI Birupakhya then forcibly obtained Kumar's signature on a blank piece of paper and threatened Kumar not to talk about his treatment.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKL/36/07
Victim(s)	: Hadu Mallik
Perpetrator(s)	: O.C, Dhenkanal Town PS
Location	: Dhenkanal Town PS
Date of incident	: 08/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Hadu Mallik works as a driver.

On 8 February 2007, there was a scuffle between BJP Party Members and supporters of the Chairman; in the scuffle, a man died. Hadu Mallik had been standing next to a nearby garage.

The police approached Hadu Mallik and asked his identity. He provided his address.

At around 11.30am, around three police officers took Hadu Mallik to the Dhenkanal Town PS and interrogated him about the death at the scuffle. The officers slapped him, pulled his hair from the back, and hit him two or three times on his leg with a lathi.

The police included Hadu Mallik's name on the list of accused in the murder at the scuffle, despite that he had nothing to do with the death. Hadu Mallik was produced the next day before a court.

FF Code : EU/OR/KUR/41/07
Victim(s) : S.K. Somiullah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Rajendra Prasad Behera, IIC;
2) CRPF jawans
Location : Nayapalli, PS
Date of incident : 02/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim S.K. Somiullah is a shopkeeper.

On 2 February 2007 at 7.30pm, S.K. Somiullah saw two CRPF jawans beating a man mercilessly. S.K. Somiullah asked the jawans to stop, but the jawans responded by beating him instead. They hit him with an iron pipe on his head, chest, and arms.

S.K. Somiullah went with his brother to the hospital.

The next day, S.K. Somiullah lodged an FIR with the Nayapalli PS. However, the Nayapalli PS police officers, including IIC Rajendra Prasad Behera, have not taken any action.

Complaints were sent to higher authorities, but no action has been taken.

FF Code : EU/OR/DKL/44/07
Victim(s) : Salila Pattanaik
Perpetrator(s) : P.K. Panda, IIC. Jagatsinghpur, PS
Location : Jagatsinghpur, PS
Date of incident : 27/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim Salila Pattanaik was previously working as a security guard. At the time of the incident, Salila was searching for a new job.

On 27 January, 2007 he was arrested by the police for no apparent reason. The victim had no previous criminal record and his financial condition was low. When he reached Jagatsinghpur PS, Salila enquired about why he had been arrested. The SI pulled his hair and dragged him to the lock-up. While he was detained IIC P.K. Panda slapped him twice and accused him of being involved in a fight at the last village election, Salila had no knowledge of this alleged fight.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKL/48/07
Victim(s)	: Bhima Das
Perpetrator(s)	: POs Jagatsinghpur PS
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 08/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bhimsen Das was a priest.

A co-villager of Das (hereinafter, "the attacker") attacked Das' wife because her goat had eaten his paddy crops. The co-villager had strong political connections.

On 8 January 2007, Bhima registered a FIR with the Jagatsinghpur PS, but, because of the attacker's political influence, the police did not pursue an investigation.

The next day, between three and four Jagatsinghpur PS constables went to Bhima's house and told him to withdraw the FIR. Bhima's son protested, and one of the Jagatsinghpur PS constables beat him on his back and left hand with a lathi. Bhima's son fell to the ground, and another Jagatsinghpur PS constable kicked him on his buttock. The police then detained Bhima's son.

FF Code	: EU/OR/SNP/60/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Sudesan Negi 2) family members
Perpetrator(s)	: Rajib Mishra, O.C, Binka P.S
Location	: Binka P.S
Date of incident	: 08/07/2006

Case Details:

The victim Sudesan Negi was a social worker. On 8 July, 2007 Sudesan's neighbour beat her with a baton. Having sustained injuries from the beating, Sudesan went to Mohadevpalli PS to lodge a complaint. The ASI refused to issue a FIR and sent her away.

Accompanied by her father, Sudesan tried to lodge a complaint at Binka PS. The officer issued an FIR but he would not give Sudesan a copy. The police then verbally abused her, and when her father protested the police slapped him and beat him two or three times with a baton.

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/64/07
Victim(s) : Agasti Luha
Perpetrator(s) : Raju Mishra, O.I.C, Binka PS
Location : Binka, Subarnapur
Date of incident : 04/12/2006

Case Details:

Victim Agasti Luha is a member of the Scheduled Caste. On 4 December 2006, while he was returning home, a group of boys verbally abused him because of his caste status. The boys also threatened to rape Agasti's female family members and demolish his house.

On 5 December 2006, Agasti went to lodge a complaint at Binka PS, where the O.I.C Raju Mishra refused to book a case and instead produced him before the court on a false charge. The police refused to give Agasti a copy of the FIR, and the O.I.C also beat him with his lathi.

FF Code : EU/OR/SNP/81/07
Victim(s) : Lokanath Badi
Perpetrator(s) : Baisnab Charan Das, ASI
Location : Menda Out Post PS
Date of incident : 21/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Lokanath Badi belongs to a poor Scheduled Caste family.

On 21st March 2007, Lokanath Badi was summoned to the Menda Out Post PS. There, he saw local upper-caste people.

On Lokanath Badi's arrival, ASI Baisnab Charan Das punched his temple and pulled his hair before beating him further on his head and nose. Lokanath Badi's nose started to bleed.

Lokanath Badi had to be hospitalised and was bedridden for one week.

A complaint has been sent to the SHRC, but no action has been taken.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/101/07
Victim(s)	: Paresh Chandra Sharma
Perpetrator(s)	: P.K. Mallah, PC
Location	: Malgodown, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 17/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Paresh Chandra Sharma is a Mathematics Student.

On 17 April 2007, a musical concert was staged in front of the college. While Paresh and his friends were enjoying the show they were pushed from behind. Turning around, Paresh realized that it was PC Mallah that had pushed him. Another constable then came out of a police van and started assaulting Paresh and his friends. Paresh was punched by the police three or four times and his friends were beaten with lathis.

Paresh made a complaint at Malgodown PS but no action was taken. Some students picketed the following day due to the lack of response to the complaint. Consequently, the SP of Cuttack arrived and assured the protestors that proper action would be taken. Now the case is being handled by the SP.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/103/07
Victim(s)	: Sura Nayak
Perpetrator(s)	: A.K. Mandal, IIC
Location	: Puri Ghat PS
Date of incident	: 14/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sura Nayak is a daily wage labourer.

On 14 March 2007 there was a quarrel between Mithun Nayak, Mahi Nayak and Dora Nayak. They lodged a complaint at Puri Ghat Police Station. The Sura was completely ignorant about the incident, but he was arrested by the police of the above mentioned police station. The police forcibly entered Sura's house in order to arrest him. The police beat his wife and there were no

female officers present at the time. When Sura objected, the ASI also beat him and proceeded to drag him to the police station, where he had him arrested and filed him under a false charge.

At the police station, the ASI and IIC Mandal beat Sura with lathis, as a result of which he fell down unconscious.

Subsequently he was summoned before the court. When he returned from jail, he was threatened by IIC Mandal, who stated that he would book Sura under similar false cases if he spoke out about this incident..

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/104/07
Victim(s)	: Krishna Chandra Mohanty
Perpetrator(s)	: A.K. Mandal, IIC
Location	: Purighat, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 25/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Krishna Chandra Mohanty is a social worker, and an active member of Cuttack Shanti Committee. Krishna often raised his voice in opposition to various social injustices that occurred locally. The police were often aggrieved at the social interventions that Krishna made in favour of oppressed people.

On 22 March 2007, A.K. Mandal, IIC of Purighat Police Station arrested Sura Nayak under a false case. Krishna brought this matter to the notice of the SP of Cuttack. As a consequence IIC Mandal tried to book Krishna under a false case.

On 25 March 2007, IIC Mandal arrived at Krishna's house, wearing civil dress. He forcibly entered the house, beat Krishna and took him to the police station.

Due to a mass protest by locals, the IIC released Krishna on a PR bond. Krishna does not want to proceed in his case against the perpetrator as the matter was pacified by the Hon'ble High Court.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKI/112/07
Victim(s)	: Sarat Chandra Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: Manasa Pradhan
Location	: Sadar PS
Date of incident	: 04/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sarat Chandra Naik is a daily wage labourer.

On 4 April 2007, while Sarat was standing at the shop in his village, the OIC of Sadar PS took him to the police station and detained him the whole night, charging him in a theft case. They urged him to identify a certain man, when he could not answer their questions, they beat and slapped him.

The officers refused to release Sarat, even after requests from the victim's mother. Instead the police forced him to accept the theft case. The OIC let him go in the evening and threatened that he should not go out of the village without informing the police.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/117/07
Victim(s)	: Gitanjali Maharana
Perpetrator(s)	: Satyabrata Samal, OIC
Location	: Kanpur, Cuttack
Date of incident	: 27/11/2006

Case Details:

Victim Gitanjali Maharana was married to Santhosh Kumar Mahanta on 22 April 2004. After marriage she was tortured by her in-laws and her husband. They demanded more dowry. When Gitanjali went to Kanpur PS to report this abuse OIC Saryabrata Samal abused her instead of helping. When Gitanjali demanded a copy of the FIR, the police refused, kicked her and sent her away. Gitanjali feels that as her in-laws are politically and financially sound they have received the support of the police.

Since that day onwards, Gitanjali has been called unnecessarily and regularly to the police station and detained for long hours. She has complained to the Circle Inspector of Athagada PS. However, no action has been taken.

Gitanjali feels that as her in-laws are politically and financially sound they have received the support of the police.

FF Code	: EU/OR/KUR/120/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Naba Kishore Das 2) Padma Charan Das 3) Bishnu Charan Das 4) Sashi Barak 5) Deepak Das
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Amitabh Thakur, SP 2) Sarat Chandra Sahoo, DSP 3) Rajendra Prasad Behera, IIC
Location	: Nayapalli, Khurda
Date of incident	: 07/05/2007

Case Details:

The above mentioned victims are devotees of the Iscon temple, which is situated at Nayapalli.

On 7 May 2007, there was a ceremony in the temple and a large crowd had gathered there. IIC Rajendra Prasad Behera arrived along with five to seven other police constables. While amicable discussions were occurring at the temple, some of the policemen began abusing the above named devotees with obscene language and also started beating them with lathis. This continued for about an hour. Then DSP Sarat Chandra Sahu and SP Amitab Thakur approached in civilian attire and ordered a lathi charge. The above mentioned victims were injured during the charge.

On 8 July 2007, the IIC of Nayapalli PS called the victims to the police station and produced them before the court on the same day. Their bail was rejected and later on they were remanded to judicial custody. The ASI asked the victims for Rs.5000.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/140/07
Victim(s)	: Prasanta Kumar Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: Laxmidhar Swain, OIC
Location	: Ramchandrapur PS, Jagatsinghpur District
Date of incident	: 18/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Prasanta Kumar Naik, age 38, is a Rajmistri.

Prasanta has land on which he planted a banana tree. Family members cut a banana bunch without informing him. When he opposed this they lodged a false complaint against him.

The police called Prasanta to Ramchandrapur PS at 12am and detained him until 6.30am. The police verbally abused Prasanta and asked him why he had cut the banana tree when it did not belong to him. Prasanta produced proof that the land belonged to him, but the police demanded a bribe. The police warned him that if he did not pay Rs.1000 the next day, they would cut his private organs and send him to jail. Then OIC Laxmidhar Swain beat him with his baton and dragged him to the lock-up, as the result of which the victim collapsed.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/178/07
Victim(s)	: Jyoti Ranjan Acharya
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ashok Tarai 2) Sujata 3) Seema 4) Amitab, APR force.
Location	: Salajanga PO.- Kortal, Dist
Date of incident	: 13/06/2007

Case Details:

After finishing duty Jyoti Ranjan and his friends were returning home. At that time some police officers were returning from duty in their van. The police van did not dip its headlights and the light shone in Jyoti's eyes. He narrowly avoided an accident. Then the A.P.R force officers started beating Jyoti and his friends. They even took away Rs. 200 from Jyoti's pocket, a gold chain and his mobile phone. The officers who beat them were Ashok Tarai, Sujata, Seema and Amitab.

Regarding this matter Jyoti made a complaint at the police station, but no action was taken against the officers.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ JSP/202 /07
Victim(s)	: Abdul Gafarkhan
Perpetrator(s)	: P.K. Panda, IIC
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 25/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Abdul Gafarkhan is a retired officer, who settled in his home town. During his absence from the village, Robeba Khatun and Pramila Mallik recorded the victim's paternal land in their names. The victim reported the offence to the police; following which Robeba Khatun was produced before the court. Thus the perpetrators were furious at this and conspired against Abdul

Gafarkhan. They filed a false case against him at Jagatsinghpur Police Station. IIC P.K. Panda of Jagatsinghpur PS assaulted the victim, beating him with a lathi. No proper inquiry was made while he was detained.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ JSP/205 /07
Victim(s)	: Prasant Mallik
Perpetrator(s)	: Sibaprasad Rout, Inspector, Jagatsinghpur PS
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 10/08/2007

Case Details:

On 10 August 2007, victim Prasant Mallik went to the market to purchase vegetables. At the market, Mallik witnessed two groups fighting with one another

Although Mallik was not involved in the fight, Jagatsinghpur PS Inspector Sibaprasad Rout arrested Mallik. When Mallik told Inspector Rout that he was not involved in the fight, Inspector Rout kicked Mallik to the ground and beat him with a lathi. Inspector Rout then detained Mallik in the Jagatsinghpur PS for five hours.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ KUR/206 /07
Victim(s)	: Bibhuti Bhusan Naik
Perpetrator(s)	: Bansidhar Rout, OIC, GR PS
Location	: GR, PS
Date of incident	: 21/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bibhuti Bhusan Naik is a tutor.

On 21 September 2007, Naik was robbed near the Bhubaneswar PS. Naik attempted to lodge a FIR with the GR PS, but OIC Bansidhar Rout refused to accept it. Two constables then beat Naik with their lathis in front of OIC Rout.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/243 /07
Victim(s)	: Bishnu Chran Sahoo
Perpetrator(s)	: Basant Kumar Baral, ASI
Location	: Bidanasi PS
Date of incident	: 03/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Bishnu Chran Sahoo leased his auto to Prabhat Mallik. When Prabhat stopped paying rent and hid the auto, Bishnu attempted to file an FIR with the Bidanasi PS. ASI Basant Kumar Baral demanded Rs. 500 to register the FIR. When Bishnu protested, ASI Baral punched him two to three times, kicked him and dragged him to the lock-up. Inside the lock-up, ASI Baral beat Bishnu with a lathi.

The police detained Bishnu for the night. The next day, Bishnu's wife went to the PS and took the matter to a higher officer. Bishnu was then released.

FF Code	: EU/OR/ CTC/246 /07
Victim(s)	: Bapina Swain
Perpetrator(s)	: B.B. Rout, ASI
Location	: Cuttack Sadar PS
Date of incident	: 07/09/2007

Case Details:

Baurini Sahu was the Anganbadi cook. Baurini was related to victim Bapina Swain. Bapina and Baurini were blamed for stealing rice and dhal.

On 7 September 2007, several intoxicated police went to Bapina's house, arrested him and took him to the PS. The POs demanded a Rs. 5000 bribe from Bapina. When the Bapina refused give him the bribe, the police officers put Bapina in the lock-up. Later that evening the POs stripped Bapina naked and beat him on his back several times. The POs grabbed Bapina hair and slapped him. Bapina was beaten so severely that he could not walk properly.

The next day, the police took Bapina to Court. Bapina was handcuffed and tied with a rope.

Bapina sent a complaint to the DG of police.

FF Code : EU/OR/ SNP/250 /07
Victim(s) : Paramswar Kalet
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Birmaharajpur PS
Location : Birmaharajpur PS
Date of incident : 28/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Paramswar Kalet was an agricultural labourer. On 28 September 2007, while Paramswar was watering his field, Santosh Mishra asked him to water his field. Paramswar told him that his own field was dry and that he would water Santosh's field later. Then, a PC went to the field and abused Paramswar by his caste and beat him with a baton.

Paramswar went to Birmaharajpur PS to lodge a complaint, but the police refused to register his case. The police detained Paramswar for about eight hours at the PS and verbally abused him by caste names. When Paramswar again asked the Officer-in-Charge to file the FIR, he scolded him, slapped him, and dragged him out of the PS.

Paramswar sent a complaint to Sonepur PS, but still no measures were taken.

FF Code : EU/OR/JSP/272/07
Victim(s) : Pitabash Khatua
Perpetrator(s) : A C Dhal, ASI, Balikuda PS
Location : Balikuda PS
Date of incident : 15/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Pitabash Khatua was a chicken vendor at Dihasahi market. One day when the victim had gone to Balikuda in his motor bike, the SP squad caught him. On the allegation that Pitabash was carrying liquor for sale, the police searched him and all his bags, but did not find anything. Still, POs arrested Pitabash and took him to the Balikuda PS.

Pitabash was placed in the lock-up. There, the OIC beat Pitabash with a lathi and kept him the lock-up for one night. Pitabash was then sent to jail. Because victim was poor, he was unable to afford bail.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/273/07
Victim(s)	: Manas Barik
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Arun Sahoo, SI 2) Rabi Mohapatra, SI
Location	: Jagatsinghpur
Date of incident	: 07/09/2007

Case Details:

On 7 September 2007, police went to victim Manas Barik's house at 9.00pm and arrested him. POs took Manas to the PS. The SI put Manas in the lock-up. At around midnight and again at 11.00am, SIs Arun Sahoo and Rabi Mohapatra went into the lock-up to question Manas. The SIs accused Manas of assaulting a doctor. Manas denied the allegations and told the police who was responsible for the assault. The SIs slapped Manas several times and pulled his hair during the interrogation.

The next day, when the SIs confirmed that victim was telling the truth, the police forced Manas to sign blank documents and then released him.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/274/07
Victim(s)	: Paltu Bhoi
Perpetrator(s)	: Siba Prasad Rout, OIC
Location	: Jagatsinghpur PS
Date of incident	: 27/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Paltu Bhoi was a priest who conducted prayers for villagers at a hut near his house. One day, a lady told him that her goats were stolen and asked him to pray for the return of her goats. Paltu conducted prayers for the lady, and she paid him Rs. 70 for his services. But when she was unable to obtain the return of her goats, the lady lodged a rape case against the Paltu.

On 27 August 2007, four Jagatsinghpur PCs arrested Paltu and took him to the PS. When Paltu reached the PS, the OIC told the PCs to put Paltu in the lock-up. There, the OIC beat Paltu with a baton on his thighs, buttocks, and back. The next day Paltu was sent to court.

FF Code : EU/OR/JSP/281/07
Victim(s) : Charulata Parida
Perpetrator(s) : Pramod Muduli, ASI, Naugaonl PS
Location : Naugaonl PS
Date of incident : 30/08/2007

Case Details:

On 30 August 2007, the victim Charulata Parida went to the Naugaon PS to lodge a FIR against Prahilad Parida and others because they had assaulted her son. There, the ASI verbally abused Charulata and refused to lodge the FIR. Instead he registered the FIR from Prahilad.

POs then arrested Charulata's son and held him the PS. When Charulata protested the ASI's actions, he beat her with a baton.

FF Code : EU/OR/JSP/283/07
Victim(s) : Mania Samal
Perpetrator(s) : K.C. Beura, OIC
Location : Kanakpur out- post PS
Date of incident : 28/05/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mania Samal was a woman from a low caste. Mania's husband worked for Bijaya Kumar. Bijaya gave Mania's husband a bicycle and Mania's husband lent the bike to his friend. Bijaya asked Mania's husband to return the bicycle. When Mania's husband couldn't, Bijaya beat him and then handed him over to the Kanakpur Out-Post Police Station. Mania's husband was released the next day, and then left the village. On 28th May 2007, taking advantage of Mania's husband's absence, Bijaya went to Mania's house and raped her.

Mania went to the Kanakpur Out-Post PS to lodge a complaint against Bijaya. There, OIC K.C. Beura refused to lodge the FIR. Instead, OIC Beura verbally abused Mania and detained her in the PS for four hours. When Mania protested, the OIC slapped her and dragged her out of the PS.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/284/07
Victim(s)	: Sukadev Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: Dillip Das, S.I, Raghunathpur PS
Location	: Raghunathpur PS
Date of incident	: 31/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Sukadev Behera purchased a motorbike from Sumanta. On 10th November 2006, Raghunathpur police arrested him on allegations that had stolen the bike. Sukadev was produced before the Court and then detained. On 5 December 2006, Sukadev was released.

On 31st September 2007, Sukadev was again arrested for the same the offense, and taken to Raghunathapur PS on the back of a motorcycle. When Sukadev got down from the motorcycle, the PC punched and kicked Sukadev's back. POs put Sukadev in lock-up. Later, POs beat Sukadev with a baton on his thighs and hands.

FF Code	: EU/OR/DKL/338/07
Victim(s)	: Smt. Upasi Nayak
Perpetrator(s)	: Grama Rakhi, OIC
Location	: Gandia PS
Date of incident	: 26/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Smt. Upasi Nayak, a day laborer, resides in her deceased father's house with her mentally ill mother. Upasi's father married two wives, Upasi's step-sister Akhila Nayak lived near Upasi's house. On 25 January 2007, while Upasi was collecting wood in the forest, Akhila scolded Upasi and beat her. On 25 January 2007, Upasi's mother attempted to go to the PS to report the incident, but she was discouraged by the villagers, who insisted it should be resolved within the village.

The next day at about 8.00am, Jhili village's protection officer called Upasi to the PS, but she did not go. That afternoon at about 12.00pm, a Gandia PC threatened Upasi's mother and told her to tell Upasi to report to the PS. When Upasi received the message, she called the PC. The PC told

Upasi that Akhila had filed a complaint alleging that Upasi toileted in the well. Upasi denied the allegation and told the PC about the incident with her step-sister Akhila. The PC told Upasi to come to the PS with witnesses. However, Upasi was unable to contact the witnesses until they finished work. Consequently, she did not arrive at the PS until about 6.00pm.

At the PS, the Gandia OIC Grama Rakhi verbally abused Upasi for reaching the PS so late. The SI ordered a female PC to give Upasi electric shocks, but since the power was cut, it was not possible. The PO pulled Upasi's hair and threatened her that if she didn't compromise the case, there would be consequences. A female PC then slapped Upasi several times in the face. The police asked for Rs.1000/- to settle the issue. Upasi was released from the PS at approximately 9.00pm.

Though Upasi lodged a complaint to the SP, she has not received any reply.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/339/07
Victim(s)	: Balaram Behera
Perpetrator(s)	: Pramod Sahoo, Constable, Tirtol PS
Location	: Tirtol PS
Date of incident	: 11/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Balaram Behera, a member of a backward caste, was a driver. Balaram's neighbour Tapan Sahoo and his brother physically and verbally abused Balaram. Balaram sustained injuries to his face.

The next day, on 10 November 2007, Balaram went to the Tirtol Police Station to lodge a FIR against Tapan and his brother. When Balaram reached the PS, he saw that Tapan was already talking to the OIC. Balaram lodged the FIR. The OIC interrogated Balaram for an hour about the incident. Balaram requested a copy of the FIR, but the OIC refused to give him a copy. Instead, the OIC pushed Balaram and his friend out the PS.

The next day, A PC went to Balaram's house and told him to come to the PS. Balaram, his father and Balaram's father went to the PS. There, the OIC pressurized Balaram to compromise the case. When Balaram refused to compromise, the OIC beat Balaram and his friend with a baton. Tapan also was present at the PS. The OIC told Balaram's father to compromise the case or the police would send his entire family to jail. The police obtained everyone's signature on blank paper, and then released them.

FF Code	: EU/OR/KUR/340/2007
Victim(s)	: Pabitra Panigrahi
Perpetrator(s)	: IIC Lingaraj,
Location	: Biridi PS
Date of incident	: 24/12/2006

Case Details:

Pabitra is an Auto Rickshaw driver. For several months, a businesswoman named Sandhya Rani complained that Pabitra was an eve-teaser and scolded him in front of everyone. On 23 December 2007 at about 10.00pm, Pabitra saw that Sandhya with her two sons giving Pabitra an unfriendly look.

On 24 December 2006, Pabitra heard that Sandhya Rani filed a FIR against Deepak and him. Pabitra went to the Lingaraj PS. Pabitra and Deepak arrived at the PS at 12.00pm. When they reached the PS, Pabitra was forced Pabitra to strip naked. The SI beat Pabitra and kicked him, causing swelling. The SI then forced Pabitra to sign blank paper.

FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/474/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Smt. Santilata Bhoi 2) Chandramani Bhoi
Perpetrator(s)	: Kissananagar POs
Location	: Kissananagar PS
Date of incident	: 04/12/2006

Case Details:

Smt. Santilata Bhoi, a 30 year-old member of a Scheduled Caste, resides in village Teladiais and works as a labourer. While Santilata's husband Chandramani Bhoi was away, upper-caste Khandayat members Sri Sukanta Swain, Sri Prasant Swain, Sujit Swain and Aswin Swain attacked Santilata and her son Jyotisankar. The perpetrators kicked Santilata, causing her to fall to the ground. They verbally abused her, puller her sari and tore her blouse. After they beat Santilata, the perpetrators filed a false allegation against Jyotisankar.

On 4 December 2006, Santilata and her husband went to the Kissananagar PS to lodge a FIR, however the PO refused to accept the complaint. Instead the PO detained Santilata and Chandramani from 10.00am until 7.00pm. The POs attempted to force Santilata and Chandramani to sign bond forms. When Chandramani protested, the POs beat him on his back with a baton.

Chandramani attempted to lodge a complaint about the police abuse to the Kishan Nagar PS. On the way to the PS, the Sarpancha of Aritola Grampanchayat intercepted him and told him to compromise the matter. When no compromise was reached after four days, Santilata lodged a complaint (FIR) in Kishan Nagar PS on 8 December 2006. Though the police officer received the complaint, the police took no action.



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FF Code	: EU/OR/CTC/77/07
Victim(s)	: Sasmita Sahu
Perpetrator(s)	: Prasant Kumar Behera, ASI, Capital PS
Location	: Gola Mohammedpur, Balipatna
Date of incident	: 05/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sasmita Sahu runs a betel shop.

On 5 March 2007, a few policemen from Capital PS, including ASI Prasant Kumar Behera, came and demanded some cigarettes and gutkha (pan parag) from Sasmita, which she denied. The police were enraged at this and abused her with obscene language. They threatened her, telling her not to open the shop but to leave the area. They then proceeded to humiliate her in public, by pulling her sari and tearing her blouse. She stood almost naked. The police left the place when Sasmita began to shout loudly in protest. They threatened to kill her if she disclosed this incident to anyone.

Sasmita went to the Capital General Hospital and acquired treatment following the incident. She also lodged a complaint at Capital Police Station on 6 March 2007, but received no copy of the FIR and no action has been taken against the policemen.

FF Code	: EU/OR/JSP/286/07
Victim(s)	: Mita Patra
Perpetrator(s)	: Tapash Pradhan, OIC
Location	: Patakura PS
Date of incident	: 16/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mita Patra married Badal Patra in 2004. Badal's brother-in-law attempted to have an illicit relationship with Mita, but she refused him. Badal Patra and his family assaulted Mita and, on 12 August 2007, ousted her from her marital house. On the way to her father's house, Mita was kidnapped.

On 13 September and 15 September 2007, Mita's father attempted to lodge two FIRs at Patakura PS. The IC refused to lodge the complaint, verbally abused Mita's father, and detained him in the PS for 9 hours. The police refused to investigate the kidnapping.

On 16 September 2007, Mita escaped and reached the PS. She was released to her parents and transferred to Patakura PS in a van. On the way to the PS, the PC abused Mita. OIC Tapash Pradhan also abused Mita by placing his baton on Mita's genitals. He then hit her three or four times with his baton. The OIC detained Mita and her father in the PS over night. They were released the next morning.