

Plea filed before rights panel for Calangute cops' assault on youth

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PANAJI: A petition has been filed before the state human rights commission (SHRC), Panaji, by John Augustine Fernandes, who was thrashed at the Calangute police station on February 15 in a case of mistaken identity.

Fernandes in a petition has claimed inter alia compensation of 25 lakh for physical, mental and emotional torture meted out to him at the hands of the police. The petitioner also demanded a public apology from the offending officers of the Calangute police station as his name has to be cleared.

The petitioner also sought a recommendation to the government of Goa, for regulations and guidelines to improve and prevent such abuse of power by Goa police.

The petition has been filed against police constables Yeshwant Mandrekar and Pradeep Narveker and an unknown police officer.

The Human Right Law Network Goa has taken up the matter. On March 7, 2015, Fernandes had filed a complaint against police constables, Mandrekar and Narveker, at Calangute police station to register a first information report (FIR) in an assault case.

Goa police had suspended Mandrekar and Narvekar for allegedly thrashing 19-year-old Fernandes at the Calangute police station on February 15, in a case of mistaken identity. A departmental inquiry has also been ordered against the two. Goa police also issued show cause notice to PI Calangute for the incident.