

HUMAN RIGHTS

(CASES OF ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS)

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DEFINITION

HUMAN RIGHTS are the rights that all people have by virtue of being human beings.

HUMAN RIGHTS are derived from the inherent *dignity* of the human person and are defined internationally, nationally and locally by various law making bodies.

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HUMAN RIGHTS is defined as the supreme, inherent, and inalienable rights to life, to dignity, and to self-development. It is concerned with issues in both areas of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights founded on internationally accepted human rights obligations

HUMAN RIGHTS

RIGHTS - moral power to hold (rights to life, nationality, own property, rest and leisure), to do (rights to marry, peaceful assembly, run for public office, education), to omit (freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention or exile) or to exact something (equal protection of the law, equal access to public service, equal pay for equal work)

HUMAN RIGHTS coined by Eleanor Roosevelt to replace *Rights of Man*

NATURE - Human rights are more than legal concepts: they are the essence of man. They are what make man human. That is why they are called human rights; deny them and you deny man's humanity (Jose Diokno)

CHARACTERISTICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- UNIVERSAL
- INTERNATIONALLY GUARANTEED
- LEGALLY PROTECTED
- PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS
- CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY
- EQUAL AND INDIVISIBLE
- OBLIGES STATES AND STATE ACTORS

LEGAL BASIS - UN CHARTER

- SETS THE PROMOTION OF AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL AS ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE UN
- ESTABLISHES LEGAL OBLIGATIONS FOR MEMBER STATES TO TAKE ACTION TO ACHIEVE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

LEGAL BASIS

- HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES
- CONVENTIONS, COVENANTS
- DECLARATIONS
 - CONTAIN DETAILED LISTS AND DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE

FIVE CATEGORIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- CIVIL – THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED AS AN EQUAL TO ANYONE ELSE IN SOCIETY
- POLITICAL – THE RIGHT TO VOTE, TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
- ECONOMIC – THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ECONOMY THAT BENEFITS ALL; AND TO DESIRABLE WORK
- SOCIAL – THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER AND SOCIAL SECURITY
- CULTURAL – THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION, AND TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, AND TO PRACTICE THE CULTURE OF ONE'S CHOICE

SOME CIVIL RIGHTS

- LIFE
- BELIEF IN OWN RELIGION
- OPINION
- FREE SPEECH
- NON-DISCRIMINATION ACCORDING TO SEX
- MARRY
- RACE
- CULTURAL BACKGROUND

SOME POLITICAL RIGHTS

- VOTE IN ELECTIONS
- FREELY FORM OR JOIN POLITICAL PARTIES
- LIVE IN AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY
- STAND FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
- FREELY DISAGREE WITH VIEWS AND POLICIES OF POLITICAL LEADERS

SOME ECONOMIC RIGHTS

- JOBS
- WORK WITHOUT EXPLOITATION
- FAIR WAGE
- SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS
- FORM TRADE UNIONS
- HAVE ADEQUATE FOOD
- PROTECTION AGAINST LABOR MALPRACTICES

SOME SOCIAL RIGHTS

- HOUSING
- EDUCATION
- HEALTH SERVICES
- RECREATION FACILITIES
- CLEAN ENVIRONMENT
- SOCIAL SECURITY

SOME CULTURAL RIGHTS

- USE OWN LANGUAGE
- DEVELOP CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- ANCESTRAL DOMAINS
- DEVELOP OWN KIND OF SCHOOLING

SOME CASES OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1. VIOLATION CLASHES BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND MAOISTS

IN MAHARASHTRA STATE, CLASHES BETWEEN MAOISTS AND SECURITY FORCES HAS LED TO THE CIVILIAN KILLINGS, LOOT AND ABDUCTIONS. THE MAOISTS HAD KILLED 19 CIVILIANS INCLUDING ABOUT 8 GOV. OFFICIALS.

2. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

THE CENTRAL AND STATE GOV. HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN PUTTING A CHECK TO THE HIGH LEVELS OF SEXUAL AND OTHER HARASSMENTS AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.

3. COMMUNAL AND ETHNIC VIOLENCE

IN 2012, 75 VILLAGERS WERE MASSACRED IN ASSAM IN THE CLASSES BETWEEN MUSLIM AND BODO COMMUNITIES. AROUND 400,000 PEOPLE HAD TO TAKE REFUGE IN 270 CAMPS.

4. USE OF FORCE BY THE POLICE

THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES OF THE POLICE USING EXCESSIVE FORCE TO PUT DOWN PROTESTS AND AGITATIONS BY THE PEOPLE AND THE GOV. HAS FAILED TO TAKE A QUICK, IMPARTIAL AND ADEQUATE INQUIRIES INTO MOST CASES.

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