

NHRC urged to reopen Sterlite case

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PEOPLE'S Watch Executive Director Henri Tiphagne urged the National Human Rights Commission to reopen the case related to the police firing on anti-Sterlite protesters in Thoothukudi. He said that the commission should assess the severity of the incident and should check whether normalcy had returned in Thoothukudi. Addressing media after People's Watch released a report 'A Year After Thoothukudi Burned' here on Monday, Tiphagne urged the government to provide compensation of ₹20 lakh to the family members of the victims of the police firing.

"Steps should be taken to provide government jobs to the family members of the victims in accordance with their educational qualification. After the police firing, there has been an increase in the number of school drop-outs in the area, even though child welfare committee is functioning in the district. Those children who dropped out of schools should be identified and steps should be taken to bring them back to schools," he said, adding that all the injured persons should be given compensation ranging from ₹1.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh as per norms. He alleged that NHRC had refused to acknowledge the complaints sent by People's Watch and Human Rights Defenders Alert - India (HRDA)

