

# National human rights panel may reopen Thoothukudi firing case

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Commission's chief says he will consider rights activist's review petition

The full bench of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Friday said it would consider a review petition seeking to reopen its *suo motu* proceedings into the police firing incident in Thoothukudi on May 22, 2018 in which 13 persons were killed. They were protesting against the Sterlite copper smelting plant in the district.

NHRC chairperson Justice H.L. Dattu said he would see that the case is taken up at the earliest. The Commission had in October last year closed the *suo motu* proceedings.

Soon after the full bench convened the open hearing on Friday, Madurai-based **human rights** activist Henri Tiphagne, executive director of People's Watch, rose to make a mention of the case and pointed out that such a sensitive case was not listed for hearing in Friday's cause list.

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