

Anandamurtiji Tells Tale of Torture

To,

The Governor of Bihar,
INDIA.

Through District Magistrate, Patna.

Sir,

With due respect and humble submission I would like to bring to your kind notice the following facts along with tales of harassment, torture, mal-treatment, poisoning and other in-human activities done by different agencies of the Government:

1. That I was arrested by C.B.I. (Central Bureau of Investigation) on 29th December 1971 at 6 o'clock in the morning on some charges concocted by C.B.I. with certain malafide and political motive. 28th Dec. 71 being Ekadasi (Eleventh moon) was my fasting day. On the 29th morning after I was arrested by C.B.I., they did not allow me to do my morning duties throughout the day. They did not allow me to do my daily spiritual practice. They did not allow me ever to take a single drop of water. They produced me before S.D.O., Patna in the afternoon. My remand order to jail was kept ready in S.D.O.'s office before I was produced in S.D.O.'s chamber (not court). This shows that the S.D.O. decided to send me to jail even before she (the S.D.O. was lady) saw the arrested person. She did not ask me a single question and so I did not get the scope to narrate the tales of torture. I was brought to Buxar Jail (it is in another district) at about 11 o'clock in night i.e. I had to remain without food and water for about sixty hours at a stretch.

2. Due to unhygienic condition prevailing in jail I became sick and on 25 Feb. 72 I was sent to P.M.C.H. (Patna Medical College Hospital) for treatment. There I was kept under inhuman torture by C.B.I., State C.I.D. and State Police for all the 24 hours up to 3rd April 72. There I was kept without food

continuously for 3 (three) days from 25 Feb. 72. The motive was clear and simple. They wanted to kill me as per secret instruction of C.B.I. In the P.M.C.H. room No. 17 I was forced to remain within four walls of the room for the entire period up to 3rd April. I was not allowed to peep through the window or to raise the curtain of the door to see the sky. They did not allow me to read newspaper coming from my house. They did not allow me to take food coming from my house and forced me to take unhygienic food prepared by the men of their choice. They did not allow any of my friends and relatives to see me even from a long distance. They created disturbance even in my spiritual practice.

3. I was sent to Bankipur Central Jail in the first week of April 72. Just a few days after my coming here the authorities stopped my interview with my relations and friends. Even now nobody can see me without a written order from the Court of Law.

4. In the first week of June 72 my mother died. I am her first son. As per usage of India the first son is to do the spiritual observance of the parent. But the cruel and inhuman authorities of Government did neither allow me to see her in her death bed nor did they allow me to do her last rites.

5. In Bankipur Central Jail also authorities stopped my food continuously for fifty hours with the only intention of killing me as per verbal instruction of C.B.I.

6. I am an aged man of above fifty but because of my regulated and routined life I used to maintain a good health. But due to continuous torture by Government authorities in general and Jail Department in particular my health has been ruined. Four persons who used to look after me became eye-sore of the jail authorities. Two of them have been transferred to Daltonganj Jail and two to Buxar Jail, although none of them has got any court case in Daltonganj and Buxar. The only intention of transfer is to keep me alone and kill me conveniently.

7. In the first portion of 1973 they have posted several Sipahis just on the gate of my cell just to prevent others to see me. It is clear that they want to kill me secretly and shift the dead body silently with the help of those Sipahis.

8. On 12 Feb. 73 I felt very much unwell in the afternoon. The Jail Doctor came and prescribed certain medicine for Diarrhoea and Dysentery. On the same day at 9 o'clock in the night I again felt unwell. The doctor was informed and he came at about 10:30. He said that he will be informing the Civil Surgeon, Patna. I requested him to please inform my men also and gave him my residential address and phone number. The Doctor came again at about 11 o'clock and told me that he has informed the Jailor to send the news to the address of my men. Afterwards I came to know that the jailor did not convey the news to my men and suppressed the fact for reason best known to him.

9. At about 11 o'clock in the night on 12th Feb. 73 the Jail Doctor said the Civil Surgeon is not to come to see you but he has prescribed a medicine for you. He administered that so called medicine which was actually a poison. Just after taking the medicine I became sense-less. I came back to senses at about 7 o'clock in the morning on 13th Feb. 73. At that time I was undergoing the following five reactions of that poison. They were:—

- i. Extreme weakness throughout the body.
- ii. Nervous reaction throughout the body.
- iii. Profuse watering from both the eyes.
- iv. Extreme pain in brain.
- v. Inertness of brain.

On 14th morning I felt the sixth reaction and that is I was unable to see anything clearly even from a short distance. I became almost blind. A few days after that an eye specialist came and said that I was suffering from conjunctivitis. On 15th night two more specialists came. At time my blood pressure was 180/100. On 16th morning my urine was examined, the sugar was + + + (3 plus). I have got no doubt I was poisoned on 12th night and all these are reactions of that poison. On 19th Feb. 73 a first class Magistrate was deputed by District Magistrate to record my statement. I have stated that in case of medical treatment the faith of a patient plays a very important role and as I have lost faith in these Government Doctors and as a strong suspicion has been created in my mind that they have poisoned me as per direction of C.B.I., I don't like to

be treated by any Doctor selected by Government. I want to be treated by my private Doctor.

In the night of 21 Feb. 73 I requested the jail authority verbally and on 27th Feb. 73 in writing to request the District Magistrate, Patna to depute a 1st Class Magistrate to record my statement demanding a judicial probe. I further told them that I want in that Judicial Commission there may be any Judge of Supreme Court or of any other High Court excepting that of Patna High Court (because Patna is the place of occurrence). But as ill luck would have it, I have not yet been favoured with the presence of a 1st Class Magistrate to record my statement

In view of the foregoing I would request you to please favour me by appointing a Judicial Commission to go through all the above mentioned complaints and other relevant matters at an early date. I have got strong suspicion that certain black hands are working against me from behind the curtain and some of them are important persons. I want to disclose the names of those important persons before the Judicial Commission.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar

5/3/73

Bankipur Central Jail, Patna.

1. Copy to President of India for information and necessary action.
2. Copy to Secretary General, U.N.O. for information.

Sd/-

Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar

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