

# Small towns of MP standing up against human rights violation

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AWARENESS on human rights is no more in focus of big cities alone. Attribute it to invasion of web or influential broadcast medium, even sleepy little towns in Madhya Pradesh these days are standing up against violation of human rights, a subject entitled to cover any issue.

Going by the annual average, more than three complaints per day are being filed in the Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission (MPHRC) from all 10 divisions of the State. Of them, a substantial number of complaints, running in hundreds, come from cities lagging far behind in growth rate or development index.

A comprehensive report detailing number of complaints received between April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011, states leaving apart

four big cities, including Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior and Jabalpur, small towns or under-developed areas like Tikamgarh, Damoh, Burhanpur, Raisen also have a significant amount of knowledge on Human Rights.

Figures underline that of total 13,060 complaints received till financial year end, only 3,287 were from the four big cities, while rest of 9,773 complaints were brought into notice of MPHRC by other smaller places. However, among these places also, leaving apart one of two places like Alirajpur and Dindori where annual count of complaints was less than or close to 50, average of other places was significantly marked above 100.

Moreover, of total complaints, more than half are related to atrocities of police department alone highlighting the courage masses

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have mustered after getting into influence of Human Rights.

Notably, against the total 13060 complaints, 8083 are of police department followed by other departments including Jail and Health services. Department wise violation of Human Rights cases was in view to provide an overview to government as well, officials added. The issuing of final notices and warrants against officials including senior bureaucrats unwilling to entrain notices send by the MPHRC motivates the people even of remote areas for knocking the commission's door on being victim of any atrocity. Officials at MPHRC said of the total 13060 complaints received during last financial year, as many as 9414 has already been resolved. Further, efforts are also being made to settle the pending ones.

