

NHRC notices to Assam, Mizoram police chiefs



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NEW DELHI: The [National](#) Human Rights Commission has issued notices to the Directors General of Police, Assam and Mizoram [over](#) alleged physical assault and [lathi](#) charge on journalists.

NHRC has issued a notice to the Directors General of Police, Assam and Mizoram calling for a detailed report on the alleged physical assault and [lathi](#) charge on journalists by the Assam police at Zophai Bairabi area in Kolasib district of Mizoram near Assam border, while they were on a reporting assignment on March, 8, 2018 and the March, 10, 2018.

The officers have been given four weeks to respond. The commission has issued these directions after taking cognizance of a complaint. Allegedly, the victim journalists had gone to Zophai to prepare a ground report as there was tension between [Mizo](#) Zirlai Pawl, a [student](#) organization of Mizoram and the Assam police, which escalated due to [lathi](#) charge by the Assam police on the journalists. The police also fired gun shots during the action.

It is also mentioned in the complaint that the journalists were displaying their press identity cards to the police personnel but they were not spared and were beaten black and blue. Many of the journalists, including women, have sustained serious injuries.

The Mizoram [Journalists](#)' Association had called a General Body Meeting at Aizawl Press Club [Conference](#) Hall on the March, 12, 2018 to express their plight. They also organized a sit-in demonstration on the March, 14, 2018.

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