

MSHRC steps in after Tulinj police station floods again

Commission takes suo motu cognisance of report on officers working in illegal, waterlogged premises

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The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC) on Wednesday took cognisance of a report published by Mumbai Mirror, which highlighted the alarming condition of the Tulinj Police Station in Nalasopara East.

The report, published on Wednesday, detailed how police officers scrambled to save critical case files, digital records, and essential

equipment after the premises were submerged under filthy rainwater, following relentless monsoon downpours. The station, which is functioning illegally on a drain and garden plot, has long been a subject of civic neglect and indifference.

Taking note of the severe health, safety, and operational risks faced by law enforcement personnel, the State Human Rights Commission registered a case just hours after the report was published.

“As per the direction of Chairperson of MSHRC, Justice AM



Mirror report on August 20

Badar, the case has been registered based on the news piece published about the crisis at Tulinj Police Station,” said a senior official at the Commission.

Sources at the Commission further added, “The concerned stakeholders and office bearers will be summoned

by this office to file a report in response to the notice on the next date. The files are moving faster.”

Officers at Tulinj Police Station are clinging to hope that long-awaited development will finally begin, paving the way for a permanent and legal facility. With a portion of land still awaiting formal transfer to the Home Department, police personnel remain optimistic that the bureaucratic hurdles will soon be cleared, allowing construction of a new, authorised police station to commence.

Currently operating out of an unauthorised structure built over a drain and garden plot, officers say the present conditions are not only unsafe but also undermine the dig-

nity of the force. The sanctioned land — valued at Rs 3.5 crore and acquired from the local civic body — remains partially inaccessible due to pending documentation, specifically the delay in obtaining a complete 7/12 extract, which is essential to initiate any official construction work.

“We’re hopeful that the government will expedite the process,” said one officer. “We need a safe, legal, and fully equipped building to serve the public effectively. This situation cannot go on much longer.”

For now, amidst monsoon chaos, civic indifference, and operational disruptions, that new building remains both a necessity and a symbol of long-overdue change.

