



NHRC Directs Inquiry on Salwa Judum Victims

The [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#) has responded to a petition, directing the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs and six state governments** to provide information on victims affected by Salwa Judum.

- It was argued that the displaced individuals, residing in forest areas across several states, have been **deprived of essential welfare schemes**, including land rights, tribal status, social welfare benefits, and [Forest Rights Act](#) entitlements.
- **Salwa Judum** is a **group of tribal persons** mobilized for resistance against outlawed armed **naxalites**. The group was reportedly backed by government machinery in Chhattisgarh.
 - In **2011**, [Supreme Court of India](#) ruled against arming civilians in this manner banned Salwa-Judum and **directed Chhattisgarh government to disband any militia force** founded to combat Maoist guerrillas.

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