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Principal thrashes Dalit boy for not bringing milk for her

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ALWAR: A nine-year-old Dalit student had to face the wrath of his school teacher, who broke his hand when he refused to bring milk for the latter, in Dadar village in Sadar police station area of Alwar district. The district collector has ordered an inquiry into the matter and has assured the victim's family of action against the teacher.

According to reports, Pushpa Chaudhary, principal of Government Primary School, on Tuesday asked Pawan Kumar, a Class II student, to fetch milk for her. When Pawan refused to do so, she threatened him. But when he still did not obey, she thrashed him badly and broke his arm.

Pawan went home crying in pain and narrated the incident to his mother Usha Devi. Police did not take the matter seriously and refused to register a case when she went to Sadar police station to report the matter. Usha Devi then approached district collector Kuntilal Meena pleading justice.

Pawan was later admitted to a private hospital and was discharged after treatment on Wednesday. Usha Devi is working as daily wage labourer to bring up her four children after her husband died six months ago.

According to her, it is not the first time her son was beaten by Chaudhary. In the past too, he was beaten by the principal for petty things. She also alleged that Chaudhary was posted in the school for the past eight years and had been thrashing other students also.

District education officer (primary) Laxman Prasad said that an inquiry was ordered after the victim's mother met Meena. He also said that strict action would be taken against Chaudhary, if she is found guilty.

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