PROTESTS AT HAZRTBAL AGAINST BOY'S ARREST

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Minor booked under PSA at Sopore: Family

SRINAGAR, April 3: Protests demonstrations were today held at Hazratbal here against the arrest of a minor boy. The protesters also pelted stones on cops.

In Sopore, a family alleged that a minor boy was booked under PSA but cops claimed that he is not a minor.

Tension mounted at Hazratbal today due to protests. The family members of the arrested boy, Asif Majeed of Hazratbal said his age is only 16. They added that he was arrested some 20 days back by police on the charges of pelting stones. "Asif was granted bail by court, but police did not release him," they said.

Reports said people took to streets and held demonstrations as some person told them that the minor boy was booked PSA and sent to some undisclosed place. They staged a dharna at Hazratbal chowk. The protesters pelted stones on cops. The police resorted to lathi charge to disperse demonstrators. Normal life was affected due to the stone pelting and subsequent action. The vehicular movement was also disrupted. The family members said Asif cannot be booked under PSA since he is only 16 years. He is a school dropout and is working as mechanic. They said that they have not been told by police about his whereabouts.

However, police said the boy was released today. They claimed that Asif was wanted in a number of cases of stone pelting.

Reports from Sopore said a 10th class student Adil Ashraf Khan of Paethseer was arrested and booked under PSA. He was shifted to Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu. His family said that Adil is minor and cannot be booked under PSA. They added that he

was born on February 10, 1996.

However, Sopore police confirmed the booking under PSA of Adil and said he is not minor. The Police also said he was wanted in stone pelting cases.

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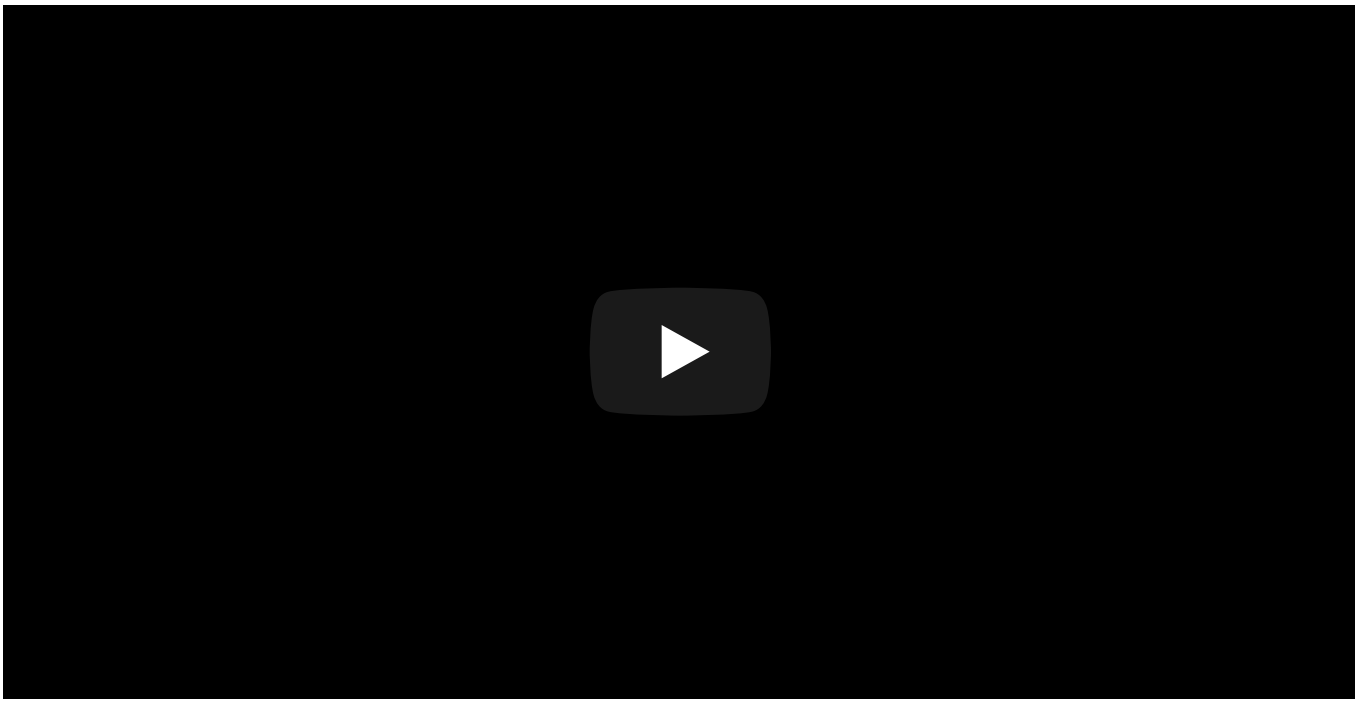

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