W. B. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION KOLKATA - 91

## NOTE SHEET

File No. 146/WBHRC/SMC/2017

Date: 06. 06. 2018

## Discussed

On 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 suo motu cognizance was taken by the Commission of a news item published by the Sambad Pratidin under the caption 'হাসপাতালেই মশার আড়ত' The Investigating Wing of the Commission was directed to carry out an investigation and to furnish a report. The Investigating Wing of the Commission took up the matter.

During the enquiry held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 it was found that garbage/ waste were not cleared. Several photographs were also taken. Copies of such photographs are enclosed hereto and marked for identification as P-36 to P-45. Steps were however, taken both by the municipality and the concerned hospital as would appear from the letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April. 2017 addressed by the Superintendent, North 24-Parganas District Hospital to the Superintendent of Police, WBHRC. From a further letter dated 12th May, 2017 addressed by the Superintendent, North 24-Parganas District Hospital, Barasat to the Superintendent of Police, WBHRC it appears that the hospital had engaged an agency for removal of bio-medical waste and the municipality concerned had engaged 8(eight) labours on daily wage basis for cleaning the hospital campus.

From the report dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 furnished by the Investigating Wing of the Commission it appeared that by the joint efforts of the hospital and the municipality the situation had improved as would appear from the photographs annexed hereto and marked for identification as P-60 to P-64. The Commission thereafter directed by its order dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 to conduct a survey as to the working of the agency engaged by the hospital for removal of bio-medical waste.

A report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 was received stating that an inspection had been carried out jointly with the officials of the Pollution Control Board and they did not find any shortcomings. The officials of the Pollution Control Board as a matter of fact opined that the biomedical waste was being disposed of by land filling process which is a fool proof process according to them. It was further alleged that some times municipal waste gets mingled with the bio-logical medical waste. In order to avoid that awareness campaigning had been taken up. W. B. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION KOLKATA - 91

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From a further report dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 it appears that the hospital concerned is now in a healthy position. The complaint taken cognizance of by the Commission has duly been redressed. The matter is as such filed.

Let a copy of the order together with the photographs be uploaded in the website.  $\int \int \partial \phi$ 

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta) Chairperson

(Naparajit Mukherjee) Member, redv Member

Encl: As stated above.

## Photographs:































