General Order No. 579/ M BHAR/2620 Date: 07. 10. 2020. It has transpired from the files bearing No. 71/WBHRC.CD/2020, 17/WBHRC/CD/2020 that though intimation as regards death was received by this office the same was taken on record in some cases after 30 days and in others after even longer periods. The resultant effect has been that cognizance was taken by the NHRC before any step could be taken by us.

From File Nos,64/WBHRC/CD/2020, 18/WBHRC/CD/2020, 52/WBHRC/CD/2020,59/WBHRC/CD/2020 \& 30/WBHRC/CD/2020 it has transpired that the file was not presented to the bench for orders for a long time. As a result by the time the matter was considered for passing any order, cognizance had already been taken by NHRC. The aforesaid files are only illustrative and not exhaustive of the problem. In order to avoid recurrence of such situation in future the Assistant Secretary, Sri Nirmal Sarkar is directed to ensure that the intimation as regards custodial death is taken on record latest within 48 hours of receipt thereof. He shall thereafter within 72 hours of receipt of intimation present the file with the usual order requiring the concerned SP and the DG Correctional Services or such other authority as the case might be to furnish the requisites papers for perusal of the Commission, to the Ld. Registrar.

The Ld. Registrar is hereby authorized to issue such orders irrespective of district wise determination. He shall if necessary issue reminders and call for further documents as may be considered necessary by him. After the evidence have been collected the files shall be presented by him to the respective bench for disposal as the bench may consider fit and proper.


In course of searching the website, it appears that the Assistant Secretary (C) Shri Nirmal Chandra Sarkar has not taken any step for uploading of the above mentioned General Order in our website. Accordingly, the System Administrator is directed to upload the above mentioned General order in our website positively.

