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To: The Chief Secretary
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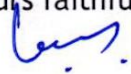
Sir,

I am directed to send herewith an authenticated copy of the Recommendations dated 10.11.2017 in connection with the death of Madan Yadav, an Inmate of Casual Vagrants` Home, Howrah made by the West Bengal Human Rights Commission alongwith the enclosures for taking necessary action. The recommendations are self-explanatory.

Action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on the recommendations may please be intimated to the Commission as early as possible.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary & CEO.

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Present

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| 1. Justice Girish Chandra Gupta | Chairperson |
| 2. Shri Naparajit Mukherjee | Member |
| 3. Shri M. S. Dwivedy | Member |

Concerning the death of Madan Yadav who was an inmate of Casual Vagrants' Home, Howrah an investigation was conducted by the Investigation Wing of the Commission. Dr. B. N. Ramesh, IPS, ADG & IGP of the Commission personally visited the Home, examined various persons and thereafter submitted some suggestions – a copy whereof is annexed hereto and marked with the letter 'A'. The suggestions of the ADG & IGP of the Commission were considered in the Full Bench of the Commission. The Commission is in agreement with the suggestions made by the ADG & IGP of the Commission. The suggestions appearing in annexure 'A' are the recommendations of the Commission.

2. Principal Secretary, WBSHRC is directed to communicate the recommendations to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal. An action taken report on the above recommendations should reach this Commission within a period of 4(Four) months.

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W.B. Human Rights Commission

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10/11/17
(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
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M. S. Dwivedy
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Member

Dated, 10th November, 2017

Encl: As stated above.

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**Advisory by ADG, WBHRC to ameliorate the living conditions of Casual
Vagrant Home, Howrah.**

1. The clothing of the mentally deranged vagrants is in appalling condition.

Suggestions: Improvement of the attire would improve living conditions.

2. Psychiatrist was found not to visit the home regularly.

Suggestions: This is a most essential part for the mental patients/vagrants, so regular visit of psychiatrist may be ensured.

3. The status-quo tendency of administrative staff and the inmates to remain there for food and shelter, reasons of which are better known to them.

Suggestions: Vagrant Home should remain for vagrants exclusively and not a shelter point for the abandoned.

4. a) Training programmes for self acquisition of skills according to the trends of labour market are of the standards of two/three decades ago.

b) Training facilities at CVH are not upto the mark- appears that there is no co-ordination among relevant departments in the concerned home.

c) Training programme for the officials of CVH is not being conducted.

Suggestions: a) Skill development authority of the Government (State or Central) may be given task for "Skill Development Design" and monitoring on the inmates by the Govt.

b) Training on current trends of "mobile repairing" and "PVC pipes plumbing" may be incorporated for the inmates shunning the old vocational training of carpentry etc.

c) Refresher Courses and programmes for the officials of CVH would encourage best practices in the work.

d) I recommend NIMHANS, Bengaluru (for imparting training) could be a better option who has acclaimed reputation (medical treatment) in psychological diseases like depression etc., which is a non-communicable disease that results in death in some cases.

5. During visit, it was observed that no health cards were issued to the inmates.

Suggestions: Health cards for the inmates especially the mental patient/inmates should be arranged.

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6. a) Mere TV is not enough, if we do not monitor TV programmes. Most of the TV programmes, it is well known, lay negative impact on ordinary citizens and psychologically disabled personalities of the inmates.

b) Exposure of inmates to crime oriented programmes like escape from prison etc. will be detrimental to the suffering patients.

Suggestions: a) Instead of general TV, an expert group of psychiatric department of the Government viz SSKM Hospital can organize entertainment programmes for the inmates. Crime oriented programmes exposure should be avoided.
b) Frequent monitoring by the Social Welfare Department is also to be enforced with clear cut accountability and "Action Taken" kept in record.

7. The drainage system at CVH was found to be in complete disarray.

Suggestions: The drainage facilities and infrastructure at CVH needs immediate improvement to avoid possibility of environmental damage.

8. Danger of communicable diseases which could spread from one inmate to another observed during inspection is a matter of concern in stinking living conditions/skin diseases.

Suggestions: This has to be taken care off.

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