

WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Suo Motu Cognizance Taken by the Commission:

A news item was published in Bartaman daily dated 15.02.2016 to the effect that in Baharampur Matrisadan Hospital , Murahisabad a lady patient allegedly gave birth to a child in standing condition on floor of the hospital. Negligence on the part of the hospital authorities was alleged in the news item and it was also alleged that angry relatives of the patient vandalized the maternity hall of the hospital. Such news item was also published in the Hindustan Times dated 15.02.2016.

2. The Commission took suo motu cognizance of these two news items on similar matter and directed the Director of Health Services, West Bengal and Chief Medical Officer of Health, Murshidabad to enquire into the matter and submit a report to the Commission within four weeks from the date of receipt of the order.

3. The Chief Medical Officer of Health, Murshidabad, vide his Memo No. 2434 dated 16.03.2016 submitted a report to the Assistant Secretary of West Bengal Human Rights Commission on the subject matter.

4. Chief Medical Officer Health, Murshidabad conducted the enquiry through Smt.Sipra Bandopadhyay, DPHNO, Murshidabad on the subject matter. The enquiring officer reported that one Smt.Rumpa Khatun(mother of the baby) was referred from Amtala Block PHC for delivery of the baby at Baharampur Matrisadan Hospital. During the course of investigation by EO, it was ascertained that on 14.02.2016 the patient Rumpa Khatun was examined at around 8 a.m. and advised a medicine (CP Gel) and that Smt. Rumpa Khatun was kept under observation in the observation room. About 11 a.m., during visiting hours, the patient's relatives enquired from the on duty sister-in-charge and were told that the patient was examined by the doctor and medicines were administered to her. There was no vacant bed in the labour room for which the patient could not be shifted to the labour room. Around 11:15 a.m. the patient party raised hue and cry about the condition of the patient and the on duty nursing staff Smt. Barnali Sil, Nurse Grade-II, attended the patient Rumpa Khatun when she found that the mother has already delivered a male living baby in the observation room. She arranged to transfer the mother and the baby to the labour room by trolley During that time both the mother and the baby were found to be stable.. The baby was subsequently sent to SNCU for routine check up and observation. The patient party, considering the circumstances of delivery and assuming the condition of the patient to be serious got angry and violent inside the hospital. The report of Smt. Sipra Bandopadhyay admits **“that no one attended the mother during delivery and the mother delivered the baby almost unattended at a**

tertiary care hospital which is very shameful for the hospital”. Enquiry report further admits that there was no bed available in the labour room for which the on duty sister kept the patient in the observation room. The Enquiring officer lastly recommends that a waiting room for the patients under going labour be arranged at Baharampur Matrisadan Hospital and properly trained sisters should be posted in the hospital for the attending to such patients

5. **Views of the Commission:**

The Commission duly examined the report of the enquiring officer submitted through CMOH, Murshidabad and held that the infrastructural facilities of Matrisadan Hospital, Murshidabad was highly inadequate for which such a case had occurred. In order to avoid recurrence of cases in future there is an urgent need for improving the infrastructural facilities. It also appears from the report that nurses are not properly trained to handle the labour situation and to attend to the new born babies. In view of the above, the Commission gives the following recommendations:

- (1) Infrastructural facilities in terms of beds, observation rooms and labour room be increased with immediate effect in Baharampur Matrisadan Hospital, Murshidabad so that there is no recurrence of such incident in future.

- (2) A Core Group of Nurses be adequately trained and posted in the hospital so that they are able to treat and attend in the emergency required delivery cases and treats the new born babies.
6. Principal Secretary, WBSHRC to communicate the recommendations to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal and he is requested to communicate an action taken report on the above recommendations to this Commission within 4(Four) months time.

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(M. S. Dwivedy)
Member

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Acting Chairperson

Dated, 11th May, 2016

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