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Enclosed is the news clipping appeared in the 'Statesman,' an English daily dated 27. 06.2018, the news item is captioned "**Basirhat woman battling for life after govt doc's negligence**".

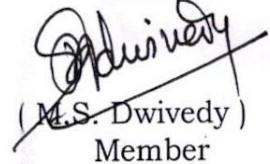
Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal is directed to enquire into the matter and to furnish a report by 10th August, 2018.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



(Napanarajit Mukherjee)
Member



(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
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A 28-year-old woman from Basirhat in North 24-Parganas is now struggling for her life at the intensive care unit (ICU) of the SSKM Hospital because of alleged negligence on the part of a doctor of Basirhat State Hospital.

Mrs Amina Bibi allegedly didn't get medical attention for three days at the Basirhat district hospital, where she was admitted on 20 June with symptoms of high fever. "My sister was taken to the Basirhat district hospital on 20 June showing symptoms of fever but no medical attention was

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SUPERINTENDENT, BASIRHAT STATE HOSPITAL

given to her by the concerned doctor and nurses till 23 June. No oxygen support and medicines were given to her for three days though she

complained of respiratory trouble at the hospital. Interestingly, the doctor who attended her first prescribed some medicines, mainly antibiotics, but nothing was given to the patient," said Mr Mizanur Rehman Rohit near the ICU at SSKM.

"On 22 June night, I rushed to the district hospital after hearing of her deteriorating condition with severe respiratory distress and swelling of body. I checked and found that no medicines were given to her though antibiotics were prescribed soon after she was brought to the hospital. The doctor who attended her advised her husband to take the patient to his private clin-

ic in a local medicine shop at Basirhat for better and prompt treatment'.

"Handing over his business card to my brother-in-law, the doctor told him better and prompt treatment is not available in the hospital. He gave him a small slip of paper writing the name of the medicine shop and the days and hours of his visiting schedule on it," Mr Rohit added.

"I called up the hospital superintendent, Dr Shyamol Halder, requesting him to take prompt action to save my critically ill sister. Dr Halder immediately sent a lady doctor to attend the patient and found that no antibiotics were given to her. Lack of medica-

tion for three days aggravated her condition with severe accumulation of fluid in her lung and stomach. Considering her critical condition the lady doctor referred her to SSKM hospital, where she is struggling for life," he said.

"I am aware and we have already formed an inquiry committee to probe the charges levelled against the doctor who had allegedly asked the patient to go to his private clinic in a medicine shop. We will take necessary action after we get the probe report in three days. The director of health services and chief medical officer of health in North 24-Parganas have also been informed," Dr Halder said.