

NOTE SHEET

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A news item appeared in Ganashakti daily captioned "অভাবের গ্রাসে বিক্রি শিশুকন্যা, পরে উদ্ধার" The West Bengal Human Rights Commission took suo motu cognizance into the matter and directed the Dy.S.P., Investigation Wing, WBHRC to conduct an enquiry and submit his report which he has done.

2. According to the report, in this connection, on the complaint of DCPO, Kotwali P.S. Case No.675/20 dt.09/10/2020 u/s 370 IPC and 81, J.J. (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was registered at Kotwali P.S., Midnapur. The infant girl was recovered and her parents were arrested and produced before Ld. C.J.M., Paschim Medinipur on 10/10/2020. They are currently in judicial custody and the child is under protection of Child Welfare Committee. Therefore, the police have taken adequate action in this matter and the case is under investigation.

3. The report further reveals that Bhutu Chowdhury (accused) is employed part time as he works as a mason and at times as a rickshaw puller, thereby earning his livelihood. He is a compulsive alcoholic and spent most of his earned money on alcohol, thereby driving himself to poverty. The reason behind selling this child was to earn money for satisfying his ^{drinking} ~~driving~~ habits. Bhutu CHowdhury's family has been provided sufficient food item during lockdown period under the P.M.G.K.Y scheme and also received benefits for building house through Indira Abas Yojana.

In view of above, as the police have already acted on this incident I am of the view that the matter be filed. *The order is uploaded by the Ld*

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