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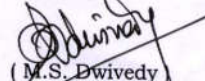
The Chief Medical Officer of Health, Siliguri is directed to furnish a report by 10th April, 2017 enclosing thereto :

(a) statement of the victim and her family member



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)

Chairperson


(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member



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Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and to send a copy of the order to concerned news paper.

Doctor absent, woman gives birth to dead infant in Siliguri hospital

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Siliguri, 7 March

Medical negligence is being blamed for a pregnant woman giving birth to a dead infant at the Siliguri district hospital.

Mrs Shanti Mondal, a local resident was admitted to Siliguri district hospital by her husband Mr Nikhil Mondal with acute labour pain on 3 March. On the following day, the concerned doctor, Dr S Kar, did not visit her even once though she was suffering from intense labour pain throughout the day.

On 5 March, the relatives of the patient signed

a bond and shifted her to a private nursing home where she gave birth to a dead baby girl.

The weight of the infant was said to be two kg and 700 grams.

Mourning over the death of the infant, Mr Mondal further alleged that although they had complained about the negligence on the doctor's part to the grievance cell, the matter has not reached the hospital superintendent.

Darjeeling district youth Congress today gheraoed the office of the hospital superintendent Dr. Amitava Mondal demanding justice for the bereaved parents

and submitted a complaint against Dr S Kar. "The ultrasonographic reports showed that the baby was alive on 5 March. In the evening, the nurses said that the woman's condition is deteriorating and advised to shift her to another hospital as the doctor was absent. This is extreme negligence," said district Dabgram-Fulbari youth Congress president Mr Manoj Agrawal.

"An investigation will be conducted and we will report this to the Darjeeling chief medical officer of Health as well. We will seek explanation from the doctor," said hospital superintendent Dr Amitava Mondal.