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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 4th January, 2017, the news item is captioned "*Hooch Tragedy death toll climbs to eight in Burdwan*".

The Superintendent of Police, Burdwan is directed to furnish a report by 14.02.2017 enclosing thereto:-

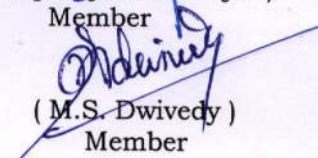
- (a) full particulars including address of the guardians and members of the family of the victim;
- (b) the report of the D.M. Burdwan/order passed, if any.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



(Napanajit Mukherjee)
Member



(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

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Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC.

HOOCH TRAGEDY DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO EIGHT IN BURDWAN

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The spurious liquor death toll increased to eight in Burdwan after two more succumbed at the Burdwan Medical College & Hospital today where they were referred by the rural hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Susanta Ghosh (37) and Deuleshwar Bagdi (45) — the residents of Korkona village were taken to the Pursa Rural Hospital in Galsi on

Monday evening after they complained of severe abdominal pain, asphyxia with severe nausea and foaming of intestinal sap. Suchitra Ghosh — widow of Susanta — stated: "He was not a habitual drinker but he used to consume country liquor during the festivities." She added "On 1 January he took some money and had told me that he was going to booze at the local hut."

Susanta was improving at Pursa hospital but he

started sinking yesterday afternoon and was referred to the Burdwan hospital where he died in the early morning today. Two more referred to the BMCH were still under critical care, the physicians said.

Meanwhile, four new patients — Chhotu Bauri (20), Kartik Bauri (25), Sudhir Bauri (52) and Louni Bauri (25) have been taken to the Pursa Rural Hospital today as they started feeling severe discomfort since yes-

terday midnight. They had consumed liquor on Monday evening. Badruddoza Mondal — Galsi block Trinamul Congress leader said "In total 32 sick persons from the two villages have been shifted to the hospital and the death toll due to the hooch tragedy has increased to eight so far."

As the death toll increased further, the locals lost their patience and took law and order into their own hands and raided the hooch dens

further today in several Galsi villages. Badruddoza said "Several times the matter was reported to the police and administration but the illegal liquor dens continued multiplying day by day." Yesterday, five dens were destroyed by the villagers at Korkona and today three more were ravaged at the same village but the operators of the dens have fled the area.

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