


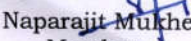
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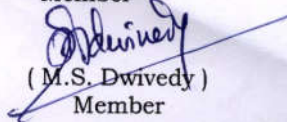
Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the news item is captioned "*Tribal girl from Bengal loses battle for life*".

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

- (a) Statement of the victim recorded at the hospital;
- (b) copy of the bed head ticket;
- (c) a copy of the Post Mortem Report
- (d) full address and particulars of the parents of the victim girl;
- (e) particulars including address of the NGO functioning under the name and style of Shakti Vahini and
- (f) address and full particulars of Rishikant said to be a member of the said NGO.

  
(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)  
Chairperson

  
( Napanarajit Mukherjee )  
Member

  
( M.S. Dwivedy )  
Member

Encl: News Item Dt. 04/ 01. 17

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

# Tribal girl from Bengal loses battle for life

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New Delhi, 4 January

After fighting for her life in a hospital bed for 16 days, a 23-year-old West Bengal tribal girl, who was beaten mercilessly by her employer in Mukherjee Nagar, died today.

Her mother, who had travelled over 1400 km from Malda to see her daughter safe, lost all hope today.

The girl was admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia hospital on 19 December after she was rescued from a house in Mukherjee Nagar with the intervention of Delhi Commission for Women (DCW).

The mother said she did not want her daughter to go to Delhi but a trafficker named Mariam persuaded her to move to Delhi three years ago. Early this year, she was placed at the house in Mukherjee Nagar by a placement agency.

The mother said her daughter was full of life and wanted to help the fam-

ily, which is why she went to Delhi. The last time the mother spoke to her, her daughter told her she would send some money.

The Statesman was the first to report about her mother's journey from Malda to Delhi when she had only a cup of tea and a biscuit to save all her money for her daughter's treatment. After seeing her daughter in the hospital bed the mother said, "I just want my daughter to be all right after which I will take her to Malda where I will take proper care of her and also make people aware about human trafficking."

DCW chairperson Swati Maliwal said she was shocked by the girl's medical report. "She was beaten mercilessly. There were several fractures in her body," said Maliwal.

The medical report, a copy of which is with The Statesman, said she had multiple fractures and was also suffering from sepsis, dyselectrolytemia and

severe anaemia.

Maliwal said she will ensure that the girl and her family get justice. The DCW chief has also written to the Labour Commission seeking to know the total number of placement agencies registered. "In her FIR, Section 302 should be added and placement agencies need to be regulated in Delhi," said the DCW chief.

Rishi Kant from NGO Shaktivahini said a team from West Bengal government will ensure that the girl's body reaches her native place. He demanded that Delhi Government should come up with Placement Agencies and Domestic Workers (regulation) Bill. "This death is a clear example of a tribal girl being beaten to death by her employer. Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act should also be added," said Kant.

Police are waiting for the post-mortem report after which further sections will be added to the case.