

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN: AGARTALA

Complaint No. 2 of 2024
(Suo-Motu Cognizance)
ORDER SHEET

Sl. No.	Date	Order	Note
01	06.01.2024	Attention of the commission is drawn to some news items published in several daily newspapers including one namely, Rashtriya Kantha, today, the 6th of January-2024 with the heading “যমের দুয়ার আই এল এস” wherein, it is reported that a lady patient namely Smt. Purba Paul of Agartala Circuit House area was admitted in the hospital for delivery and on 23/11/2023 the concerned Doctor advised that she has to be taken to ICU for better treatment. Why she was required to be taken to the ICU, nothing was explained to the patient party. However, the patient party, considering the life of the patient agreed to the proposal of the hospital and accordingly Purba Paul was shifted to the ICU. After a few days the patient party was informed that she has to be taken to ventilation for her quick recovery. The patient party used to visit the hospital and they were allowed to see the patient from a distance and they allegedly found the patient was kept in a glass box and some time they found body movement of the patient. The hospital authority kept the patient for a continuous period in ventilation without informing the patient party about the actual physical condition of the patient. Later on, the patient party observed that there was no movement in the patient’s body, but still the patient was kept in the ventilation. On last Friday, the	

patient parties were informed that Purba Paul has expired. When the family members of the patient demanded the dead body, the hospital authority handed over a bill of more than Rs. 17(seventeen) lakh and on that issue there were huge tension and excitement for which Police was informed and after arrival of Police, the hospital authority handed over the dead body to the patient party. It is stated in the news item that information as to what amount had to be paid could not be ascertained. There are so many other general allegations against the hospital authority.

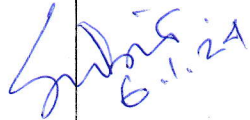
Be that as it may, a hospital is considered to be a place of faith and trust. It is expected that a human being while in serious physical ailment goes to hospital for recovery with a faith on the hospital authority and the Doctors as representative of God. If nothing was informed to the patient party about the seriousness of the patient and continued to keep the patient in the ventilation or ICU, it will definitely come under the purview of violation of Human Rights.

We therefore consider to take cognizance on the basis of the newspaper reports and direct the ILS hospital authority, Agartala to submit a report in writing in respect of the allegations reported in the news items before the next date.

We further consider to direct the Director General of Police (DGP), Tripura to inquire/investigate into the allegation through responsible senior officers according to the wisdom of the DGP and to submit a report before the commission before the next date.

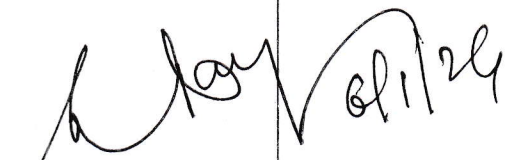
We also consider to direct the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura to initiate an effective inquiry through responsible officers/doctors under the Health Department of the state govt. to inquire into the matter and to submit a report before the commission before the next day.

List it on 06/02/2024 for order of the Commission.


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(S. C. Saha)
Member


(Justice S.C. Das)
Chairperson


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(B. K. Ray)
Member