

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN: AGARTALA

Complaint No. 10 of 2024
(A Suo-Motu cognizance)
(Inadequate drinking water at IGM Hospital).

ORDER SHEET

SL. No.	Date	Order	Note
05	05/09/2024	<p>Dr. Debasri Debbarma, Medical Superintendent of IGM Hospital and Er. Gopi Majumder, Executive Engineer, DWS Division No. I are present. They are examined on oath by the Commission and their statements have been recorded, read over and explained to them to which they have admitted to have been correctly recorded.</p> <p>In course of examination of Dr. Debasri Debbarma, MS, IGM Hospital, he proposed to submit a statement about cleaning and washing of over head tank and the pipelines of the water supplied in the hospital buildings and hospital premises. He should submit the statement before the next date of hearing.</p> <p>Er. Gopi Majumder in course of his examination stated that he would like to submit a statement about the engineering process of removal of iron and disinfecting process of the water supplied to the hospital and also copy of certification issued by the DWS time to time. Er. Sri Majumder should submit that statement before the next date of hearing.</p> <p>The reports which have been received by the Commission in the mean time and on oath statement of the Medical Superintendent, IGM Hospital and Executive Engineer, DWS, it appears that there is necessity of a joint inspection of the entire process of water supply in the hospital premises.</p>	

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From the statement of Er. Gopi Majumder it is transpired that their responsibility is to pump the underground water, removal of iron there from and purification of the water and then to supply it to the overhead tank. They have no responsibility about ultimate supply of water to the hospital building and its premises.

It is stated that from the overhead tank, supply of drinking water in the hospital building and its premises is arranged by PWD(R&B) and that aspect is not looked after by DWS.

MS, IGM Hospital has stated that the water supplied from the over head tank are not directly consumed as drinking water by the patients, doctors, hospital staffs or the companions of the patient. The hospital authority has installed 14 water cooler cum aqua guards in the hospital wards, where from, the drinking water is consumed by the patients, doctors and others. There are water taps in the hospital premises which cannot be said to be pure drinking water.

According to DWS, the water supplied to the over head tank is safe drinking water. If it is so safe, then it should be ensured that the water supplied from over head tank to the hospital building and its premises is maintained cleanliness and safety measures. After that can be done, there will be no scarcity of drinking water.

It is transpired clearly to the Commission that there is lack of co-ordination and cohesion between DWS, PWD(R&B) and the Hospital Authority. After examining the MS, IGM Hospital and the Executive Engineer, DWS, Division No. I, we are satisfied that a joint inspection by these three authorities should be made to find out a solution about the drinking water in the hospital and its premises.

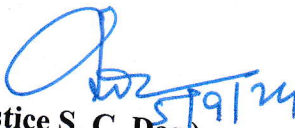
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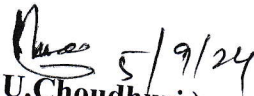
We therefore, request the Superintending Engineer, DWS, Agartala, Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B), Agartala and the Medical Superintendent, IGM Hospital, Agartala to have a joint inspection of the entire system in place for the supply of drinking water in the IGM Hospital and its premises and to submit a detailed report about the sufficiency of quality and purity of the water available in the hospital and its premises and all other aspects incidental there to.

A copy of this order may be sent to the Medical Superintendent, IGM Hospital, Agartala and the Superintending Engineer, DWS and the Superintending Engineer, PWD(R&B) Agartala, for compliance. MS, IGM Hospital shall be the convener of the inspection team and the report should be submitted by all concerned jointly or severally.

List it after four weeks.

Fix on ... 07/10/2024


(Justice S. C. Das)
Chairperson


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Member


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