

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna
File No. BHRC/Comp 4303 /15

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Deaths in Medicine ICU of DMCH, Darbhanga (25th Sept, 2015) due to failure of Oxygen in the supply line .

BHRC had taken **Suo Motu** cognizance of news paper reports dated 26th Sept, 2015 regarding deaths in the Medicine ICU of DMCH, Darbhanga on 25th Sept due to stoppage of Oxygen in the ICU supply line.

2. Notices were issued to District Magistrate, Darbhanga and Superintendent, DMCH, for filing reports which they have sent vide letter nos. 3554/C dt. 1.10.2015 & 4490 dt. 05.10.2015 respectively. DM, Darbhanga has conducted an indepth inquiry into the episode and recommended action on various points to the Principal Secretary, Health Deptt. , Govt of Bihar (letter no. 3492/C dt. 27.9.2015) salient points of which are as under:-

(a) **Oxygen supply in the ICU remained stopped from 8:00 AM to 09.15 AM which resulted in deaths of (1) Rani Devi(30 yrs—Sepsis patient) (ii) Champa Devi (68yrs--- COPD patient) & (iii) Shabanam Khatoon (40yrs.---Pulmonry oedema & on ventilator).**

(b) **It was due to gross negligence and non- adherence to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by the ICU staff, para medics and the doctors.**

(c) **Institution of a criminal case for the criminal negligence and departmental action against the three ward attendants placed under suspicion soon after the episode.**

(d) Suspension and departmental proceeding against sister - in- charge of ICU.

(e) Explanation to be asked from the two physicians on duty **(P.O.D)** of the ICU.

3. **It appears to be a case of gross negligence on the part of public functionaries of DMCH. Commission, therefore, directs as under:-**

(i) **A compensation of Rs. 2.5 Lakhs (two Lakhs fifty thousands) each to be paid to the family members of the three deceased within two months by the govt.**

(ii) **Principal Secretary, Health Deptt. to inform the Commission, within two months, about actions taken on the recommendations of DM, Darbhanga.**

4. Copy of the order be sent to the (i) **Principal Secretary, Health Deptt. Govt of Bihar for necessary action** and (ii) **DM, Darbhanga** (iii) **SSP, Darbhanga** and (iv) **Superintendent, DMCH, Darbhanga** for information.

5. The case be listed next on 08th Dec, 2015.

Date: 06.10.2015

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Member

Registrar/ Astd.Registrar