

Smt. Samavati Chero w/o Sri. Mahendra Chero, vill. Majhigawa Post Majhidar PS Pannuganj, District **Sonebhadra, U.P.** had complained to NHRC that her daughter Kabutari alias Chayo Chero was married three years ago with Sri. Shailendra Chero, S/o Sri. Deenanath chero village- Jammuninar, PS. Adhaura, district **Bhabhua (Bihar)**. She alleged that her daughter was **regularly tortured by her in-laws for bringing inadequate dowry**. She got a call on her mobile on 14th September, 2012 that her daughter has died. Her husband went to his daughter's place in Adhaura where he was informed that his daughter has been killed. When her husband protested, he was badly assaulted by his daughters in-laws. **Her husband went to Adhaura PS but to no avail and no F.I.R was lodged**. The petitioner requested for lodging an F.I.R.

2. The matter was referred to BHRC by the NHRC. A report was called from SP, Bhabhua who has submitted report on the basis of enquiry by his Dy.SP. The Dy.SP, in his enquiry has opined that the petitioner's daughter Kabutri Devi alias Chayo Chero **died of severe diarrhea** on 29th September, 2012. She could not be taken to the hospital for want of transport in the village.

3. **The findings of Dy.SP are unacceptable. Following important points remain unanswered :-**

- (a) The Dy.SP did not examine the petitioner or her husband.
- (b) It is not clear whether the petitioner/her husband were immediately informed about death of their daughter by her in-laws. How the dead body was disposed off?
- (c) Petitioners husband went to his daughters place on 15th September, 2012 and was told that her daughter was killed. The Dy.SP says petitioners daughter died on 29th September, 2012.
- (d) Petitioners husband was assaulted by her daughter's in-laws. He went to Adhaura PS for complaint **which was not entertained and no F.I.R was lodged**.
- (e) Petitioner says even the then SP was informed but no action was taken.

4. **The matter appears to be extremely serious and lack of adequate police response is apparent. SP, Kaimur is directed to look into the allegations, supervise the case personally and appear before the commission on 23rd July, 2013(Tuesday) at 13:00 hrs along with action taken report in the matter.**

5. It is, however, clarified that if report from the SP, Bhabhua is received by 19th July, 2013, his personal appearance will remain dispensed with.

6. Copy of the response received from the petitioner on the report of SP, Bhabhua (memo no. 956/C dated 10.03.2013) and a copy of this order be **faxed to SP, Bhabhua for compliance** and to the DGP, Bihar for information

Date: 19.06.2013

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