

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp. 3161/16

Sub: Alleged apathy shown to an HIV⁺ patient by the authorities of Sadar Hospital, Saran.

Case of: DDC, Madhubani

DDC, Madhubani has brought to the notice of the Commission that his nephew Sh. Alok Kumar, S/o Mukhtar Prasad, village Sikhti (Gola) Masrakh Block, district Saran was detected HIV positive at IGIMS and was referred to ART (**Anti Retro-Viral Therapy**) Center at Saran for treatment. His nephew reached Sadar Hospital, Saran on 22nd April 2016 at 7 AM, was denied admission in the hospital till 12 noon. The patient was lying on a stretcher in the open, under a Mango tree, for 5 hours in Sadar Hospital campus. It was only after the DDC made repeated calls to the Civil Surgeon, Saran and DPM Saran that he was admitted and given a dingy room that too without fans. According to the employees posted in the ART Center at Saran, the lady incharge of the center was on leave, hence the center was closed. Medicines were made available to the patient only after parting with Rs.1300/- whereas he is entitled to free medicines.

2. Allegations, if true, reflects a sorry state of affairs at the ART Center Saran.

3. Issue notice to the **Regional Addl. Director, Health Services, Saran** to immediately **file report to the Commission by 31st May 2016** failing which Commission may be constrained to direct for his **personal appearance**. The report should also indicate:-

(a) Fixation of responsibility for the apathy shown at the ATR Center.

(b) When was the ATR Center at Saran established and why has it not become functional??

(c) During absence of the Incharge doctor, what is the alternative arrangement for the ATR Center.

(d) Why patient was charged money for the medicines?

(e) Response shown by the Civil Surgeon, Saran and DPM, Saran.

4. Copy of the order be sent (along with complaint) to (i) **Regional Addl. Director, Health Services, Saran** for necessary action and (ii) **Principal Secretary, Health Department** for information and (iii) **DDC, Madhubani** for information w.r. to his letter no.19/c dated 23.04.2016.

5. List on 7th June 2016.

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Member

Date:17.05.2016

Asstt. Registrar