

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC)

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp. 3254/16

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Sub: HIV⁺ Positive pregnant women allegedly ill-treated by a lady doctor at Sadar Hospital Aurangabad.

BHRC takes suo motu cognizance of the news item published in Times of India, Patna edition today entitled “**A’bad Hospital shooes away HIV-positive pregnant woman**”. According to the news report an HIV⁺ pregnant lady was insulted and denied treatment by a lady doctor posted at Aurangabad Sadar Hospital. When the lady insisted, the lady doctor asked the ward-boy to throw the patient out.

2. Allegations, if true, speak a lot about the mental orientation of the doctor towards HIV⁺ patients.

3. Commission, therefore, directs **District Magistrate, Aurangabad** to get an immediate inquiry caused into the incident by a **joint team of ADM rank officer and the Addl. CMO** and submit Action Taken Report to the Commission by 6th June 2016 when the matter is listed next.

4. BHRC would suggest the Health Department to get feedbacks from government hospitals in the State towards reception/treatment to HIV⁺ patients at the hospitals. **If necessary, Health Department may consider sensitization of doctors and para medic staff to improve the situation.**

5. Copy of the order along with a copy of newspaper clipping be faxed to (i) **Principal Secretary, Health Department**, Government of Bihar, (ii) **District Magistrate, Aurangabad** and (iii) **Civil Surgeon-cum-Chief Medical Officer, Aurangabad** for necessary action.

6. List on 6th June 2016.

Sd/-
(Neelmani)
Member

Date:19.05.2016

Asstt. Registrar