

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File Nos. BHRC/Comp. 5067/15

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Case of Siddheshwar Prasad (One dead when Gate No.10 of Gandhi Maidan fell on him – Compensation paid)

06.04.2016

SDM and DSP, Patna present. Wife of the deceased along with her son-in-law present.

After hearing it becomes clear that the deceased, Siddheshwar Prasad, was selling cigarettes and certain other items when Gate No.10 of Gandhi Maidan which fell down and he collapsed. His widow who is aged has no source of income and has not even house of her own.

Government has given her an aid of Rs.20,000 which she has already given to her son and son-in-law for investing in some business and is not getting any returns. She is only dependant on pension of Rs.400 per month even which is not being paid regularly.

If a person dies for no fault of his who was still earning for himself and his wife and the death was direct result of the negligence of the authorities as a gate, a public property, fell down on him, the Commission feels that he should have been compensated adequately. Rs.20,000 has been paid by way of aid which is in no way an adequate compensation. The Commission directs that an additional amount of Rs.50,000 shall be deposited in the account of the widow of the deceased. The Bank shall be directed to not disburse more than 10,000 a year in favour of the lady. If

she wants more money in a year she will approach the SDM who may pass appropriate orders as the situation demands.

This order shall be sent to DM, Patna for paying the compensation to the lady.

Compliance report be submitted within six weeks.

List on 25.05.2016.

(Justice Bilal Nazki)
Chairperson