

## **BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC)**

*9, Bailey Road, Patna*

**File No. BHRC/Comp. 4096/16**

**(Suo Motu Cognizance)**

**Sub: Alleged suicide by an acid attack victim.**

**Case of: Village Anwarpur, P.S. Sarai of district Vaishali.**

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BHRC had taken suo motu cognizance on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 of media reports about alleged suicide by an acid attack victim Ms. Madhu Kumari, d/o Sh. Cheena Shah, village Anwarpur, P.S. Sarai, district Vaishali and directed SP, Vaishali to file report about police laxity, if any, and payment of compensation to the victim in terms of Bihar Government's Victim Compensation Scheme, 2014.

2. SP, Vaishali has informed that a case vide Sarai P.S. Case No.169/14 dated 24.09.2014 u/s 341/324/326/354/307/34 IPC and 11 POSCO Act was registered on the complaint of deceased against accused Manish Kumar and two unknown persons. Police submitted **charge sheet** against FIR accused Manish Kumar on 26.01.2015 and against Raja Kumar Singh and Kundan Kumar on 8.5.2016. Accused Manish Kumar was granted bail by the Hon'ble High Court and the other two FIR accused were also granted bail. Based on the complaint of the victim's side, section 107 Cr.P.C. proceedings have been initiated against the three accused persons.

3. The report says that the victim was under deep depression ever since the incident took place. She used to remain in seclusion and sleep alone in the room which had to be forcibly opened by her father on the fateful day. She was found dead with electric wire in her hand. The post-mortem report has corroborated death due to electric shock. A U.D. (Unnatural Death) Case No.03/2016 dated 3.7.2016, registered in this connection, is under investigation.

4. **Secretary, District Legal Services Authority**, Vaishali has informed that victim Madhu Kumari had received Rs.3 Lakhs by two different drafts on two different dates (Rs.1 Lakh on 20.02.2015 and Rs.2 Lakhs on 20.10.2015). **Commission appreciates the quick payment of compensation to the victim.**

5. Quick payment of financial compensation, however, could not lessen her deep depression. Social and psychological rehabilitation of such victims to take them out of depression and seclusion is, therefore, necessary in such cases.

6. Commission is, therefore, inclined to make following recommendations:-

(a) SP, Vaishali will file a status report on investigation of the U.D. Case No.03/16 after a month.

(b) Sarai P.S. Case No.169/14 is a fit cases for SPEEDY TRIAL by the special court set up by Bihar Government (notification no.1607 dated 18.3.2011) for speedy trial of offences u/s 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Commission requests Hon'ble High Court, Patna to issue suitable directions in this regard.

(c) Principal Secretary, Home Department is advised to constitute a committee consisting of the Departments of Welfare, Law, Health, Weaker Sections wing of CID, NGOs (working in this field) and other departments considered necessary to formulate a policy and evolve an SOP for social and psychological rehabilitation of acid attack victims and an interim report submitted to the Commission in three months.

7. Copy of the order be sent to (i) Registrar General, Hon'ble Patna High Court (ii) Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bihar, (iii) SP, Vaishali, for necessary action and (iv) DGP, Bihar (v) District Magistrate, Vaishali, (vi) Secretary, Legal Services Authority, Hajipur for information.

8. List on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

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(Neelmani)  
Member

Date: 22.07.2016  
Asstt. Registrar