

BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC)

9, Bailey Road, Patna

File No. BHRC/Comp. 4096/16

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Sub: Suicide by an acid attack victim.

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

BHRC had taken suo motu cognizance on (4th 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 . The Acid attack had taken place on 24.09.2014 and Charge-Sheet was filed by police against three accused persons on 26.01.2015 and 08.05.2016. Rs. Three lakhs was paid to the victim by the Secretary, District Legal Service Authorities under Bihar Govt's Victim Compensation Scheme. BHRC also recommended for **Speedy Trial** of the case to the Hon'ble High Court on 22nd July, 2016.

2. **The Victim was under deep depression ever since the incident took place. She used to remain in seclusion and finally committed suicide in the night of 3/4.07.2016. Quick payment of financial compensation and legal action against the culprits, however, could not lessen her depression. Commission, therefore, advised the Home Deptt. on 30th Aug,2016 to formulate a policy on Social & Psychological rehabilitation of such victims and also come out with an SOP to deal with such victims . It was suggested to form a committee consisting of the departments of Welfare, Law, Health, Weaker Section Wing of C. I.D, NGO's etc, etc to suggest the home department on the issue.**

3. Home Deptt., has informed (letter no. ओ०/बि०मा०आ०-36/2016/9425 dt. 03.10.2016) that in the **meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, on 16.09.2016 it has been decided that the Social Welfare Deptt., of the Govt. will be the nodal department for formulating the policy and SOP (Standard Operating Procedure). Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt. , Govt, of Bihar will apprise the Commission within two months about the policy formulated and SOP evolved.**

4. Copy of the order be sent to the (i) **Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar for necessary action.** (ii) **Principal Secretary, Home Department, ,& the (iii) DGP, Bihar for information.**

5. List on 10th Jan, 2017.

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Member

Date: 03.11.2016

Asstt. Registrar
Dy. Secretary