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HRC No. 4183/10/11/2019-V (SB-I)

Date: 13-11-2020

To,
The Principal Secretary
Government of Karnataka
Health & Family Welfare Department,
Bengaluru

Sub: HRC No. 4183/10/11/2019-V (SB-I)

The above case came up for hearing on 12.11.2020 before Bench-I of the Commission and on consideration the Commission passed the following:

ORDER

It is alleged in the complaint that due to improper treatment for disease like diphtheria, 9 innocent children have died in Gulbarga District Hospital. There was no pediatric cardiologist or any cardiologist to attend the diphtheria patients. There were only 10 beds available in PICU and out of 10, only 2 beds were reserved for diphtheria patients. The staff of aforesaid hospital was referring diphtheria patients to private hospital. Therefore, he has prayed to direct the authorities concerned to provide proper health-care to the patients of diphtheria.

Upon notice and reminder to the Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bengaluru, the report dated 15.02.2020 and 12.03.2020 from Director, G.I.M.S. and Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru were received, enclosing the report dated 14-02-2020 of Dr. Sandeep V.H., Professor & HOD, Dept. of Pediatrics, G.I.M.S., Kalaburgi. It is stated that there were number of diphtheria cases which

were adequately treated with ADS on time and ADS was procured in advance and stocked and there was no shortage of any medicine for treating the patients. "The cause of death in diphtheria cases noted were myocarditis with ventricular fibrillation and pulmonary edema." Myocarditis needs highly specialized pediatric cardiology wing to treat them which was not available in their Institution. But, those children who died of diphtheria in G.I.M.S hospital came late or at terminal phase of illness and they were already compromised and could not be revived in spite of their efforts. With regard to Heena Kauser's case, she was brought to their PICU in a very sick condition and the child could not be revived and went to ventricular fibrillation and cardio-respiratory arrest. During the diphtheria outbreak, the patients in and around of Kalaburgi were treated in G.I.M.S., and no private hospitals could treat as ADS was not available in private sector.

A copy of the report dated 12.03.2020 alongwith annexures were sent to the complainant for his comments. Since the complainant has not submitted his comments in spite of service of notice therefor, accepting the report dated 12.03.2020, the complaint is disposed and proceeding is closed without any recommendation.

Sd/-
Justice D.H.Waghela,
Chairperson

Therefore, I have been directed by the Hon'ble Commission to inform you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Assistant Registrar,
KSHRC

Copy to: Md Riyazuddin, H.No-7-1202/38/13B, Khaja Qadeer Colony, Bilalabad, Kalaburgi – 585104, for information.