



MAHARASHTRA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Case No. – 5064/2007-08

Name of the complainant : Adv Shusan Kunjuraman
R.No. 98, Chamber No.4 and 5
Esplanade Mansion, Kalaghoda, Fort
Mumbai – 400 001.

Vs.

The Dean
Sion Hospital, Mumbai

The Dean
K E M Hospital
Mumbai

Commissioner
Municipal Corporation
Mumbai.

Date : 8 February 2011
Coram : Justice V G Munshi, Member

ORDER

Read the averments made in the complaint and the report received from Respondent Dean Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Sion, Mumbai.



Superintendent J J Hospital, Mumbai and Police Surgeon Mumbai. Read the case papers.

2. The complainant is Human Right Activist. He made present complaint in respect of Mortuary Departments of various Government Hospitals. According to him the condition is worst. Therefore, he moved the present complaint to Commission and prayed for necessary action in this matter.

3. The complainant made following allegations in the complaint

- (i) Hospitals have become safe heaven for army of rats and stray dogs.
- (ii) **Secondly**, Human dead bodies lying the said mortuary are being eaten and destroyed by rats.
- (iii) **Thirdly**, freezers of Mortuary Departments are out of order, as such human dead bodies decompose and spread foul smell.

The complainant therefore, moved the Commission for necessary action in this matter.

4. Dean Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Hospital, Sion, Mumbai by filing their report submitted the ~~report about~~ action taken by them.

- (i) ORM Team continuously work to prevent the nuisance of the rats.
- (ii) The stray dogs are caught by Municipal dog van and ORM Team takes preventive action against dogs.
- (iii) The mortuary was renovated and A.C facilities and AHU are working since month Nov. 2009.
- (iv) New medico legal complex of this hospital, which has facility to store 100 dead bodies will be ready in about one year. This will prevent all the pest menaces pointed out by the complainant.



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5. Police Surgeon and Superintendent J J Hospital in their reports mention that they take similar care and preserve the dead bodies properly in cold room.

6. Thus, J J Hospital and Sion Hospital are now taking proper care of the dead bodies and therefore, calls for no adverse remarks.

7. The complainant in the last prayed that such care should be taken in other hospitals also. It is incumbent upon all the hospitals to make all the necessary arrangement to protect the dead bodies. The Commission hopes and trusts that Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Mumbai would pay special attention on this aspect, to issue necessary directions for the proper protection of dead bodies and to see that no such events as disclosed in the complaint, are repeated in future.

8. Copy of this order be sent to Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Mumbai for information and necessary action in the light of observations made in the order.

With these observations Case no. 5064/2007-08 is disposed of accordingly.

The Registrar to communicate this order to the parties concerned.



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(Justice V G Munshi)
Member, SHRC