Date: 02.08.2017

Enclosed is the news item appearing in 'The Statesman', an English daily dated 02.08.2017, captioned "Housewife attacked with acid, lodges police complaint"

Superintendent of Police, Burdwan East is directed to enquire into the matter and to furnish a detailed report by 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

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## Housewife attacked with acid, lodges police complaint

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A housewife suffered an acid attack in Katwa for having given birth to a girl child and failing to get remedy she has finally taken the shelter of law. The woman complained that she was even beaten by her husband a few days ago when she had asked for money for purchasing rice.

Noortaz Sheikh, the victim, was married to Hirasin Sheikh of Koardanga village near Katwa eight years ago. Five-and-a-half years ago, Noortaz gave birth to a girl child. She alleged: "After the birth of my daughter, my husband and in-laws started humiliating me."

She said: "They had taken Rs 1 lakh as dowry and after the girl child, they sought another Rs 60,000 and start-

ed mounting pressure on me to bring the amount from my . father." The housewife failed to get the money because her father, a marginal farmland labourer, was unable to årrange it.

"It was on last 25 July when my husband and others attacked me and started beating me ruthlessly. My husband tried to kill my daughter too," narrated the woman, adding: "When I managed to escape and went to rescue my daughter, my husband suddenly threw acid on me."

The locals rescued the housewife and shifted her to Katwa Sub Divisional Hospital. After three days of dermatological assistance, the woman was released by the hospital yesterday. She went to the Katwa police station today and registered a complaint.