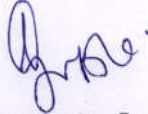
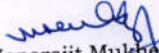


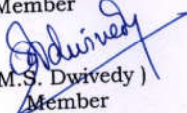
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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Stateman' an English daily dated 12th January, 2017, the news item is captioned "~~Power~~ bills unpaid, dispensary shut for 2 yrs".

The District Magistrate, Dakshin Dinajpur is directed to furnish a report within four weeks i.e. by 18.02.2017 as to the steps taken or proposed to be taken to resume the functioning of the charitable dispensary at Jalgarh village, Balurghat Block.


(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson


(Naparajit Mukherjee)
Member


(M.S. Dwivedy)
Member

Encl: News Item Dt. 12. 01. 17

Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC.

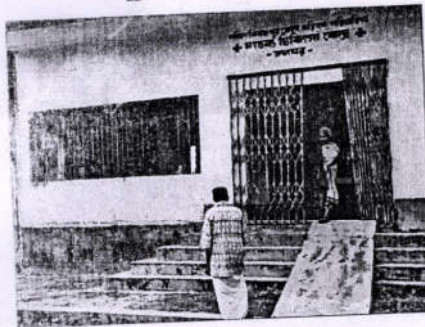
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Power bills unpaid, dispensary shut for 2 yrs

WATERBURY NEWS SERVICE
Belurghat, 11 January

As the Dakshin Dinajpur Zilla Parishad has not paid the electricity bill of a charitable dispensary at Jalgarh village under Balurghat block, the power supplier has disconnected the dispensary's power connection. For the last two years, the people of the area are being deprived of the free treatment made available at the dispensary.

There are nine villages served by this dispensary. As per the records of the dispensary, every day 60 to 80 patients used to come to the health centre. There is no other health centre or treatment facility available in this area. People of this area depended totally upon



this dispensary.

The Dakshin Dinajpur Zilla Parishad has set up the dispensary in the year 2009. The health centre was supposed to provide free medical support to the residents of the area. Two doctors were also appointed at the dis-

pensary.

From 2009 to 2014 this health centre was functioning smoothly.

But just after April 2014 the power distributor disconnected the power supply of the centre allegedly because the not electric

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bill for a year had not been paid.

From that day services at the charitable dispensary were disrupted. The doctors have stopped coming. Even the barest minimum of health service has stopped. Only a group D staff Rajmoni Rabidas continues to work here as a scavenging staff.

Rajmoni Rabidas said,

"There is no electricity in the centre. For the last two years the service has been totally stopped. No step has been taken by the authorities."

"We were happy with the services provided by the dispensary. There were two doctors and the treatment was good."

But for last two years all health services have been stopped. We want the authorities to revive the dispensary" Mr Dilip Mohanta one of the residents of Jalgarh village said.

The Subhadhipati of Dakshin Dinajpur Zilla Parishad Mrs Lolita Tigga said: "We don't have any information about the dispensary. I will personally look into the matter to resolve the problem."