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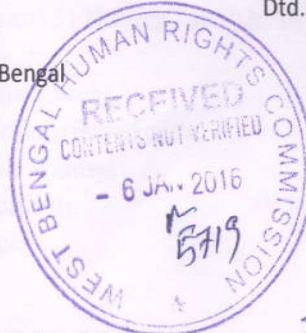
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From : The Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Department of Health and Family Welfare

To : The Assistant Secretary
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PL kept up.
V. V. Dasgupta
7.1.16

Sir,

With reference to the above I am directed to say that a report (Copy enclosed) in connection with a visit report of the Superintendent of Police, West Bengal Human Rights Commission, to Gouripur Leprosy Hospital, Bankura, on 30.06.2015 has been submitted to this Department.

The report has been examined and accepted by the Additional Chief Secretary of this Department.

Enclosed: As stated above

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1) The Director of Health Services, West Bengal & Ex-Officio Secretary, Swasthya Bhawan
- 2) The Sr. PA to the Additional Chief Secretary of this Department

Assistant Secretary

Report to Visit Gouripur Leprosy Hospital.

1. Infrastructure

Sprawled over 275 Acres of land, Gouripur Leprosy Hospital having following support :

- a. One Superintendent, four(4) Sr. Medical Officer and one(1) Medical Officer
- b. 2 D.N.S (one nursing supt. And one Dy. Supt) and fourteen(14) Staff Nurse Gr.-II.
- c. 11 Group B, 2 Group C, 28 Group D, 7 sweepers and 51 Nursing Aids (Gr. D)
- d. Total 550 beds.
- e. 7 Male Wards, 3 Female Wards, 3 Cottages (@rooms each).
- f. One Ambulance. Medicine supplied by DRS Bankura (free of cost)
- g. Four kitchens (3 for Male Wards and 1 for Female Wards)
- h. Service rendered by recovered (cure admitted) patients.
- i. O.T. is under renovation for Re-constructive Surgery.
- j. Outdoor facility is there.

2. Present Patient Number Staying There:

364 Male and 157 Female, Total: 521 patients are staying there (against total capacity of 550).

3. Diet System for Hospital

Diet Contractor is selected by Chief Medical Officer of Health, Bankura. Average Monthly Expenditure on diet purpose is Rs. 7,30,000/- (Seven lakhs thirty thousand) for those admitted in all wards.

4. Lab Facility and Pathology Department:

Due to shortage of Manpower (Pathologist) & resources, it is not properly maintained. So necessary steps for better service, has already been taken from this end of Superintendent of the Gouripur Leprosy Hospital.

5. Overall condition of the Wards and offices:

Condition of the Male Wards 1- 7 and Female Wards 1- 3 and also the Store of the Hospital is not in a good shape. Most of the Wards Building are very old necessary renovation is urgently required, though it has been informed to the Assistant Engineer and Executive Engineer PWD , Bankura circle several times from this end of Superintendent of the Gouripur Leprosy Hospital.

6. Other Issues:

- a. Two Generator set of 40 KVA and 80 KVA is needed for this campus, necessary steps from this office had started for collection of funding from local MLA, also in administrative level. Another one Generator set is to be required for Ward No. 5,6,7 where patients is to be admitted after Re-constructive Surgery.
- b. Regarding Awareness Programme, IEC materials (such as poster banner) brought through District level and display time to time within the campus, for wide circulation and awareness generation among the patients, guardians, and the general public in the community.
- c. Modernisation of O.T. is going on except AC installation and shortly to be utilised for RCS operation.

- d. At present there is no Boundary Wall, before construction of the Boundary Wall demarcation of the land (area) by L.R. Department in going since April-2011 onwards, vide letter No. GLH/152/-2011 dated- 8th April'-2011 etc.
- e. Encroachment of land is a real problem, to solve the matter it has already been informed to all the administrative level vide this office letter No. GLH/688/-2013 dated- 4th December'-2013, in my opinion to prevent encroachment of the Govt property boundary wall is urgently needed.
- f. For Re-integration, Superintendent is trying to communicate with District level of Health Department and also with the Social Welfare Department. In the initiation of the Health Department along with Social Welfare Department organised a Health Camp where 280 handicapped certificate has been issued to the admitted leprosy patients of this Hospital. Also they are advice to collect AAY ration card from Food & Supply Department for collection of food grains free of cost.
- g. Special Health Camp is not done in regular basis, but for the benefit of the patients, patients sent to the Bankura Sammilani Medical College & Hospital on each Thursday and Saturday for Medical, Surgical, ENT, Eye check up and operation such as (cataract) by official arrangement.
- h. A Vocational Training Centre is run by The Leprosy Mission, at Bodra, Junbedia, Bankura. Eight vocational steam are there, all of this are short course technical training (ITI level). Superintendent is to communicate with them to provide short course technical training to the needy leprosy patients, as they can be earn, and to increase skill for self employment. An well infrastructure SD Hospital, Rural Hospital, BPHC, PHC, and S/C already been run upto Grass root level by the Health Department including remote area throughout the State, mainly Sub-centres consisting of trained Nursing staff, they are provided different type of health facilities, such as treatment of Leprosy and Tuberculosis patients from 2nd dose onwards, routine health check up of ANC, PNC, and also immunization. For better performance the Government has provided 2nd ANM , ASHA etc. So all RFT patients has already been follow up by them.
- i. There is a club within the campus of Gouripur Leprosy Hospital, called "Milan Sangha" which is run by patient workers. Who are cured admitted leprosy patients and get Rs. 50/- (fifty) per day from this Hospital for patient support, and they organised sports like football, Annual sports, athletic games, within the campus of Gouripur Leprosy Hospital throughout the year. Also organised "Pujas" celebration of Independent Day, Republic Day with different type of cultural programme, such as "Drama" and other entertainment

7. Type of Leprosy Victims/Success Steris

- a) There is no type -III, only Gr.-0, Gr.-I, Gr.-II, cases are appear from the community, which Gr.-I, Gr.-II, patients get admitted due to different reason, and after treatment they have discharged with advice according to severalty of the grade of deformity.
- b) In the initial stage of leprosy affected persons, a lot of persons dose not fill any uncomfortably situation, delayed and come with deformity, in the initial stage if it is detected there will be no deformity. But as they are not available in their locality due to earning or various reason they are appear in late stage and come with reaction & Gr.-I, Gr.-II deformity.

- c) Agreed, The Curability is 100% and if early diagnosed and start treatment there will be no deformity.
- d) An well infrastructure SD Hospital, Rural Hospital, BPHC, PHC, and S/C already been run upto Grass root level by the Health Department including remote area throughout the State, mainly Sub-centres consisting of trained Nursing staff, they are provided different type of health facilities, such as treatment of Leprosy and Tuberculosis patients from 2 dose onwards, routine health check up of ANC, PNC, and also immunization. For better performance the Government has provided 2nd ANM , ASHA etc. So all RFT patients has already been follow up by them.
- e) Average time for full recovery of the leprosy cases, is 6 months in case of P.B. (Paucibacillary) and 12 months in case of M.B. (Multibacillary).

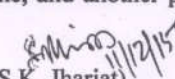
8. WHY healed patients are still for year together?

Total 142 (Male-108 and Female- 34) always occupied hospital bed as they are admitted cured leprosy patients and worked in the Hospital as "Patients Worker" as per Government Order, and get Rs.-50/- (Fifty) per day along with admission facility and rest of the admitted portion are not only RFT cases but suffering from various Medical, Surgical, ENT Eye related cases, among them few cases are there who are permanently detached from their family and even after discharge as being handicapped they could not be forcibly removed from the Hospital.

9. Recommendation:

A good suggestion has been proposed from the end of Superintendent of Police WB&HRC and Superintendent GLH assured to follow this on war footing basis for the sack of the Gouripur Leprosy Hospital, Bankura.

- a. For all 521 admitted leprosy patients of this Hospital, Superintendent GLH will be communicating with the Departmental higher authority and also with higher authority of administrative level, such as Social Welfare Department, Principal, The Bill Edgar Memorial Vocational Training Centre, Bodra, Bankura, for Social and Economical Rehabilitation by technical skill improvement.
- b. Modernisation of O.T. is going on except AC installation and shortly to be utilised for RCS operation.
- c. Two Generator set of 40 KVA and 80 KVA is needed for this campus, necessary steps from this office had started for collection of funding from local MLA, also in administrative level. Another one Generator set is to be required for Ward No. 5,6,7 where patients is to be admitted after Re-constructive Surgery.
- d. Good proposal, and processing is going on details mention on para-7(f).
- e. All of the Male Wards 1- 7 and Female Wards 1- 3 OPD building and also the Store of the Hospital is not in a good shape. Most of the Wards Building are very old necessary renovation is urgently required, though it has been informed in details to the Assistant Engineer and Executive Engineer PWD , Bankura circle several times from the Superintendent end. A formally inspection has already been done, and another process is going on.


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