

MPHRC brings justice to injured man

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission (MPHRC) provided relief to a man from Rajgarh district by directing the State Government to compensate him with ₹20,000 and asked the State Government to initiate a departmental inquiry against the policemen who failed to discharge their duties earnestly.

In the ruling, the MPHRC asked the State Government to either compensate the victim directly or through a fine imposed on the policemen.

On a complaint with the MPHRC, Daulat Ram Sahu (22), resident of Ganyari village in Narsingarh had alleged that he was attacked and beaten by a group of villagers in July 2007. The attackers fled, assuming Sahu had succumbed to his injuries.

With a fractured left arm and bruises all over his body, Sahu managed to reach the local hospital, where he was

treated merely for his contusions. The orthopedic incharge Dr Dinesh Gupta prescribed only a few medicines and did not take care of his fractured hand.

On reaching the police station, the Sub Inspectors RD Mishra and BS Bhadoria did not register a case. They told the victim there was no evidence of a fracture as the doctor's prescription did not mention it, nor did he have an X-ray report. Sahu's family then brought him to Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal. At the hospital, he was diagnosed with a broken left arm and a metal rod (intramedullary rod) was implanted.

Acting on the complaint, the MPHRC issued summons under Section 16 of Human Rights Act to Dr Gupta and the two sub-inspectors. In the ruling, the MPHRC found *prima facie* case against the two policemen who failed to maintain their case diary and investigate the complaint.

HRC summons pollution board, health dept secys

BIOMEDICAL waste disposal

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BHOPAL: The Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission (MPHRC) has summoned the secretaries of the state pollution control board and health department over improper disposal of biomedical wastes by the government and private hospitals.

The officials have been asked to appear before the commission on May 20. The commission has taken cognisance of media reports on violation of biomedical waste management and handling rules by the hospitals in the city.

Despite several reminders from the competent authorities, the lackadaisical approach of the hospitals towards 'biomedical waste management' is still noticeable, as they are directly dumping or burning the used needles, syringes, human anatomical waste, contaminated cotton bandages and discarded medicines.

The general practice is to collect the medical waste irrespective of category or class

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in one bin, and once the bin is filled up, the same is then transferred to another common bin or dumping site inside the premises. In most cases, the dumping is being done in open grounds or the wastes are burnt after two to three days, said MPHRC sources adding a strong action is being taken against the responsible officers.

According to the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000, the hospitals should collect incinerable waste such as human body waste and waste from lab cultures in yellow plastic bags and wastes like discarded needles and syringes in red plastic bags. But most of the government hospitals have not adopted any segregation practice.