

Recommendations of the Commission is prepared and placed on flag 'A' for concurrence.

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Chairman (Encharge)

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Before the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Enquiry, under sections 13 (1) & 14 (1) of the Child Right Protection Act, 2005

C.R.No.69/2013

Suo-Motu

Introduction:-

This matter has been taken up by the Commission suo motu on the basis of Mumbai Mirror Report mentioning that 20 children have died since January, 2001 while waiting for their open-heart surgeries at K.E.M. Hospital. The reason: the BMC's infamous red tape.

2. The Commission took the matter, issued the notice to the K.E.M. Hospital and called the report. Dean of K.E.M. Hospital attended the Commission and submitted a report. In the report, it is mentioned that CVTS Department of Hospital conducts all kind of cardiac surgeries. The Department also managed children with congenital heart diseases. The hospital has given detailed information about the number of patients coming and admitting in the hospital here, being operated in the hospital and the list of staff who conducts the operation. The report says that in the K.E.M. Hospital, the patient of all over Maharashtra and Other parts of India are coming for pediatric cardiac surgery. It is beyond the capacity of hospital to operate all these patients for want of infrastructure, clinical manpower and time, the hospital has submitted the reason why much number of patients are visiting K.E.M. Hospital for congenital heart disease.

(i) There are few cardiac centers dedicated to pediatric cardiac surgeries. Most of them are in private set up. States like Bihar, Assam, Orissa, U.P. and M.P. have least resources for treatment of neonates, infants and children with congenital heart diseases. An increased trend is perceptible in last 5-6 years.

(ii) In India, the pediatric cardiac centers are unequally distributed geographically. These are mostly in south, with few in north. There are lot of expenses involved in travelling and staying in alien cities for treatment. Also income loss exists due to lost work for the number of days for the under-privileged patients and their family members.

(iii) Total number of children born with CHD in India is approx 2 lakhs per year (calculated as per incidence rate) but numbers of surgeries performed are far less.

3. The report reveals that K. E. M. Hospital is taking the appropriate steps to open a short operation theatre for cardiac surgery, purchasing the two heart lung machines etc. During the hearing, it is mentioned that if this type of facilities, are provided, in the hospital at Nagpur, Pune and Nasik, then load of the patient will be reduced. Preventive measures are also required to tackle this problem.

4. This matter is related with the basic problem faced by the hospital, for want of adequate infrastructures, in term of, treatment of children born with C. H. D. and lack of facilities in the hospital situated at other parts of the State, therefore, Commission is recommending as follows:-

(i) This facility should be created in other hospitals in the States.

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(ii) Awareness generation programme should be initiated for pregnant mothers for preventive measure in this regard. Accordingly, the matter is disposed of.

By order and seal of the Commission



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Maharashtra State Commission for Protection
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