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Court No. - 2

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 570 of 2023

Petitioner :- Jyoti Rajpoot

Respondent :- Union Of India, Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare New Delhi Thru. Secy. And Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- In Person

Counsel for Respondent :- A.S.G.I.,C.S.C.

Hon'ble Alok Mathur,J.

Hon'ble Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma,J.

1. Heard Ms. Jyoti Rajpoot, in person as well as learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 2 and 3.

2. By means of present public interest litigation a very serious issue has been raised, depicting the pathetic condition existing in Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital, Lucknow (*hereinafter referred to as "the Civil Hospital"*).

3. It is submitted by petitioner that she saw an aged person namely Suraj Chandra Bhatt (*hereinafter referred to as "the patient"*) who was raggedly dressed and was naked below the waist and was vegetative/paralyzed state and was repeatedly passing stool and fetid smell/odor was disseminating from his body due to not bathing from many months. It is in such condition that petitioner called medical emergency number '108' and took the said abandoned person to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital, Lucknow, where she admitted the said person under her own initials on 29.05.2023 in emergency ward, but when the petitioner visited the person in Civil Hospital on 30.05.2023, she found that patient was in same condition as she had left him. Even the bed was soiled and no person had even examined him.

4. It is next submitted that subsequently the said patient has been shifted from Emergency Ward to "Lawaris Ward" of the Civil Hospital where conditions are extremely pathetic. It is submitted that there were six other patients who were in paralyzed state and one patient was semi paralyzed. Surprisingly all six patients were soiled in their bed and odor was also disseminating from their bodies and was spread over entire "lawaris ward". It is also submitted that she informed the state of affairs to the authorities concerned at the Civil Hospital but no action has been taken till date.

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5. It is very surprising that in such a reputed hospital existing in the heart of State Capital where state of "lawaris ward" is existing in such a deplorable state as has been informed by the petitioner. This Court takes serious view of the aforesaid facts.

6. Accordingly, Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.P. Lucknow is directed to immediately proceed and inspect the Civil Hospital specially the "lawaris ward" and submit a report to this Court by 13.06.2023.

7. In the meanwhile, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel shall immediately inform the Chief Medical Officer, Lucknow as well as Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Lucknow of the cognizance having been taken by this Court and they are directed to proceed immediately to look into the grievance as raised by the petitioner in the present Public Interest Litigation.

8. List this case on 13.06.2023, as fresh.

9. Senior Registrar of this Court is directed to communicate this order to the Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.P. Lucknow, forthwith.

Order Date :- 7.6.2023

A. Verma

(Jyotsna Sharma, J.)

(Alok Mathur, J.)