

BEFORE THE KERALA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

**Present: Mr.Justice N.Dhinakar,
Hon'ble Chairperson**

Dated this the 12th August, 2008.

H.R.M.P.No.2152/2008

Petitioners : Suo-motu based on a news paper report in a daily dated 3-5-2008

Respondent :

ORDER

On seeing a news item in a daily dated 3-5-2008 the above HRMP was registered. In the news item it is reported that a child after receiving an injection at SAT Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, could not move her limbs.

In the report submitted by the Superintendent, SAT Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, it is stated that Vysali, aged 51/2 years was admitted in SAT Hospital on 9-3-2008 in P4 unit for meningitis with IP No.6827 and was discharged on 20-3-2008. According to the report, she appeared in P2 unit on 22-4-2008 with history of fever and cough with O.P No.15626 and as per the findings in the O.P ticket and as reported by P2 unit chief she was administered injection 'paracetamol' as advised by the treating physician and she once again appeared on 24-4-2008 at P4 unit complaining of limping and that hence she was referred to Paediatric Neurology on the same day. According to the report, the Head of the Paediatric Neurology reported that she was admitted on that day for left foot drop and that it was noticed that the right lower limb, upper limbs and higher functions were normal. According to the report, investigation revealed weakness of left common peroneal nerve, which could be due to traumatic

neuritis of sciatic nerve, and keeping in mind the possibility of polio myelites, stool samples were sent for poliovirus isolation. According to the report, after initial treatment with physiotherapy she was referred to Physical Medicine and she is being followed by Acute Flaccid Paralysis Surveillance System and the Head of the Department of Paediatric Neurology has also reported that on verification of the case sheet no pages of the case sheets were found removed.

On going through the report of the Superintendent, SAT Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, I find that no further orders are required to be passed on the HRMP as treatment is being given by the medical authorities and there is nothing to suspect that the patient's illness is due to the injection administered to her at the hospital.

The petition is therefore closed.

**Justice N. Dhinakar,
Chairperson**