

**BEFORE THE KERALA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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

Dated this the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

**H.R.M.P.No.235 of 2009**

Petitioner : Suo-motu action based on a news report in a daily  
Respondent :

**ORDER**

On seeing a news report in a daily dated 17-01-2009 under the caption "Bus Standil Kuzhanjuveena Vridhan Chikilsa kittathe Marichu" the Commission took suo-motu action and registered the above HRMP and a report was called for from the Managing Director, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.

In the daily it is reported that Sukumarn Asari, a heart patient, while waiting for a bus at the Kaniyapuram KSRTC bus stand for his journey to the Medical College Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram fainted at the bus stand and died after half-an-hour at the spot. Nobody including the passengers and the KSRTC officials at Kaniyapuram took him to the hospital which lead to the loss of a human life.

In the report filed by he Managing Director, KSRTC, Thiruvananthapuum, it is stated that the news report is based on an hear say information and it did not disclose the real facts and that the allegation regarding the non co-operation of the KSRTC officials of Kaniyapuram Depot is false. There was earnest effort from the side of the officials to take the person to the nearby hospital. According to the report, on the direction of the Managing Director, KSRTC, an enquiry was conducted during which the officials of the KSRTC and the people in the locality were questioned.

According to the report, on 16-1-2009 on getting information that a person by name Sukumaran is lying on the waiting shed the concerned Traffic Controlling Inspector and the Station Master went to the spot and enquired. One of the passengers told that Sukumarn was suffering from fits (epilepsy) and it can be cured if an iron rod is kept in his hand and according to the said advice, the officials placed a bunch of keys on his hand and also gave him a cup of water to drink and that no relative of the person was present there during that time. In the report it is further stated that since there was no sign of improvement in his condition the officials immediately arranged a private vehicle in order to send him to the nearby hospital and when he was about to be taken in the vehicle some students came there and prevented the officials from taking him to the hospital saying that the person died and he can be removed after the arrival of the Police. According to the report, the KSRTC officials informed the matter to Mangalapuram and Kazhakoottam Police Stations and in the meantime the son of the deceased also reached the spot. He along with Mangalapuram Police took the dead body to the Medical College Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, for further steps. It is also stated in the report that during the enquiry by the Police it came to the knowledge from the statement of the son of the deceased that Sukumarn has suffered heart attack on two earlier occdasions.

It is further stated in the report that there were sincere efforts and prompt actions from the officials concerned in the matter and there was no negligence or latches on the part of the officials.

In view of the above report no further orders are required on this petition. Hence the petition is closed.

Justice N. Dhinakar,

Chairperson.