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MAULANA AZAD MEDICAL COLLEGE  
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By Hand

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Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi  
9<sup>th</sup> Level, A-Wing,  
Delhi Sachivalaya,  
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Sub : Board of Enquiry to investigate alleged negligence in case of Late Deepak Siddhu  
s/o Shri Trilok Siddhu, an accident victim

Ref. : Your letter No. F.342/51/2001/H&FW/7169 dated 4.1.2002

Kindly refer to your letter No. F.342/51/2001H&FW/7169 dated 4.1.2002 on the subject cited above, the Delhi Medical Council has examined the complaint of alleged medical negligence on the part of doctors of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital into the death of Late Deepak Siddhu, an accident victim. A copy of the recommendations of the Board of Inquiry is enclosed herewith for your information and necessary action.

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(Dr. S.K. Khattri)  
Deputy Registrar & Secretary

These doctors were given several opportunities to present their side of the case, however, none of the doctors other than Dr. J.P. Gupta presented themselves. Dr. J.P. Gupta in his written statement dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 submitted that he did not attend to the patient at all. Dr. J.D. Singh, a Casualty in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital at the time of incident was also summoned along with Sub-Inspector Singh, the driver who escorted the deceased late Deepak Siddhu when he was shifted from Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2001. Dr. J.D. Singh failed to appear before the Delhi Medical Council. Sub-Inspector Singh presented himself and stated that he could not recall any of the facts of the case. Member of medical was completely in respect of all the above named doctors. The Board examined the case papers submitted by Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, the case papers from Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital which were received on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2001 and the statement of Mr. Trilok Siddhu along with the written statements of the witnesses of Mr. Trilok Siddhu the father of the deceased.

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### Recommendations – Board of Inquiry examining the Complaint of Mr. Trilok Siddhu

The Board of Inquiry examined the complaint of alleged medical negligence on the part of doctors of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital into the death of Late Deepak Siddhu, an accident victim who was initially admitted to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2000 and was later on transferred to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital at 1.30 P.M. the same day where he succumbed to his injuries. The patient died on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2000 at 3.30 P.M. The Board comprised of the following Members :-

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| 1. Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury   | Chairperson & President, Delhi Medical Council                             |
| 2. Prof. P.K. Dave  | Vice-President, Delhi Medical Council                                      |
| 3. Prof. Kusum Sahgal   | Chairperson, Code of Ethics Committee,<br>Delhi Medical Council            |
| 4. Dr. Harish Grover  | Chairman, Disciplinary Committee,<br>Delhi Medical Council                 |
| 5. Late Dr. Phanidhar – Gastroenterologist  | - participated till 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2001                        |
| 6. Dr. A.K. Banerjee – Neuro Surgeon  |  |
| 7. Prof. C.S. Chuttani – Participated in the meeting of 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2002 | Chairperson, Continuing Medical Education Committee, Delhi Medical Council |

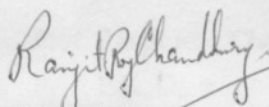
The Board held its meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2001, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2001, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2002. The Board examined Mr. Trilok Siddhu and his witnesses on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 and received their written statements. The doctors who were alleged in the complaint are as follows: -

1. Dr. Vivek Kumar Sharma
2. Dr. Rajender Kumar Beniwal
3. Dr. Reena Garg
4. Dr. J.P. Gupta

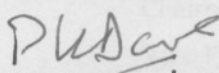
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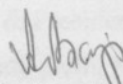
Based on the documents on record, it was observed that there is discrepancy about the time of the admission in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital which has been stated as 10.45 A.M. by the complainant and as per the FIR the time of occurrence of the accident is 11.30 A.M. and as per the hospital records the time of admission of the patient in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital is 12.35 P.M on 22.06.2000. The clinical picture of the patient is suggestive of head injury since the patient was deeply unconscious with dilated pupils. This has been corroborated both at the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and subsequently at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. There is no indication of the patient being in shock except at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital where there is a record of blood pressure being 90/60 mg. It seems every effort was made by the treating doctors to treat the patient energetically and to transfer him for CT Scan within a reasonable time. There is a systemic failure which is manifest as a non-functioning CT Scan which was not connected to an emergency stand-by generator.



Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury



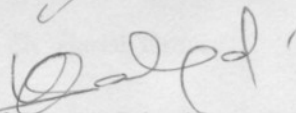
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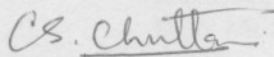
Dr. A.K. Banerjee



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