

DELHI MEDICAL COUNCIL

368, 3RD FLOOR, PATHOLOGY BLOCK, MAULANA AZAD MEDICAL COLLEGE BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG, NEW DELHI-110 002

DMC/14/2/Comp.139/2005/

25th April, 2005

Smt. Bhagwan Devi W/o. Mahabir Singh 132, Sector – 5, R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110 022 Complainant

Vs.

Dr. Reena Gupta
Dr. Reena Janana & Surgical Hospital
U-61A, Lagpur Road,
Narela,
Delhi – 110 040

Respondent

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The Delhi Medical Council examined a complaint of Smt. Bhagwan Devi, forwarded by Delhi Commission for Women, New Delhi, alleging medical negligence on the part of the respondent, in the treatment administered to complainant's daughter late Sharda at Dr. Reena Janana & Surgical Hospital, resulting in her death on 6.6.2003. The Council perused the complaint, reply of respondent, documents on record and heard the following in person:-

- Smt. Bhagwan Devi
- Dr. Reena Gupta

Briefly stated the facts of the case are that late Sharda (referred hereinafter as the patient) with a diagnosis of procidentia underwent vaginal hysterectomy on 4.6.2003 at Dr. Reena Janana and Surgical Hospital (referred hereinafter as the said hospital). On 6.6.2003 the patient developed breathlessness, tachycardia and became hypotensive. She was provisionally diagnosed to be suffering from Pulmonary embolism and was shifted to Sunderlal Jain Hospital where she was declared dead on arrival.

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Dr. Reena Gupta is a qualified practitioner registered with Delhi Medical Council under Registration No. 9492. The post-operative complication, which occurred on the 3rd post-operative day was managed by Dr. Reena Gupta and her team in accordance with the accepted professional practice in such cases. Pulmonary embolism is a known complication of any major surgical procedure and carries a high mortality rate even in the best of facilities.

The complainant has mentioned in her complaint about the irregularities/ deficiencies in the facilities available at the said hospital. These allegations pertain to assessment by Directorate of Health Services, which is the registering authority of hospitals in Delhi under the Nursing Home Registration Act. It is also observed that the Medical Superintendent of Dr. Reena Janana & Surgical Hospital, in spite of notice, failed to produce any document in support of the registration of the said Hospital with Directorate of Health Services. The Directorate of Health Services may ascertain the registration status of Dr. Reena Janana & Surgical Hospital and accordingly initiate appropriate action.

Complaint stands disposed.

By the order of and in the name of Delhi Medical Council

(Dr. S.K. Khattri) Secretary

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- 1) Smt. Bhagwan Devi, W/o. Mahabir Singh, 132, Sector 5, R.K. Puram, New Delhi 22 134
- 2) Dr. Reena Gupta, Dr. Reena Janana & Surgical Hospital, U-61A, Lagpur Road, Narela, Delhi 110 040 13450
- 3) Delhi Commission for Women, C-Block, 2nd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 With reference to letter No. DCW/4/A11/146/2003 dated 17th March, 2004. 13451
- 4) Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Swasthya Sewa Nideshalay, F-17, Karkardooma, Delhi 110 032. 13452

(Dr. S.K. Khattri) Secretary