

**KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA, BENGALURU**

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**ORDER**

During my visit (on 23.05.2022 between 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.) to the Government General Hospital, Ilakal, Bagalkote District, the following officers were present.

1. Smt. Anitha B. Haddannavar, I.P.S., S.P.,  
Karnataka Lokayukta, Vijayapura/  
Bagalkote.
2. Sri. Shankara M. Ragi, Dy.S.P., Karnataka  
Lokayukta, Bagalkote.
3. Dr. Manjunatha Ankolakara, Chief Medical  
Officer, Hungund, Bagalkote District.
4. Dr. Naveenkumar Biradar, Medical Officer,  
General Hospital, Ilakal.
5. Sri. Basavaraj M. Melavanki, Tahasildar,  
Ilakal.
6. Sri. Ramakrishna Siddanakolla, Municipal  
Commissioner, Ilakal.
7. Sri. M.H. Bidari, Police Inspector, Karnataka  
Lokayukta, Bagalkote.
8. Sri. Mahendrakumara Nayaka of Lokayukta  
Institution, Bagalkote.
9. Sri. Shankaralinga Nagappa Gogi, Project  
Manager, Nirmithi Kendra, Hungund.
10. Sri. Hallerao Guruling Sirdesai, Section  
Officer, Nirmithi Kendra, Hungund-  
Bagalkote.

2. The visit was with a view to look into the maintenance of the hospital, care given to the



patients, attendance of Doctors and Nurses in the hospital, effective distribution of medicine and other surgical materials and also for hearing the public grievances, if any in the hospital.

3. Though, an earlier intimation was given to the District Health Officer, Bagalkote District, she was not present for the reasons best known to her. She has not informed either to the Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta or to the Dy.S.P., Karnataka Lokayukta, Bagalkote about the reason for her absence during my visit to the said Hospital.

4. During my inspection, the following deficiencies were noticed:-

- (i) There is no Operation Theatre facility in the hospital;
- (ii) The post of Physician (Gynecologist) is laying vacant;
- (iii) Though, 100 bedded hospital facility is being provided, Ophthalmologist who is working at Hungund visits to the hospital only twice a week;
- (iv) Though, letters have been addressed to the DHO, Bagalkote for taking steps to fill up the vacancies of doctors, the vacancies have not yet been filled up;
- (v) Though, more than 200 patients used to visit the hospital daily, only two doctors i.e., Pediatrician and Orthopedic are available to attend/treat the patients;
- (vi) Lack of hygiene in the hospital;



- (vii) Since the post of Physician is laying vacant, the patients are being sent to Bagalkote for treatment;
- (viii) Since there is no Operation Theatre, all the emergency cases of delivery are being sent to the District Hospital, Bagalkote;
- (ix) Lack of proper maintenance of bed and stands kept in the wards;
- (x) Poor maintenance of toilets and even there is no water facilities for the toilets;
- (xi) There is no X-Ray facility in the hospital;
- (xii) Lack of maintenance in the dressing room;
- (xiii) Some of the staff are not marking their attendance in the register regularly;
- (xiv) Doctors and staff are absent during duty hours and they are leaving the hospital after marking their attendance;
- (xv) One Sri. Bashesaba Rajesaba Kaladagi has made a grievance that the doctors are not properly treating the patients and only in view of my visit, the hospital premise was cleaned through Municipal Workers;
- (xvi) One Sri. Sachin Salimath has made a grievance that there is no staff in the hospital and the doctors used to refer the patients to the private hospitals, etc.

5. In connection with the above, proceedings have been drawn by the S.P., Karnataka Lokayukta, Vijayapura/Bagalkote and the photographs with regard to the inspection of the said hospital are placed on record.

6. The deficiencies pointed out above are of serious nature and the same are required to be attended immediately to ensure quality health care

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system in the hospital. It is needless to mention that the Government Hospitals are established with a view to provide effective and purposeful health care to the poorer section of society who cannot afford to approach private hospitals. Any dereliction of duty on the part of the Officers/Officials who are entrusted with the responsibility of providing effective and quality health care in the hospital would not only result in denial of right to life and liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of Constitution of India, but also amounts to mal-administration within the meaning of Section 2(10) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act. In this connection, it is useful to refer to the observations made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Case of **Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity & Others V/s State of West Bengal and Another** reported in (1996) 4 SCC 37 which reads as hereunder;

*"9. The Constitution envisages the establishment of a welfare State at the federal level as well as the State level. In a welfare State the primary duty of the Government is to secure the welfare of the*



people. **Providing adequate medical facilities for the people is an essential part of the obligations undertaken by the Government in a welfare State. The Government discharges this obligation by running hospitals and health centers which provide medical care to the person seeking to avail of those facilities. Article 21 imposes an obligation on the state to safeguard the right to life of every person.** Preservation of human life is thus of paramount importance. The government hospitals run by the State and the medical officers employed therein are duty-bound to extend medical assistance for preserving human life. Failure on the part of a government hospital to provide timely medical treatment to a person in need of such treatment results in violation of his right to life guaranteed under Article 21.....”

7. It is to be noted that the District Health Officer and the Chief Medical Officer are entrusted



with the responsibility of ensuring proper infrastructure in the hospital which includes filling up of vacancies of doctors and other supporting staff. During my inspection of the said hospital, prima-facie it was noticed that there is negligence on the part of the concerned in proper maintenance of the hospital and they have also not taken proper steps to fill-up the vacancies of doctors and other supporting staffs. Mere construction of 100 bedded hospital building at Ilkal itself is not of any use without providing necessary infrastructure including the Doctors/Specialist who can give timely treatment to the patients.

8. Further, it has come to my notice that though there is a delivery ward where one to two deliveries take place daily, there is no Operation Theatre facility in the hospital. If any situation arises for conducting caesarean/C-section, such patients have to be shifted to the District Hospital, Bagalkote which is 63 K.M. away from Ilkal. If the operation theatre is made available in the said hospital, the patients need not be referred to the higher centre and any unforeseen circumstance



could be avoided. This is a serious matter on which the officers/authorities who are entrusted with the responsibility of supervising the hospital with regard to the infrastructure are required to take immediate steps to provide Operation Theatre.

9. In the light of what is stated above, the deficiencies noticed during my visit to the Government Hospital, Ilakal are prima-facie sufficient to exercise my suo-motu power under Sec. 7(2) and 9(3)(a) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984. Accordingly, I hereby exercise my suo-motu powers and initiate a suo-motu proceeding. The office is directed to register this proceeding as suo-motu proceeding.

**10. In this connection, it is desirable to implead the following officers/officials as respondents for the purpose of investigation and seek their comments/reply.**

**(1) Smt. Jayashree Yemmi, District Health Officer, Bagalkote District.**

**(2) Dr. Naveen Kumar Shankarappa, Chief Medical Officer, Government General Hospital, Ilkal.**



**(3) Sri. Shankaralinga Nagappa Gogi,  
Project Manager, Nirmithi Kendra,  
Bagalkote.**

**(4) Sri. Hallerao Guruling Sirdesai,  
Section Officer, Nirmithi Kendra,  
Bagalkote.**

11. The respondents No. 1 and 2 are also directed to file their comments on the following:-

- (i) Number of vacancies of Doctors/Specialists and other supporting staff in the Government General Hospital, Ilakal;
- (ii) The remedial measures taken to provide adequate infrastructures such as Operation Theatre, Bed, Stands etc., to the Government General Hospital, Ilakal;
- (iii) The steps taken to fill-up the post of Physician (Gynecologist), Ophthalmologist/ Technicians / other supporting staff in Government General Hospital, Ilakal;
- (iv) The steps taken to provide X-Ray and other Lab facilities with adequate technicians and staff;
- (v) Steps taken for providing adequate ambulance with necessary equipments.
- (vi) Steps taken for renovation of toilets with water facility in the Government General Hospital, Ilakal;
- (vii) Steps taken for proper maintenance of registers for distribution of medicines with





appropriate supervision by the higher officers/officials.

12. Further, it is relevant to place on record that there is lack of supervision of facilities, poor quality of attention by respondent no.1 and 2 amounting to dereliction of duties. Therefore, further investigation is required to be taken up for the purpose of fixing up the responsibility on the concerned officers/officials.

13. The Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru shall examine the deficiencies highlighted during the course of this order and take remedial steps/measures to relieve the hardship being faced by the patients especially the Ladies who come for delivery and submit a report within four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

14. Communicate the copy of this order along with the copy of the proceedings drawn by S.P., Karnataka Lokayukta, Vijayapura/Bagalkote to the respondents and the Director, Health and Family


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Welfare Services, Bengaluru to enable them to submit their comments/report.

15. Communicate the copy of this order to the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka for his information and necessary action.

16. Let a copy of this order be communicated to Sri. Bashasab Rajesab Kaladagi and Sri. Sachin Salimath through the Dy.S.P., Karnataka Lokayukta, Bagalkote for their information and to assist this authority, if they so desire.

**List this matter on 30.06.2022 at 3.30 p.m. The respondents are directed to appear for hearing on the said date.**

  
(Justice B.S. PATIL), 3-6-22,  
Upalokayukta-1,  
Karnataka State.

17. ARLO-4 (Complaints Section)

### ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ

# ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಅವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ: ನಾಲ್ವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲು

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಇಳವಳಿ: ಅನಾರೋಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ ಅವರು ಮೇ 23ರಂದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಡು ಬಂದ ಅವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹಿಂಚೂಣಿ ಡಾ.ಬಯಲೇಶ್ವರಿ ಎಮ್ಮಿ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ನಾಲ್ವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯದ ಆರೋಪದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸ್ವಯಂಪ್ರೇರಿತ (ಸಿ-ಮೋಷನ್) ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

100 ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಕೊಠಡಿ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು, ಫೆಬಿ-ಪಿಸ್ ಹಾಡ್ಡು ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವುದು, ರೋಗಿಗಳನ್ನು ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆಗಾಗಿ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ವುದು, ಬೆಹ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡ್ರಿಪ್ ಸ್ಯಾಂಡಲ್ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡದೇ

## ಅಕ್ರಮ ಇಟ್ಟಂಗಿ ಭಟ್ಟ: ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣ

ಅನಾರೋಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ ಅವರ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಗೌರವಾರ್ಥಿಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋದಿರಲಾದಂತೆ ಅನಧಿಕೃತ ಇಟ್ಟಂಗಿ ಭಟ್ಟಗಳಿವೆ. ಭಟ್ಟಗಳ ಹೊಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಧೂಳು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾರಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದು, ಸ್ಥಳಾಂತರಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕ್ರಿಯಾತ್ಮಕವಾಗಿ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ದೂರಿದ್ದರು.

ಈ ದೂರಿನ ಅನ್ವಯ ಅನಾರೋಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ವಿಜಯಪುರದ ಅನಾರೋಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಅವರ ಮೂಲಕ ನರಸೀಪೆ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಸಿದ್ದನವರೊಬ್ಬರು, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಜರೀಗರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ಪುರಾಣಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ್ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಮೆಳವಂತೆ ಅವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ ತೋರಿದ ಆರೋಪದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇರುವುದು, ಎಕ್ಸರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಡ್ರೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡದೇ ಇರುವುದು, ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಿರುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರೋಗಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದು, ಶೌಚಾಲಯ

ಗಳು ಬಳಕೆಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಉಪ ಡೀನೇಷಿಯಾ ಕ್ತರು ಆರೋಪಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ನ್ಯೂನತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸದೇ ನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ ವಹಿಸಿದ ಆರೋಪದ ಮೇಲೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಡಾ.ಬಯಲೇಶ್ವರಿ ಎಮ್ಮಿ, ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ

ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಡಾ.ನವೀನಕುಮಾರ ಶಂಕರ್, ನಿರ್ಮಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ಶಂಕರ್ಪ್ಪ ನಾಗೇರಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಗೋಳಿ, ನಿರ್ಮಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಲ್ದೇರಾವ್ ಗುರುಲಿಂಗ ಸರದೇಸಾಯಿ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು ನೋಟೀಸ್ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಎಂದು ಅನಾರೋಗಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದ ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬರ ಮಹೇಂದ್ರ ನಾಯಕ್ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಪ್ರಕರಣ: ಗೌಳೀರ ಗುಡಿಯ 30 ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳ ಹರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವೈದ್ಯರು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ನಿಯೋಜಿಸದೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಹತ್ತಿರದ ಇಟ್ಟಂಗಿ ಭಟ್ಟಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸದೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಡಾ.ಬಯಲೇಶ್ವರಿ ಎಮ್ಮಿ, ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಡಾ.ನವೀನಕುಮಾರ ಶಂಕರ್ಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಜರೀಗರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ಪುರಾಣಿಕ ಎಮ್ಮಿ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿದೆ.

