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PRESS STATEMENT

AIIMS INITIATES FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE ENQUIRY REPORT INTO THE DEATH OF NURSING OFFICER RAJBIR KAUR

V.Srinivas Deputy Director Administration said that AIIMS has initiated follow-up action against the officials held responsible by the Enquiry Committee to look into the death of Nursing Officer RajbirKaur. The Enquiry Committee noted that that Nursing Officer RajbirKaur's case was low risk pregnancy monitored in the labor room on January 16, 2017. The labor was progressing well till 5 am when there was a sudden drop in the heart rate necessitating emergency surgery. The baby was limp at birth. Resuscitation efforts were made but were not successful. Nursing Officer RajbirKaurwas shifted to AB 8 ICU where she passed away on February 4, 2017.

Srinivas said that based on the enquiry committee findings and 2 rounds of meetings at the level of Director AIIMS, the following administrative action has been taken by AIIMS.

- 1. An amount of Rs. 10 lakhs compensation shall be paid to the next of kin of Nursing Officer, Late Smt.RajbirKaur after due administrative approval.
- 2. The compassionate appointment case of next of kin of Nursing Officer Late Smt.RajbirKaur may be processed expeditiously.
- 3. Atermination order to the Senior Resident, Anesthesiology who was found guilty for wilful absence of his duties will be issued
- 4. ADispleasure Memorandum of Director AIIMS shall be issued to Senior Resident Gynaecology
- 5. A warning shall be issued to the Junior Resident Anaesthesiology for having left the Operation Theatre under pressure of Residents of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
- 6. A show cause notice shall be issued to the consultant on call of Obstetrics and Gynaecology for not being present for the emergency operation despite being informed.
- 7. HoDAnaesthesiology will ensure round the clock availability of Senior Residents at the maternity OT.
- 8. The HOD Anaesthesia shall ensure that the Consultant of Anaesthesiology will be available in Hospital Premises to oversee and supervise anaesthesiology services in diverse areas including AB8 ICU/ Main OT/ Radiology/ Emergency Department and Maternity OT 24x7 given the type of emergencies that AIIMS is handling.
- 9. A Committee under the Chairman Hospital Management Board shall be constituted to augment the health care services with regard to EHS employees.

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