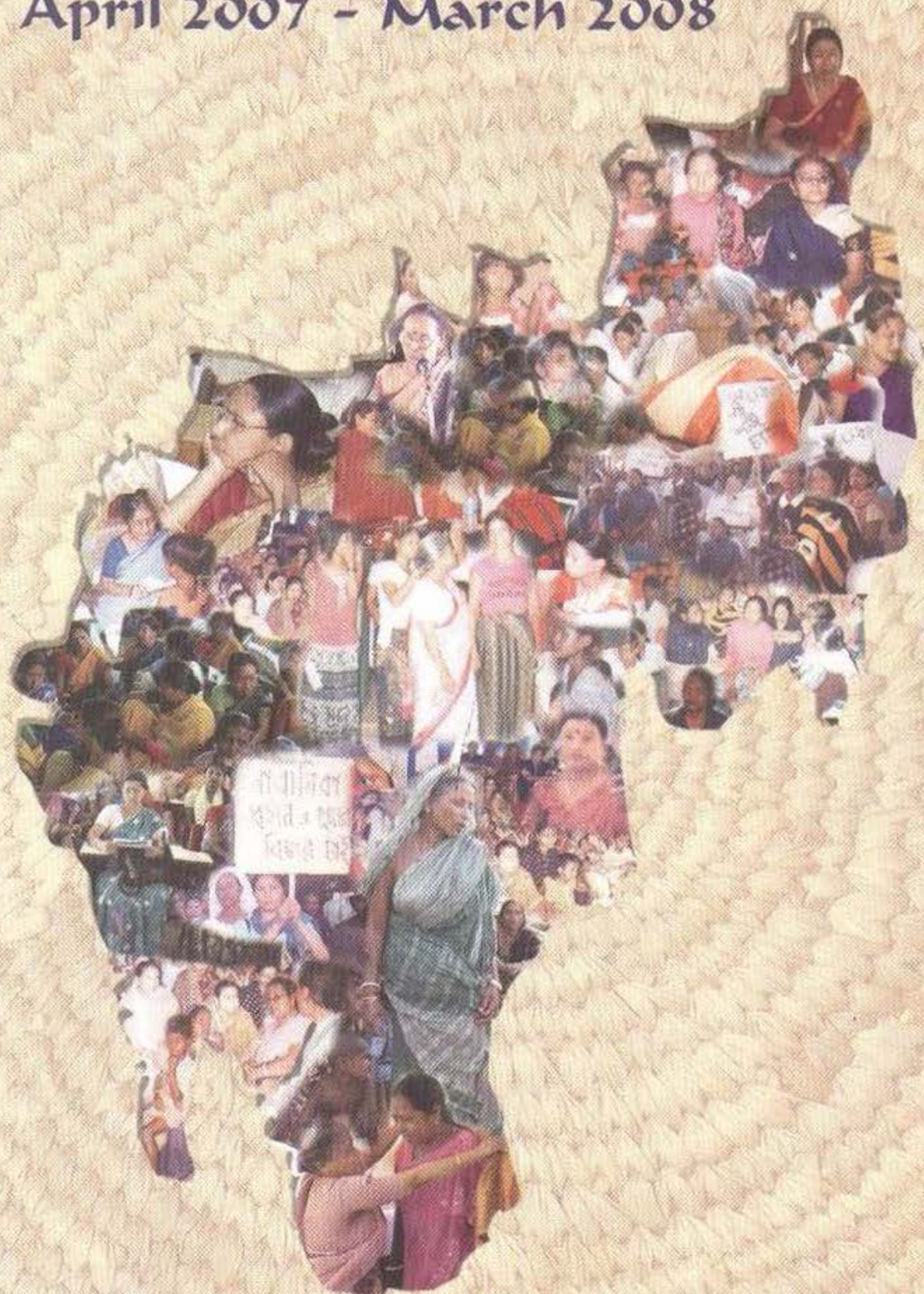


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# Acknowledgements

The present Report is a compilation of statements regarding various initiatives and activities undertaken by the Tripura Commission for Women between the period April 2007 and March 2008 for protecting the rights and interests of women in the State. It is our great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Commission although one year is perhaps too short to assess the achievements in dealing with all the woes of women in our State. However, the Commission tried with all its sincerity and commitments to comply with the mandate of the Act.

We would like to express our special thanks and gratitude to the National Commission for Women for sharing its views with State Commissions on important issues relating to women in the country and for commissioning to sponsor studies and programmes drawn separately for North Eastern States. We are also grateful to the National Commission for Women for sanctioning study projects and Legal Awareness Programmes for the Tripura Commission for Women during the period under report.

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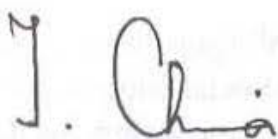
Our special words of thanks to Colours who printed the Report and particularly to Shri Bhashkar Bhattacharyya for extending his innovative ideas in designing the same.

Last but not the least, the most significant achievement of the present Commission is the sense of collective responsibility that has been generated by all the Members of the Commission. This has acted as a galvanizing force. The Members have always been a remarkably pro-active force in accomplishing the tasks mandated by the Act.

The Report is submitted to the State Government with the hope that it will act as an aid in locating and understanding the issue of violence against women which does not match with the overall situation of the law and order prevails in our State. We know that conceptualization of the problems may not change the course of rendering justice overnight but it will certainly offer in ample measure the leads and hints for a better delivery of justice for restoring women's rights, implementation of laws enacted to provide protection to women, mitigating hardships and providing relief to women victims. We believe that the issue of violence against women is going to affect everybody, be man or woman, be a victim of violence or not.

The Report, along with recommendations, is submitted to the State Government with the expectation that it will contribute its mite in understanding the strains, sufferings and difficulties of women in our State who lack the voice and ability to face the situation and in helping the policy planners, the police administrations to plan appropriate interventions and programmes for protecting the rights and interest of women in the State, although we know that the Report of the Tripura Commission for Women is not a binding on anyone. However, like everywhere, women of Tripura have a long way to go. The Commission's endeavour will be to stand beside the women waging struggle for their due space in the human society comprising both men and women.

Agartala  
April 2008



(Dr. Tapati Chakravarti)

Chairperson,  
Tripura Commission for Women



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# Chapter 1

## TRIPURA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

April 2006 - March 2007

The Tripura Commission for Women (TCW) was established by the Government of Tripura as an autonomous statutory body on 5th February, 1994 in pursuance of the Tripura Commission for Women Act, 1993 (Tripura Act No. 1 of 1994) to protect and promote the rights and interests of women.

### A Brief History

The Committee on Status of Women in India headed by late Dr. Phularenu Guha, recommended in its report, *Towards Equality* (1974), for constituting a Statutory Autonomous Commission for Women at the Centre and at the State for vigilant supervision to facilitate redressal of grievances in cases of actual violation of existing law and to accelerate the social and economic development of women. In fact, the report claimed that women in India, rather than benefitting from country's development, had fared far worse because of lack of education and limited participation in income generating activities. The development process, instead of improving their status, had marginalized them even further. But, even after that recommendation, it took long time to take initiative for constituting the said Commission for Women in the country.

However, in order to deal with the growing inadequacies in the implementation of the existing programmes for women and to deal with issues which have to be addressed if the status of women is to improve, a separate plan document, The National Perspective Plan for Women 1988-2000 AD was prepared by the Planning Commission. The growing demand for accelerating the rate of women's development and the country's concentrated efforts to meet this challenge led the constitution of the National Commission for Women Act in 1992. The Commission envisaged a holistic approach to women's problems. According to The National Commission for Women Act, 1990, the Commission will have to be consulted on all important policy matters related to gender issues. According to the Act, the Commission functions under the federal constitutional framework of distribution of powers between the Centre and the States. The need to go down to the grass roots level has to be fulfilled by State Commissions working in coordination with the National Commission.

Setting up of the National Commission for Women generated lot of hopes among the women of the country in general and Tripura in particular. Movement was launched in Tripura for constituting State Commission for Women where women from all walks of life were equal partners. In 1993 The Tripura Commission for Women Act was passed in the Legislative Assembly of Tripura and received assent of the Governor on January 1, 1994.

Accordingly, the first Commission for Women in Tripura was constituted on February 5, 1994. Smt. Manjulika Basu, the veteran leader of democratic movement and a pioneer of women's movement in Tripura, was nominated by the State Government as the Chairperson and Smti Mangaleswari Debbarma as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission. The First Commission worked for three terms consecutively (February 1994 - March 2003) under the competent Chairmanship of Smti Manjulika Basu. The Fourth Commission was set up on April 1, 2003



with Smt. Champa Dasgupta as Chairperson and Smti Bina Debbarma as Vice-Chairperson. The present Commission took over in April 2006 and Dr. Tapati Chakravarti was nominated by the State Government as Chairperson and Smt. Sumitra Debbarma as Vice-chairperson.

**Constitution of the State Women's Commission**  
( Chapter 11, Section 3 of The Tripura commission for Women Act, 1993 )

3.(1) The State Government shall, within a period of three months from the date of coming into force of this Act, by notification in the official Gazette constitute a body to be known as the Tripura Commission for Women.

(2) The Commission shall consists of -

(a) (i) a Chairperson, and

(ii) a Vice-Chairperson,

(b) Five members to be appointed by the State Government from amongst the persons of ability and integrity who have served the cause of women or have had the experience in law or administration of matters concerning the advancement of women or leadership of any trade union or voluntary organization for women for protection and promotion of common interest of women, of whom at least -

(i) one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste, and

(ii) one shall be a member of Scheduled Tribe;

(c) an officer of the State Government who shall be the Member Secretary.

4. (1) The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson or a member, other than the Member Secretary, shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be specified by the State Government in this behalf.

(2) The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson or a Member, other than the Member Secretary, may at any time resign his office by writing under his hand to the State Government.

(3) The State Government shall remove a person from the office of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or Member, other than the Member Secretary, if that person \_

(a) becomes an undischarged insolvent; or

(b) gets convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which, in the opinion of the State Government, involves moral turpitude; or

(c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or



- (d) refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting; or
- (e) is, without obtaining leave of absence from the Commission, absent from three consecutive meetings of the Commission; or
- (f) in the opinion of the State Government has so abused the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or Member as to render that person's continuance in office detrimental to the public interest.

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Provided that no person shall be removed under this sub-section until that person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(4) A vacancy caused under sub-section (2) or otherwise shall be filled by afresh nomination or appointment, as the case may be.

(5) The salaries and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of, the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members, other than the Member-Secretary shall be such as may be prescribed.

5. (1) The State government shall provide the Commission with such officers and other employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission under this Act.

(2) The salaries and allowances payable to, and other terms and conditions of service of, the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of the Commission shall be such as may be prescribed.

6. The salaries and allowances payable to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members, other than the Member-Secretary, and the administrative expenses, including salaries, allowances and pension payable to the officers and other employees referred to in section 5 shall be paid out of grant made by the State Government.

7. No act or proceeding of the Commission or any committee thereof shall be called in question on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in or any defect in the constitution of the commission or such Committee as the case may be.

8. The Commission may appoint such committee or committees consisting wholly of Members as may consider necessary in the discharge of its function under this Act.

9. (1) The Commission or a Committee thereof shall meet at such time and such place as the Chairperson may think fit.

(2) The Commission shall regulate its own procedure and the procedure of the committee thereof.

(3) All orders and decisions of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson or any Officer of the Commission authorized in writing by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson in this behalf.

10. The commission shall have the power to invite a representative of the National Commission for Women to its meeting as it may deem necessary.



# **The Powers and Functions of the Tripura Commission for Women**

(Chapter III, Section 11 of The Tripura Commission for Women Act, 1993)

11. (1) Subject to the provision of this Act, the Commission shall perform all of the following functions:

(a) Investigate and examine all matters relating to the safeguards provided for women under the Constitution of India (hereinafter referred to as the Constitution) and other laws and recommend steps to be taken by the State Government for effective implementation of such safeguards;

(b) Review the existing provisions of the Constitution and other laws affecting women and recommend amendments thereto so as to suggest remedial legislative measure to meet any lacunae, inadequacies or shortcomings in such legislations;

(c) Take up the cases of violation of provisions of the Constitution and of other laws relating to women in the State with appropriate authorities;

(d) Look into complaints and take suo moto notice of matters relating to -

(i) deprivations of women's rights;

(ii) Non-implementation of laws enacted to provide protection to women

(iii) Non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines, instructions aimed at mitigating hardships and ensuring welfare and relief to women and taken up issues arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities;

(e) call for special studies or investigations into specific problems or situations arising out of discrimination and atrocities against women and identify the constraints so as to recommend strategies for their removal;

(f) evaluate the progress of advancement of women in the State;

(g) visit a jail, destitute girls' home, women's institutions or other place of custody where women are kept as prisoners or otherwise and take up with concerned authorities such matters for remedial action as may be necessary;

(h) any other matter which may be referred to it by the State Government.

(2) The State Government may consult the Commission on policy matters affecting women.

(3) The Commission shall, while investigating any matter referred to in clauses (a) and (d) of sub-section (1), have all the powers of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 while trying a suit, and, in particular, in respect of the following matters:



oath;

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person from any part of India examining him on

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(d) any other matter which may be prescribed.

(4) (a) The Commission shall present to the State Government every six months and at such other times as the Commission may deem fit reports of its activities together with its recommendations and the State Government shall cause them to be laid before the State Legislature as soon as possible along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations and reasons for non-acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Commission to furnish comments and recommendations on any report of the National Commission for Women on any matter with which the State Government is concerned as that Government may call for.

### Composition of the Commission

Dr. Tapati Chakravarti	Chairperson	01.04.2006
Smt. Sumitra Debbarma	Vice-Chairperson	01.04.2006
Smt. Rajlaxmi Devi	Member	01.04.2003
Smt. Sumitra Majumder	Member	01.04.2006
Smt. Aditi Sharma Lodh	Member	01.04.2006
Smt. Siuli Debbarma	Member	01.04.2006
Smt. Rehana Begum	Member	01.04.2006
Smt. Archana Bhattacharjya	Member Secretary	03.04.2007



## Commission's Office Staff during the Year under Report

1.	Sri Manabendra Chakrabarti	PS - IV	GA (P & T) Dept.
2.	Smt. Dipa Saha	P.A. II	GA (SA) Dept.
3.	Smt. Irabati Debbarma	Head Clerk	School Education Dept.
4.	Sri Upendra debbarma	Accountant	Social Education Dept.
5.	Smt. Sanchita Chakraborty	LDC	Social Education Dept.
6.	Smt. Golapi Deb	LDC	Social Education Dept.
7.	Smt. Basabi Dutta	LDC	Social Education Dept.
8.	Smt. Gouri Das	Jr. SEO	Social Education Dept.
9.	Smt. Swapna Bandyopadhyay	Jr. SEO	Social Education Dept.
10.	Smt. Halen Dutta Chowdhury	Jr. SEO	Social Education Dept.
11.	Smt Shikha Saha	Jr. SEO	Social Education Dept.
12.	Smt. Bhajana Biswas	Folk Artist	Information, Cultural and Tourism Dept.
13.	Sri Manna Saha	Counsellor	Family Counselling Centre
14.	Smt. Anita Deb	"	"
15.	Smt. Reba Das	"	"
16.	Sri Amrita Das	Security Guard,	Police Department
17.	Sri Sukhlal Choudhury	"	Police Department.
18.	Smt. Khela Rani Bharati	Group-D	Social Education Dept.
19.	Smt. Adarmani Sukladas	"	Social Education Dept.
20.	Sri Uttam Shil	"	Social Education Dept.
21.	Sri Ranjit Kr. Das	Driver	G.A. (SA) Dept.
22.	Sri Surya Debbarma	Driver	G.A. (SA) Dept.
23.	Sri Dipak Malakar	Driver (DRW)	GA (SA) Dept.
24.	Md. Muslim Miah	DRW	Tripura Commission for women
25.	Sri Sushil Modak	Home Guard	Home Department.



## Chapter 2

### Activities of the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

In keeping with its objectives, the Tripura Commission for Women initiated various steps to protect the rights and interests of women and worked for their empowerment during the year under report. During the year the Commission received a large number of complaints relate to various categories of crimes against women such as domestic violence, dowry torture, dowry death, kidnapping, desertion, bigamy, rape, sexual harassment, etc. Most of the cases that were registered with the Commission or brought before it relate to marital discord and domestic violence, the Commission took upon itself the task of counselling the parties concerned so that family disputes could be settled speedily and effectively without being dragged into the courts of law. The Commission inquired into the incidents of crimes against women like unnatural deaths and rape that were reported to it. Thereafter the Commission carried out its own investigations into those cases and pursued those matters to expedite police actions. Suo moto enquires of cases reported in the newspapers were also conducted by the commission. The reports of those enquiries were sent to the Police or to the concerned administrative authorities with the findings and recommendations of the Commission..

During the period under report the Commission had two legal advisors for suggesting legal safeguards to women registred complaints with the Commission and a panel of lawyers to deal with the court cases women compelled to file for getting justice in favour of them. A committee, comprising of Commission Members and Medical Officers of Govt. hospitals, was formed with the aim of keeping vigilant watch on proper implementation of PC-PNDT Act in private Nursing Homes and Government Hospitals.

In different phases the Commission interacted with the print and electronic media, Medical Professionals, Administrative Officers, Lawyers, Academics Social Activists and NGOs on the issues like proper implementation of programmes and projects for development of women and on implementation of different laws enacted time to time for protecting women during the period under report.

During the year under report the Commission visited Female Jail, Destitute and Protective Homes for Women and Girls, Nursing Trainee Girls' Hostel run in the State by the Government in order to assess the living conditions and facilities of the inmates of those institutions. Recommendations for remedial measures to be adopted by these institutions to improve the living other conditions of the inmates were sent to the State Government by the Commission.

The Commission gave top most priority on awareness generation programmes for the public in general and women in particular. During the year under report the Commission visited all Sub-Divisions under four districts including the remote areas of hills and plains of the State to reach the women and to make them aware about their rights.

Apart from that, the Commission attended many seminars on women related issues like Women's Human Rights, Domestic Violence, Women's Participation in Decision Making, Economic Empowerment of Women, etc. and workshops on Laws Affecting Women including PC-PNDT Act and Legal Awareness Programmes organized by the Tripura University, Government Degree Colleges, NSS Units under Plus Two Schools and different Departments of the State Government. One of the activities of the Commission was to impart education and training to elected members of PRIs in the State regularly on women related acts and legislations at the request of the concerned Department. The Commission also attended various awareness generation programmes for public in general and for women in particular throughout the state organized by different NGOs, Nehru Yuba Kendra, Women's Organizations and local Clubs during the period under report.

Facts finding comprehensive studies, paying special attention to the needs and problems of women in rural and urban areas of the State, were undertaken by the Commission. For selecting areas of study and arranging their publications, a committee was constituted during the period under report. An Editorial Body was also formed for bringing out the quarterly news bulletin '*Jago Nari*' during the year.

During the year under report the Commission conducted workshops and seminars on contemporary issues relating to women and Legal Awareness Camps on its own and under the sponsorship of the National Commission for Women. The Commission maintained its networking with the National Commission for Women, the Women's Commissions of other States and attended meetings, seminars and workshops convened or organized at times by the NCW and the State Commissions.

### **Important Decisions**

#### **Rise in maintenance with salary hike :**

The Mumbai High Court hearing a petition filed by a government employee, gave a significant order that every time a man gets a salary hike, the maintenance he pays to his former wife should also be enhanced.

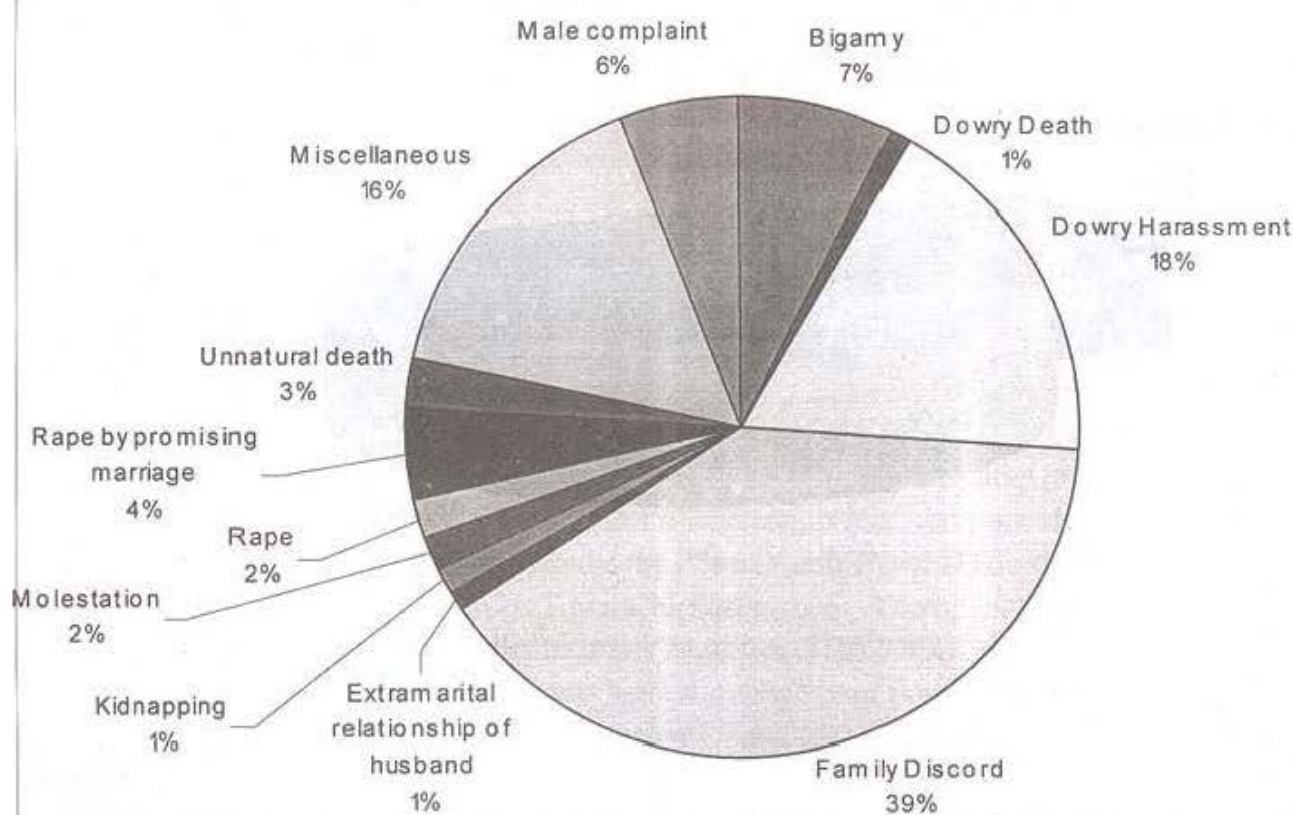


# Complaints Received by the Commission

Violence against women is the accursed social evil affecting all strata of our society. It manifests in various forms both within as well as outside the family. In Tripura, during the year under report, the scenario was found not very different from the trend prevailing throughout the country although some differences were also observed for the State in this respect. It was not that women were not safe and secured in Tripura and they could not move freely even in the night like many other states of our country. But, the overall commendable law and order situation of the State during the period under report did not match with the number of incidents of crime committed against women as reflected from complaints received by the Commission.

Chart 1

## Complaints Received by TCW, April 2007 to March 2008

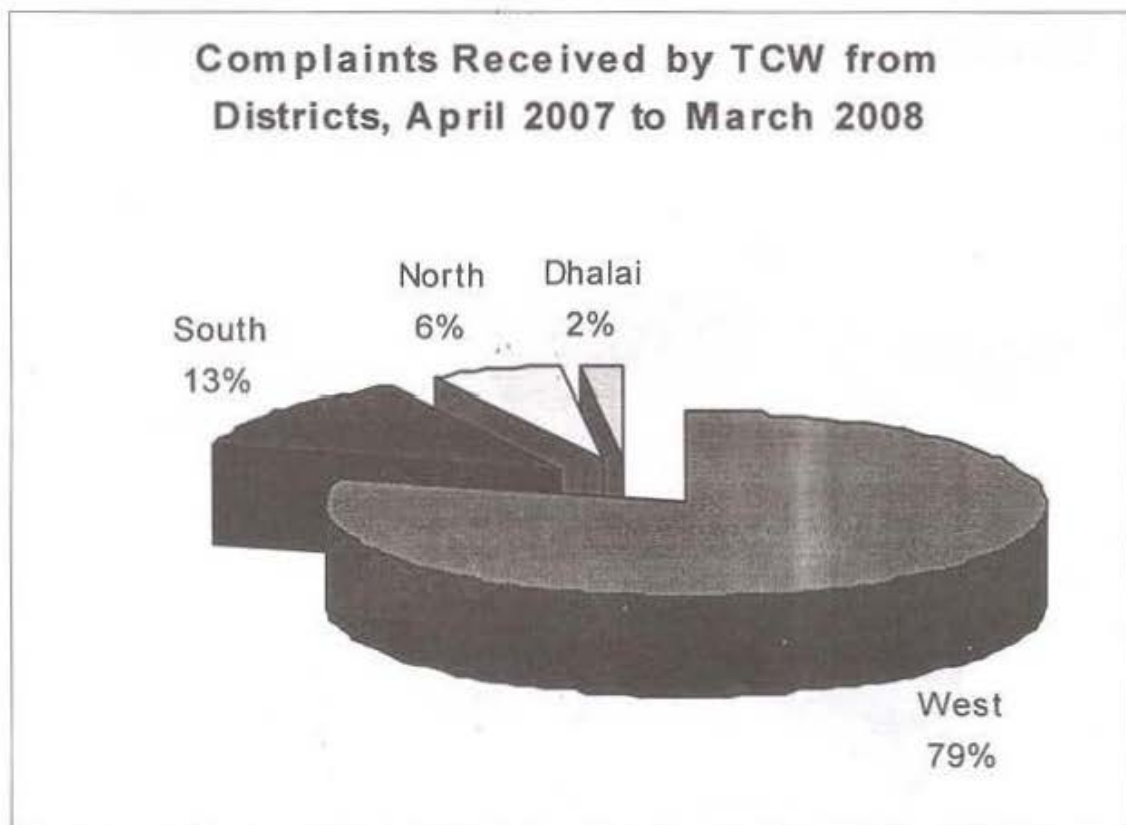


crimes against women such as bigamy, marital discord, domestic violence, atrocities for dowry, desertion, rape, rape at promising marriage, bride killing, kidnapping/abduction, sexual harassment at workplace and deprivation of different rights, etc. The total no of complaints received by the commission from all parts of Tripura between April 2007 and March 2008 was 729 of which 686 complaints were from women complainants and 43 from men complainants (Table 1.1 in Appendix). The domestic violence (family discord) remained as the largest category of crime committed against women in Tripura followed by dowry harassment during the period under report. The

proportion of various types of crime to the total number of crime against women as revealed from complaints lodged in the commission can be seen from Chart 1 given in the preceding page.

According to the statement of complaints received by the Commission, crime rates are not uniformly high all over the State. Chart 2, which gives the rates of crime against women in Tripura disaggregated at the district level, shows that there were considerable variations in the crime rates across the different districts of Tripura. Largest proportion of complaints relate to crimes against women was received from West District of Tripura followed by South Tripura District during the period under report. Lowest proportion of complaints regarding atrocities on women was received from Dhalai District followed by North Tripura District during the year (Table 1.2 in Appendix).

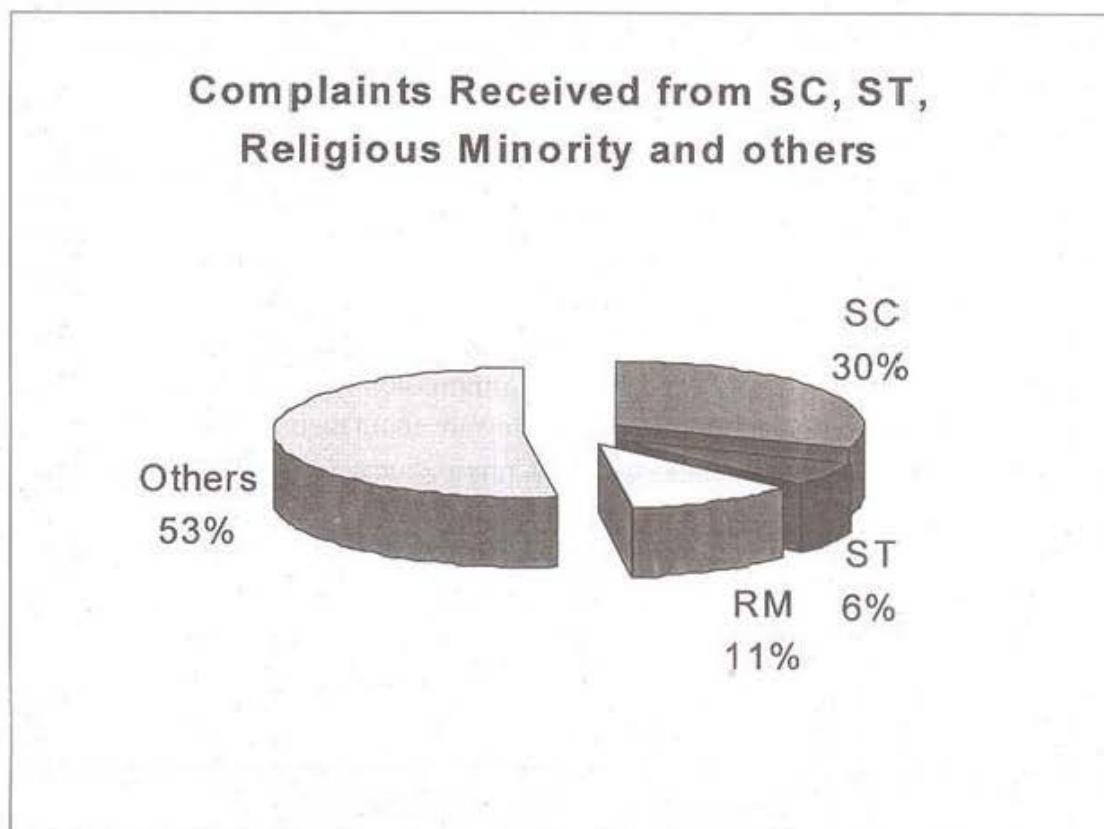
**Chart 2**





According to the statement of complaints received by the Commission, the incidence of crimes against women in Tripura during the year under report was lowest, only 6 per cent, among the tribal women. During the year the rate of violence against women accounted for 53 per cent among the women other than ST/SC/Muslim, 30 per cent among SC women and 11 percent among Muslim women (Table 1.3 in Appendix). This can be seen from Chart 3.

**Chart 3**



Out of the total number of complaints (729) received by the Commission regarding violence against women from places under different Police Stations (PSs) of Tripura during the year under consideration, highest number of complaints was received from the areas under the PSs of West Tripura District (579) followed by places under the PSs of South Tripura District (87). The number of complaints received from areas under the PSs was lowest for Dhalai District (19) followed by areas under the PSs of North Tripura District (44). Out of the total complaints received from areas under PSs in West Tripura, highest number of complaints was received from the jurisdiction under Women PS followed by jurisdiction under West PS and Bishalgarh and then Amtoli. Number of Complaints received from areas under R K PUR PS was highest among PSs of South Tripura followed by areas under Belonia PS. For North Tripura, places under Kailashahar PS and for Dhalai, places under Kamalpur PS recorded for highest number in this regard (Table 1.4 in Appendix).

Although the Tripura Commission for Women was constituted to protect the rights and interests of women, complaints were registered with the Commission by the male complainants from different parts of the State during the period under report. During the year under consideration 43 such complaints were received by the Commission. Complaints received from male complainants were mainly on marital or family disputes. Usually, in some cases, it is observed by the Commission that, male complainants register complaints in the Commission or in the Police Station with the apprehension that complaints may be lodged against them by their female counterparts. So

as a precautionary step they lodge complaints beforehand in order to prove themselves innocent.

Complaints relating to disputes with neighbours, property disputes, postings and transfers and promotions, grant of increments, etc. were categorized as miscellaneous cases. During the period under report number of complaints received by the Commission under miscellaneous category was 115.

By analyzing the complaints received by the Commission and by enquiring some of the complaints, it was observed that in some cases very trifling family or marital disputes were brought before the Commission which could have been solved by themselves within the family.

It was also found that, in some cases, previous neighbourly disputes between families were acted upon and complaints were registered with the Commission by the estranged family in the name of its woman member against a male member of other family without any foundation.

Apart from that, as a result of massive awareness generation programme on legal rights of women organized by NGOs, State Legal Services Authority and Tripura Commission for Women throughout the State, a large section of the women in Tripura were made courageous and aware about their rights and they, breaking all social barriers and stigmas, came out to lodge complaints with the Commission against any atrocities committed on them.

Because of the above mentioned factors, number of reporting regarding crime against women either in the Commission or in the Police Stations seemed to be higher in Tripura than that of many states of our country.

## **Important Decisions**

### **Family indicated for suicide**

Delhi HC has held that any willful conduct which is likely to drive a women to suicide amounts to cruelty and refused to quash dowry harassment proceedings against a man and his three family members for allegedly harassing the daughter-in-law, for dowry and driving her to suicide after she gave birth to a girl. HC asked them to face trial on charges of abetment to commit suicide. The trial court judge had framed charges against the accused under 498-A for the offence committed under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).



# Steps Taken by the Commission to Tackle Complaints

April 2007-March 2008

The complaints were acted upon in the following manner:

### 1. Pre-Litigation Counselling

Complaints and Counselling Cell is the 'Core Wing' of the Commission. Indeed the major portion of the functions of the Commission as enumerated under Section 11 of The Tripura Commission for Women Act, 1993 is assigned to this Cell. During the year under report counsellings were conducted both in the Office of the TCW at Agartala, the State capital, and in the Dak-Bungalows or Circuit Houses of different sub-Divisional towns of the State in order to facilitate counselling service of the Commission to the parties who were not able to appear before the Office of the Commission at Agartala..

#### (a) Counselling in the Office of the Commission at Agartala

The Counselling Cell is comprised of two Members and three counsellors of the Commission. The Cell is also required to investigate into specific problems or situation arising out of atrocities and discrimination against women and identify the constraints so as to recommend strategies for their removal. But, in some cases, disputes could not be reconciled through counselling due to non-cooperation of persons or parties, particularly the accused persons who did not appeared before the Commission even after receiving summons repeatedly from the Commission. Again, in some cases, where counselling needed again and again for ending of dispute, counselling could not be conducted or repeated due to absence of one party, particularly the accused party or person. However, the Complaints and Counselling Cell of the Commission processed the complaints received by it oral, written or suo moto under section 11 of the Act of Tripura Commission for Women and efforts were made to reconcile family disputes through counselling (Table 2.1 in Appendix).

#### (b) Pre- Litigation Counselling in District and Sub- Division Towns of the State

It is observed that most of the women, registered complaints with the Commission, are from very poor families of different parts of Tripura and they cannot afford the expenditure involved in transport for appearing before the Office of the Commission at Agartala. It is not only that women in general and women of poor families in particular, have no control over the income of their husband or family and they have hardly any means to come to Agartala but also they face many other social barriers. Besides these, many women do not know how to come to Agartala as they never visited any place before outside their village. Keeping such difficulties of women in consideration, the Tripura Commission for Women conducted counsellings in almost all Sub-Divisions for the benefit of the women who were not able to come to Agartala due to various difficulties. Statement shows date, place and number of counselling arranged by the Commission in Districts and Sub-Divisions of the State (Table 2.2 in Appendix).

Apart from pre-litigation counselling the Commission undertook the following steps in order to deal with the complaints received by it:

2. Investigations by the police were expedited and monitored;
3. In the cases of serious crimes like rape, particularly rape of minor tribal girls, dowry death, etc., enquiry committees, constituted by the Commission for specific purposes, made spot enquiries, examined various witnesses, and submitted the reports with observation and recommendations of the Commission to the Police. Such investigations helped in providing immediate relief to the victims of atrocities and violence. The implementation of the report was monitored by the TCW.
4. Depending upon the nature of the case, the commission took direct action or made interventions with the appropriate authorities and matters were brought to the notice of the concerned authorities of the State Government to facilitate action.
5. In the cases, where Commission's endeavour for reconciliation through counselling failed, the cases were referred to the State Legal Services Authority by the Commission for extending legal help to aggrieved women;
6. In some critical cases, aggrieved women were facilitated to file court cases with full financial responsibility of the Commission;
7. The complaints received indicated the trend of crimes against women in the State and on the basis of this trend, systematic changes in programmes for tackling violence against women were made by the Commission.
8. The complaints were also used as case studies for sensitization programmes for police, doctors, forensic scientists and other functionaries of state administration.
9. The complaints were analyzed to understand the gaps in functioning of different Departments of the Government and other Administrative functionaries in tackling violence against women and to suggest corrective measures.
10. Awareness Generation Programmes were conducted to aware women about their rights and for preventing crime against women.

Following Statement shows the steps taken by the Commission to deal with the complaints received by it:



# Action Taken by the Commission to Tackle the Complaints

April 20007 to March 20008

Sl. No.	Steps Taken by the Commission to Deal with the Complaints	Number of Cases
1.	Number of Cases called for Counselling in the Office of the Commission at Agartala	1598
2.	Number of Counsellings held in the Office of the Commission at Agartala in which Both Parties Attended	463
3.	Number of Complaints Reconciled through Counsellings in the Office of the Commission at Agartala	205
4.	Number of cases called for Counselling in District and Sub.Division HQRs of the State	85
5.	Number of Counsellings in District and Sub.Division HQRs of the State in which Both Parties Attended	29
6.	Number of Complaints Reconciled through Counselling in District and Sub.Division HQRs of the State	18
7.	Total Number of Cases called for Counselling by the Commission (1+4)	1683
8.	Total Number of Counsellings in which Both Parties Attended (2+5)	492
9.	Total Number of Complaints Reconciled by the Commission through Counselling Cell (3+6)	223
10.	Number of Investigations of Cases Registered with the Commission (Statement 1.1 in Apendix)	22
11.	Number of Suo moto Investigations of Cases known from News Papers and other Sources (Statement 1.2 in Apendix)	51
12.	Number of Reports on Investigations sent to Police, Administrative Authorities and Concerned Departments for taking Actions	73
13.	Number of Cases referred to State Legal Services Authority for Legal Help	36
14.	Number of Cases sent to the Law Courts under full Financial Responsibility of the Commission	10
15.	Number of cases where the Court has ordered Maintenance be paid	8
16.	Number of Cases where the Commission has Realized Compensation	4
17.	Number of Victim Girls/Women for whose Commission arranged Shelter in Govt. & NGOs' Homes (Statement 3.1 in Apendix)	24
18.	Number of Victim Girls/Women Received Extended Financial Assistance to from 'Instant Relief Fund for Women in Difficult Situation' of the Commission (Statement 3.2 in Apendix)	75



# Programme of the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

## 1. Awareness Generation Programme

For making women aware about their rights and with the aim of preventing different forms of atrocities perpetrated on them, programme of awareness generation was given top most priority by the Commission during the period under report. On 2nd July, 2006, the Commission had launched “Chalo Gaon Ki Ore,” the programme conceptualized by the National Commission for Women for generating awareness among the rural women about their rights to be implemented throughout the country by the State Commissions. The Chief Minister, Government of Tripura, inaugurated the programme. Dr. Malini Bhattacharji, Member of the NCW and Sri Manik Dey, Minister of Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura were also present in the programme. The book, Chalo Grame Jai, translated in Bengali by the TCW from Meera Didi se Poocho, the training manual prepared and published by the NCW for the purpose, had also been ceremonially published by the Chief Minister in that programme. Since almost 31 per cent of the total female population of the State belonged to tribal communities, the commission translated Meera Didi se Poocho also in tribal language, Kokbarak, the second Government language in the State. Like preceding year, during the year under report, the Commission continued ‘Chalo Grame Jai’ and conducted 17 awareness generation programmes under the said programme among the rural women regarding their rights at State, District, Block & Panchayat level throughout the State. The Sabhadhipatis of Zilla Parishads, Chairpersons of Panchayat Samities, Nagar Panchayat, Block Advisory Committees (TTAADC), Pradhans and Upa-Pradhans of Gram Panchayats and Chairpersons of Village Committees (TTAADC), Nehru Yuba Kendra, Functionaries of Block Administration, Medical Officers, Police Officers, CDPOs of the Dept. of Social Welfare and Social Education (SWE), NGOs, Social Activists Anganwadi Workers and Women’s Organizations were involved in those programmes.

Apart awareness generation programmes organized on almost all legislations relating to women under the heading Chalo Grama Jai, programmes were conducted on Dowry Prohibition Act, Compulsory Marriage Recording Act, PWDVA, 2005, Save Girl Child, etc., separately by the Commission during the year under report. Statement regarding time, place, resource persons and number of participants of the programmes can be seen in Statement 2 in Appendix. During the the year under report, the Department of Social Welfare and Social Education and the Tripura Commission for Women jointly observed the International Women’s Day and Anti-Dowry Campaign Week.

## 2. Legal Awareness Camp

### (a) Legal Awareness Camp in South Tripura District

Recognizing the need to impart legal awareness to women and girls, regarding their rights, the NCW has initiated a “Countrywide Legal Awareness Programme for Women and Girls”, which is to be implemented through State Commissions and NGO’s. As a part of this programme the TCW organized two Legal Awareness Camps



in Udaipur, South Tripura District and in Ambassa, Dhalai District of Tripura. Both the programmers were sponsored by NCW.

The first was organized at Udaipur on 1st and 2nd June, 08 at the Conference Hall of the South Tripura Zilla Parishad. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Maya Paul, Sabhadhipati, South Tripura Zilla Parishad. Sri Subrata Deb, Chairperson, Udaipur Nagar Panchayat was present in the inaugural session as Chief Guest. Two days Camp was presided over Dr. Tapati Chakraborty, Chairperson, TCW. Among the participants 52 were the elected representatives of three-tier Panchayat and 8 were representatives of NGOs.

After the Business Session started at 10.30 a.m. on the first day Sri Amitabha Dasgupta, District & Session Judge of South Tripura District made overview of the Fundamental Rights, constitutional Remedies etc., Dr. Pratihari, the Director of State Forensic Laboratory, Narshinghar discussed in detail about the role of the forensic Dept. in detection of crime. Sri A.K.Nath, Counsellor, Family Court, Udaipur discussed regarding the role of Legal Service Authority etc. On the 2nd day Sri D.M. Jamatia, Judge Family Court, Udaipur discussed on Marriage Separation, Divorce, Maintenance, Adoption, Customary Law etc. Sri Prabhan Sarkar, the eminent lawyer, Sri Subrata roy, Legal Advisor of the TCW, Smt. Rehana Begam, TCW discussed the criminal law and women procedure for seeking redressal, rights of Muslim women etc. Dr. Tapati Chakravarti delivered lecture on PNDT Act and PWDVA. After every deliberation a 15 minutes time was kept for interaction and the participants made this session very lively throwing many relevant question.

#### (b). Legal Awareness Camp in Dhalai District

The 2nd LAC was organized at Dhalai Zilla Parishad Hall on 10th and 11th August, 08, Ambassa. 66 participants took part in this programme of which . 59 participants were chairpersons of Grame Panchayat and Members of different Panchayat Samity, 7 participants were from NGO's. On 10th the programme was inaugurated by Sri Pankaj Kr. Chakraborty, Sabhadhipati, dhalai Zilla Parishad and Smt. Sipra Deb, Chairperson, Ambassa Panchayat Samity graced the occasion as chief guest and Special Guest respectively. At the outset Dr. Tapati Chakravarti congratulated all participants and guests. In the beginning of the Business Session Sri D.M. Jamatia discussed on the Customary Law, Property Right of women including Tribal women, Family Court, Muslim Law etc. That was followed by Dr Subhankar Debnath, Scientist, State FSL. He discussed on forensic investigation in detection of crime. Sri Tamal Barman eminent lawyer of Kamalpur discussed in detail on criminal law and women. After that Dr. Achyut Kr Nanda discussed on the Rights of people living with HIV/AID etc..

on the following day the session started with deliberation of Smt. Aditi Sharma Lodh, Member, TCW regarding the constitutional Rights, Free Legal aid, dowry Prohibition Act, Child Marriage Restraint Act etc. After that Mr. Anish Prasad, SP, Dhalai delivered lecture on offences and its reporting, remedy in case of refusal to file an FIR by police etc.

The Business Session ended with the deliberation of Chairperson regarding PNDT Act, PWDVA and Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

Interaction session for 15 minutes was very lively and inspires hope that the camp would empower the participants in implementing the laws.



# Visit to Home

## A Visit to Taranagar Protective Home

A team of the Women's Commission comprising three Members of the Commission, Smt. Rajlakshmi Devi, Smt. Siuli Debbarma and Smt. Aditi Sarma Lodh, visited Taranagar Protective Home, Mohanpur, West Tripura District, Tripura on September 1, 2007.

Taranagar Protective Home with 50 intake capacity was established by the State Government in 1988 in order to give protection and shelter for the rape victims, women deserted by their families, street girls and mentally challenged women by the order of the Court. The Home Superintendent, Smt. Brajabala Debnath was found living in quarters within the Home Campus to look after the women inmates.

At the time of visit of the Commission 28 women inmates including 2 old women in the age group 50-60 and 1 kid of two and half years old in the Home by the order of the court. One of the inmates told the Members that she was driven out by her husband in 1992 and since then she had been staying in the Protective Home. The Home authority took initiative to send her to her husband's house but since the husband was found married for the second time and leading a conjugal life with second wife; he refused to take her back. The visiting team was surprised to find three deaf and dumb sisters, deserted by a family, had been staying in the Protective Home since 1987. Apart from those sisters, another deaf and dumb girl was found who was previously adopted by a couple and deserted by them after found her deaf and dumb. There were 2 tribal and 1 Muslim Among the inmates. What impressed the Members of the Commission most was that 8 of the inmates were studying in the High School situated near the Home.

The women inmates informed that they were provided with food for three times a day, clothing, medicine The Social Welfare and Social Education Department of Tripura Government arranged for imparting vocational training in weaving and handicrafts to the women. Living condition was found not bad. All inmates, with provision of separate space, were living in one dormitory for the time being due to ongoing construction work. In accordance with the observation, the Commission sent the following recommendations to the Department of Social Welfare and Social education, government of Tripura:

1. As the Home is situated in a relatively isolated area, existing arrangement for the security of the Home needs to be strengthened;
2. At least one counsellor should be provided for regular counselling of the inmates so that they can return to normal life;
3. Sufficient toilet facilities should be extended for the inmates.
4. Arrangement may be made for providing a mini community hall so that the inmates can organize cultural and other programmes for their entertainment and mental development.
5. Initiative should be taken to start a small library in the Home.
6. Some sports goods may be arranged for improving the mental health of the inmates.
7. A programme of good quality training cum production for self employment and entrepreneurship should be initiated so that the inmates of the Home can be rehabilitated in future.
8. Arrangement may be made to show documentary films for recreation and education.



### **Seminars/Workshops**

**April 2007-March 2008**

A. On May 4, 2007, the TCW in alliance with the Department Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura organized a workshop on Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) of Children Act, 2000 and Rules 2002, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 & Rules 2007, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 & Rules 2006 and Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 & Rules 2003 in the Secretariat Conference Hall-2. Recommendations of the Workshop were as follows:

#### **Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act 2000 and Rules 2002**

1. District Level Child Welfare Committee for all the four districts is required to be constituted immediately for proper implementation of the Act.
2. Adoption of children from the Homes run by the Social Welfare and Social Education Department Govt. of Tripura is recommended.
3. Awareness Generation among the people related to implementation on Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection of Children should be given stress.
4. For proper functioning of Child Welfare Committees required infrastructure should be provided.
5. Persuasion for providing fund by the Central Government for implementation of the J.J. Acts, 2002 is necessary.

#### **Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 & Rules 2007**

1. Emphasis should be given on recording of marriages in all Sub-divisions. The Workshop proposes for recording of child marriages to get an estimation of child marriages in the State.
2. Provision of punishment for the persons involved in child marriage should be properly communicated.
3. According to Child Marriage Prohibition Act, the Prohibition Officer (SDM) is to conduct Awareness Programme in every month and to submit the report to D.S.W.E.. The workshop proposes to involve legal professionals, functionaries of SW & SE and T.C.W for conducting awareness programme.
4. Marriage Registrar may be appointed in each Sub-division for easy access of the people regarding registration of marriage.

#### **Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 & Rules 2006**

1. Awareness generation regarding the Act, for both men and women are required to be conducted.
2. Counseling is given importance for couple in marital discord prior to approach to the court.

## **Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 & Rules 2003**

1. Preparation of literature on impact of dowry and publicize those marriage solemnized without dowry is also proposed.
2. Compulsory registration of gifts signed by both bride and bridegroom parties have been proposed.
3. Economic empowerment of women for self-dependence is given importance.
4. Proper implementation of the Act in respect of listing the gifts signed by both bride & bridegroom parties and submission of the same to Dowry Prohibition people can get easy access to them in their need.

B. On 06.10.07, the Commission conducted a workshop on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 in the Conference Hall-II of the State Secretariat Building. The workshop was inaugurated by Sri Manik Dey, the Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare and Social Education (SWE), Govt. of Tripura. Dr. Tapati Chakravarti, the Chairperson, TCW, initiated the discussion. Dr. Malini Bhattacharjya, the Hon'ble member, National Commission for Women and Dr. Jashodhara Bagchi, The Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women discussed in detail about the provisions of the Act. Dr. R. Sarwal, the Commissioner and Secretary, SWE and Sri S.C. Das, the Law Secretary, Govt of Tripura addressed the gathering. 49 eminent participants from among the PRIs, Police, NGOs, Academics, Protection Officers and Social Activists participated in the discussion and demanded proper and speedy implementation of the Act. On the basis of the suggestions emanated from the said Workshop, the Commission forwarded the following recommendations to State Government:

- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 ( PWDVA ) be translated into local language in very simple form;
- Wide publicity of the PWDVA, 2005. In this regard help may be sought from the ICAT (Publicity) Department of the State Government;
- For proper implementation of the Act, initiative be taken to organize training programme for Magistrates, Police Officers, protection Officers and service Providers;
- Protection Officers be appointed with exclusive responsibility of serving victimized women;
- Priority may be given for providing required infrastructure for effective implementation of the Act;
- Setting up of Short Stay Homes in four districts of Tripura for sheltering victim women;
- Provision for clinical infrastructure for speedy treatment of women injured due to violence committed against her.

C. On 13.01.08, the Commission organized a workshop on Review of Laws Affecting Women and Suggestive Legislative Measures in the Conference Hall of the Circuit House, Agartala with the aim of sharing its views with the Senior Advocates, Academics, Social Activists and NGOs. After having a day long discussion in the workshop relating to the recommendations of National Commission for Women on "Review of Laws Affecting Women," the Tripura Commission for Women sent the following views, unanimously emanated from the workshop, to the State Government:



Sl No	The Reviews of Laws recommended by the NCW	Views of the TCW
1.	The words 'soon after' used in the Sec 304-B(I) must be deleted and replaced by the words 'anytime before'	The words is not 'soon after' – it should be 'soon before' and it was not accepted.
2.	The minimum punishment in Sec. 304-B(@) be raised from seven years to 'ten years'	It is accepted, as the said offence is very difficult to prove, so sentence should be increased to ten years.
3.	After the words 'imprisonment for life' occurring in Sec 304-B(2) the word 'death' may be added	'death' may be added is supported.
6.	That the age of the wife in clause (6) six of Section 375 and also the age of consent be raised to 18 years.	It is appreciated as the age of marriage is 18
7.	That the explanation part of section 375 be widened as follows. "Penetration including penetrating the anus or urethra or Labia majora of women with any part of the body of the man or manipulation of any object"	Penal provision is not there
10.	That the proviso to Section 376(1) and (2) which says that 'provided that the court may for adequate and special reasons to be mentioned in the Judgment impose a sentence of imprisonment for a term of less than seven years be deleted.	May be incorporated
11.	That the Section 376 subsection (2) (e), the word 'knowing' to be dropped and the liability shall be made strict.	Agreed

12.	That sub-clause (h) stating 'Commits rape on physically <u>and</u> mentally disabled <u>women</u> ' is added to sub-clause 2 of Section 376.	It is appreciated. But the line may be "Commits rape on physically <u>or</u> mentally disabled <u>woman</u>
13.	(i) Rape committed on a women by any person related to her in prohibited degrees of relationship	(i) <u>Women</u> should be replaced by <u>woman</u> .
14.	377 A – whoever attempts or commits unnatural offence on a dead body of the woman shall be punishable up to 10years of imprisonment.	It is necessary to define 'unnatural offence' and its limitations.
15.	That a new offence of inducing a woman deceitfully to have sexual intercourse on promise of marriage; Every man who deceitfully induces or makes a woman in believe that he will marry her by making false promise to have sexual intercourse with her, and subsequently withdraws from the promise shall be punished with imprisonment which may extends to seven years with fine.	It is appreciated and it should be a compoundable offence.
16.	That the punishment under Section 498 must be raised to seven years imprisonment and the words 'or' should be dropped and should be substituted with and fine.	It is accepted.
17.	That a separated offence of forcible marriage be created; (i) a person commits and offence if he caused or abets or attempts	



#### D. Attended Seminars / Workshops by the Commission

Besides, on 30th and 31st November, 2007 the Chairperson of the Commission attended two day National Seminar on the theme '**Towards a New Horizon**' organized by the newly constituted Nagaland Commission for Women in Kohima. Ms Neeva Konwar, the Honourable Member, NCW and the Honourable Minister, Social Welfare, Govt. of Nagaland were present and graced the Inaugural Session of the Seminar. Chairpersons of North Eastern States also delivered short speeches in that August Session. The Session was presided over by the Chairperson of the Nagaland State Women's Commission. Seminar papers, read out by the participant from different parts of Nagaland, revealed the picture of low social and economic status of women in Nagaland. It was observed that Naga society had been governed by the the Naga Customary Laws where women had no place. According to the Customary Law, women had been deprived of property rights. Reservation of 33 per cent seats in local Self Government according 73rd amendment of the Constitution had not been implemented till then in Nagaland.

On 2nd August, 2007, the Chairperson of the Commission attended the **Expert Committee Meeting of North Eastern States and the Meeting of the Chairpersons all State Commissions** convened by the National Commission for Women Mangolia Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. Girija Vyas the Chairperson, NCW. Agenda for the Expert Committee Meeting of the North Eastern States were: Customary Laws; Role of Women in Decision Making; Impact of Ethnic Violence and Armed Conflict; Alcoholism and Trafficking and HIV-AIDS. Talking points for the Meeting of the Chairpersons of all State Commissions were: Sharing Resources with Reference to Handling of Complaints; Monitoring of Status of Complaints; ; Smooth Functioning of NCW and State Commissions; Status, Powers and Functions of the Members and Chairpersons of the State Commissions; Declining Juvenile Sex Ratio in the States and Union Territories and effective Implementation of the PC&PNDT Act; Gender Budgeting and Implementation of the Supreme Court Guidelines on Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

On 3rd and 4th August, 2007, the Chairperson of the Commission attended two days Workshop organized by the NCW on **Integrated Plan of Action to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking with Special focus on Children and Women** at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The Home Minister of the Govt. of India, Chairpersons of the National Human Rights Commission and the National Commission for Women addressed the Workshop. Chairpersons of all the State Women's Commissions and the State Commissions for Human Rights and NGOs participated in the Workshop and recorded their views on Draft Plan of Action to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Children and Women. Almost all participants expressed their deep concern over the sharply rising trend of trafficking in children and women throughout the country since 90s. The participants suggested many measures to be taken by the Central and State Governments prevent and combat trafficking in the country.

Apart from that, Chairperson and Members of the Commission attended Seminars and Workshops organized in Tripura by different Departments of the State Government, University, Degree Colleges, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Social Welfare Clubs of different localities and NGOs on issues like Dowry, Domestic Violence Act, Juvenile Justice Act, PC&PNDT Act relating to women, Human Rights, Legal Rights of Women, Compulsory Registration of Marriages, Problems Adolescence and other issues relating to women.

A regional Workshop on **Gender Budgeting** was organized by the National Institute of Public Relation and Child Development at Guahati from 20th to 22nd August, 2008. The NCW requested the Tripura Commission to attend the said workshop. On behalf of the TCW Smt. Aditi Sharma Lodh, Member, TCW participated in the



workshop. Other participant states were Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Orissa, Sikkim and West Bengal. It was revealed from the discussion that Gender Budget was not introduced in any of the North Eastern States except Tripura. They expressed that the instance of Tripura will be helpful for them to create pressure on the respective State Government to introduce Gender Budget.

## Other Programmes

### Panchayat Mahila Shakti Abhiyan

On 27th July, 2007, as Chairperson of the of the core committee of Panchayat Mahila Shakti Abhiyan, Dr. Tapati Chakravarti, Chairperson of the TCW had presided over the two-day State level Sammelan of Elected Women Representatives of the State who assembled together at Panchayati Raj Training Institute, A D Nagar, to debate, discuss and deliberate on the issues that effect them as Panchayati Raj representatives. She called upon the women, people's representatives present in the conference to become the voice of the women in need and assured that the TCW would extend full cooperation to this important programme being carried out in the effort for strengthening the PRIs.

### Felicitation of Stree Shakti Puraskar Awardee

On 29.03.08, the Tripura Commission for Women felicitated Smti Monmohini Debnath, the Awardee of National Award 'Stree Shakti Puraskar' for the year 2008 for her contribution in Pannchayati Raj Institution as Pradhan of Gram Panchayat since 1994. UPA Chairperson and Congress Party Chief Smt. Sonia Gandhi gave away the Stree Shakti Puraskar to Smt. Monmohini Debnath of Tripura on 8th March, 2008, the International Women's Day, as recognition of her achievements in the field of empowering women. Women of Tripura feel proud of her because it is for the first time a woman from Tripura, who has been working for people at the grass root level, has been selected for such a prestigious national award.

The Commission had organized the felicitation function in its newly constructed Conference Hall which was inaugurated by the Awardee, Smti Debnath. Women representatives from all walks of life were present in that meeting.

## Our Publications and Studies

The Tripura Commission for Women published its own books from time to time among which following can be mentioned:

Year of Publication	Title
2008:	<i>Tho Kamio Himdi</i> (Kokborok version of Chalo Grame Jai),
2008:	<i>Impact of ICDS on Welfare of Women and Children</i>



## Chapter 6

# Recommendations of the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

Following recommendations were sent by the Commission to concerned Departments of State Government during the period under report:

1. Removal of maximum limit of not exceeding at Rs. 2000.00 per woman in one year as instant relief to women in difficult situation;
2. Setting up Short Stay Homes in four Districts of Tripura by the Government for
3. victimized women who require temporary shelter;
4. Period for maternity leave for women working in Government and Semi-Government institutions should be raised to six months;
5. Setting up Special Intensive Care Unit exclusively for female patients with serious burn injury in G B Panth Medical College & Hospital;
6. Adequate Provision for the treatment of women and girls with psychological problems and also for the insane street girls and women in newly opened Psychiatric Hospital at Narsingarh;
7. Installation of DNA test facility in the present State Forensic Science Laboratory, Govt. of Tripura, Narsinggarh, Agartala;
8. Sensitization of Magistrates, Police Officers and other stakeholders regarding Juvenile Justice Act;
9. Formation of Child Welfare Committees for four districts of Tripura;
10. Involvement of the Dept. of Social Welfare & Social Education (SW&SE) in the process of Adoption of Children in the State and the Department of SW & SE should act as the primary agency for Adoption;
11. Sensitization of Judges, Police and other stakeholders regarding powers, functions and responsibilities of the Child Welfare Committee;
12. "Value the Girl Child" campaign should be initiated which may include Documentation and Research, consultation with all stakeholders, Sessions in Medical Colleges, short films on the issue, campaigns in the colleges and schools, media campaigns;
13. More gender specific and gender-disaggregated data regarding children should be generated so that the status of the girl child is better understood and methods can be evolved to ameliorate her condition;
14. Wide publicity about the contents of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005;
15. Workshop for sensitization Magistrates, Police Officers, Protection Officers and Service Providers for proper awareness and implementation of PWDVA, 2005;
16. In light of the high incidence of domestic violence, there should be separate allocations for the implementation of the laws relating to domestic violence;

17. Though the responsibility of putting in place infrastructure has been vested with State Governments, one cannot loose sight of the fact that the PWDVA is a Central Law. The Centre has a duty in the federal structure to make an adequate budget available to the States for the purpose of implementation of this law;
18. A serious initiative may be taken by the concerned Department for implementation of The Tripura Recording of Marriage Act, 2003 and massive awareness generation regarding the necessity of recording of marriages may be started throughout the State;
19. The Act may be implemented with retrospective effect so that the spouses willing to record marriages according to this Act can be able to do so.
20. Regular monitoring and supervision of living conditions of the prisoners in the female jail should be ensured by the concerned department;
21. A completely separate administrative structure should be developed and introduced in the Female Jail;
22. Creation of the post for Female Jailor for Female Jail in Tripura; Services of the officers and employees in the Female Jail should be made transferable;
23. Emphasis should be given on the process of correction and reform of the female convicts so that their mind can fully be free from criminal attitude and they can be able to lead a normal life in the society after their release;
24. Setting up a women's wing manned by a female police officer in every police station to take care of cases filed by or on behalf of women;
25. Infrastructural development for all Family Courts of the State and appointment of experienced counsellors in these Family Courts;
26. Extension of the provision for separate toilet facilities for women and men litigants in the Court Complex, Agartala;
27. A Women Development Corporation in Tripura needs to be set up with the sole objective to empower women socially, economically and educationally, so that they are equipped to play a major role in the development process of the State
28. A Women Cooperative Bank needs to be set up to meet the rising need of micro credit for Women Cooperatives/SHGs;
29. Construction of Office Building of the Tripura Commission for Women;



30. For effective implementation of the Tripura Commission for Women Act, 1993, Rules should be immediately be prepared by the nodal Department.

## Chapter 7

### High Lights of Some of the Success Stories of the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

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#### **Alimony for Lalthanwami, a Mizo Woman of Jampui Hills**

The Commission received a complaint from Ms. Lalthlanawami on 4.5.07 in the context that she was compelled to leave her marital house due to torture of her husband and finally was divorced by her by her husband Laldinpui on 27th February 2005. Since then she had been passing hard days with her two sons as she was not given a farthing at the time divorce according to Mizo Customary law. On receipt of the complaint, the Commission arranged a counselling at Agartala on 9.7.07 but Laldinpui could not be made convinced to give any alimony to his divorced wife. After two months, on 13.8.07, another counselling was arranged at Kanchanpur Dak Banglow where a decision was taken that to pay a sum of Rs. 1500/- per month as maintenance till the final decision is taken. Again on 7.11.07 a counseling meeting was arranged in Eden Tourist Lodge at Vangmun. After a prolong discussion Laldinpui agreed to pay a sum of Rs.50, 000/- as compensation. According to Mizo customary law the divorced wife is not entitled to get any alimony from her husband. In this case the husband and in-laws and the social leaders were not ready to pay the alimony as it goes against their customary law. But at last due to repeated persuasion of the Commission, husband and in-laws of Lalthanwami at last agreed to pay the alimony, whatever small it is, to her on humanitarian ground. Thus, giving alimony after divorce, as in the case of Lalthanwami, was first of its kind among the Mizo community of Jampui Hills in Tripura.

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#### **Rescue of Suparna from Trafficking in Haryana**

During the visit of the Chairperson of the Commission to Hrishyamukh, South Tripura on 25.8.07 one Krishna Banik, resident of Hrishyamukh, along with his widow mother had met the Chairperson and submitted a prayer with a request for rescuing his minor sister Suparna from Hariyana. An 11 year old minor girl Suparna went to Hariyana with her elder sister Aparna and her husband Birendra Singh, Haryana man. After a few months when Krishna Banik requested Birendra Singh to send back Suparna to them. But Birendra Sing denied sending her back inspite of repeated requests of Krishna and his mother. From telephonic information Krishna apprehended that Suparna might be trafficked as Birendra Singh settled marriage of Suparna with another Haryana manwa.. The Commission immediately took up the matter with the DGP, Tripura Police, the Superintendent of Police, South Tripura and Chairperson, Haryanan State Commission for Women on 1.9.07, 27.8.07 and 19.9.07 respectively. The Tripura Police took prompt action on it and a team of Police Officers including a woman police rescued the girl from Hariyana and handed over the said girl to her to her mother in the 2nd week of November, 2007.

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#### **Justice for Anita Basak**



The Commission received a complaint from Smt. Anita Basak (Ghosh) of Rabindra Nagar on 17.3.2007. Her husband Sri Gopi Ghosh, a primary School teacher, ousted Anita from his house on the plea that Anita was elder in age than that of Gopi. It is to be noted that mere elderliness of his wife in age could not be a ground for divorce/desertion. So the Commission tried to reconcile the matter in several sittings with the couple. During counselling it was revealed that the allegation of the husband was far away from true. But Gopi was adamant to stick to his decision of divorce and not agreed to pay any maintenance allowance to his wife. The Commission helped the victim to file a court case against her husband and made necessary arrangement for extending all legal support in her court case. Anita lodged complaint with the Commission on 17.3.2007 and the Family Court, Agartala passed an order on 15.11.07 directing the DDO of Gopi Ghosh to pay a sum of Rs. 1,500/- per month to Anita. Further, Gopi's appeal for divorce was also rejected by the learned court on 17.8.2007. The whole process of the court was completed within one year. The Commission welcomed the Family Court for rendering justice to a woman so speedily. What was most remarkable and exemplary in that case, was the role of mother-in-law of Anita who stood against his son and argued in favour of her daughter-in-law in the court at the time of proceedings of the case.

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### **Rehabilitation of a Rape Victim Minor Tribal Girl**

The Commission went to the remote village Kanpui in Dasda, Kanchanpur for conducting an enquiry on 13th August 2007 on the incident of rape of a minor tribal girl as published in Syandan on 6/8/07. It was revealed from the statement of the victim girl and her mother that this eleven-year-old tribal girl was raped by one Sukesh Das of Dasda Bazar on 28th July 2007. She belonged to a very poor family. At the time of incident she was returning from the Dasda market to take more pineapple from their home. Her mother was selling pineapple in the market. The extreme crime happened on her made her severely depressed and her parents appealed to the Commission for arranging a shelter and education for their traumatized daughter. Accordingly, the Commission requested the Department of SW & SE, Govt. of Tripura. The Department complied immediately and allowed her admission in the Children Home for Girls Unit-II Aboynagar on 30th January 2008. Padmini (not real name) is now very happy in the Home and reading in the Aboynagar School.

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### **Compensation for Namita Biswas, a Deserted Wife**

A complaint was registered by Smt. Namita Biswas on 4.3.04 against her husband Sri Asit Debnath regarding torture on her by husband. It was a very long pending case of the Commission. She was tortured as she tried to restrain her husband from keeping extra-marital relation with another lady. After long twelve numbers of counselling for reconciliation, at last both of them decided to dissolve the marriage on mutual consent. Namita demanded Rs. 50,000/- and one ganda of homestead land as permanent alimony from her husband and another amount of Rs.50,000/- for her daughter which she wanted, to be deposited in a fixed deposit scheme to meet the future need of their only daughter. At last Asit Debnath agreed upon all those conditions of the Agreement prepared by the Commission. On the strength of that agreement Hon'ble Family Court, Agartala, passed a decree of divorce between Namita and Asit on 31.8.07.

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### **Court Case for Tanuja**



Tanuja, daughter of a retired teacher was married with Rajiv fulfilling the maximum dowry demand became a victim of post marriage dowry torture of her husband and mother-in-law and was compelled to live in her parental house with their only child. She lodged a complaint with the Commission on 13/12/06 against them. The Commission tried repeatedly for reconciliation but in no good. At the request of the Commission Rajiv started to give Rs. 2000/- per month for his wife and child but he denied to take them back in his family. Rajiv then applied to the Family Court for a decree of divorce. The court however denied to dissolve the marriage and ordered to pay a sum of Rs. 3000/- per month as maintenance to Tanuja and their child responding her prayer on 18.8.07. At the recommendation of the Commission Advocate Sri Kishore Kr. Pal assisted Tanuja in handling both the cases.

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### **Successful Reconciliation of a Marital Discord**

The conjugal relationship of a very young couple Rubi & Sushil was reestablished through 6 hours prolonged counselling on 19/1/08 at Dharmanagar Dak Bangalow where both Chairperson and the Member-Secretary of the Commission were present. Before January 19, 2008, the commission conducted of two more sittings with Rubi and Sushil on receipt of the complaint of Rubi on 10.7.07. Sushil was a self-made young man who had lost his parents at his childhood and disliked other's intervention in his personal affairs. For that reason other relatives misunderstood him which was evident from the record of the complaint. However, after a very careful observation and counselling both the parties were made convinced and ultimately the dispute was reconciled. Since then Rubi and Sushil have been living happily with their only very sweet baby.

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### **Rehabilitation of two Rape Victim Minor Tribal Girls**

The Commission intervened suo moto in the incidents of two rape cases perpetuated on two minor tribal girls, rescued them and provided shelter in Short Stay Home. Commission also arranged their admission in school for continuation of their studies.

One of the victims Mandira (not real name) of Behalabari, Khowai was raped on 30.5.06 by her distant relative Sachindra, father of five children. One of the daughters of said Sachindra was Mandira's classmate and bossom friend. The other case was of Anuva who became prey of lust of 3 brutes on 7.3.08 namely Chandan Kishore Jamatia, Dhani Mohan Jamatia and Jayanta Jamatia. All of them were married men. Specific criminal cases were registered with their respective police stations under the guidance of the Commission. Not only that, the Commission was vigilant during the period of police enquiry of the cases. However, the Police submitted their chargesheets in the court. The Commission expects life conviction in both the cases and waiting for that verdicts of the learned court.

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### **Compensation for Breaking Contract of Marriage**

The marriage of William & Tandra (not real name) was settled by their guardians. As William and his family was Christian, Tandra was compelled to embrace Christianity. Williams's family took some money from Trandra's mother to meet the expense of marriage. The "Mangalacharan" ceremony was over and according to Christian custom the ring was exchanged between William and Tandra. But all on a sudden William refused to marry Tandra



and very hurriedly he married another girl. At this Tandra and her widow mother were fallen in a very bad state. They were utterly perplexed and disappointed at this incident and lodged a complaint with the Tripura Commission for Women on 3/5/07. They also filed a lawsuit in the court against William. After as many as nine counselling sessions, at last on 12/2/08 William agreed to pay a sum of rupees 1 lakh to compensate the financial loss and social defamation of the girl caused due to breacking of marriage. The agreement made in the Commission was that Tandra would withdraw the case lodged in the Cort against William. Accordingly William has deposited the amount in the TCW and Tandra had withdrawn the case.

The Commission appreciate the courage with which Tandra and her mother came out to protest such event of betrayal and lodged complaint with the Commission and the Court. It would definitely set a unique example to the girls and parents fallen in such awkward situation.

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### **Compasation for a Deserted Wife**

Learning from a report of Syandan Patrika dated 5/7/05 about Kalpana Chakraborty of Barahaldi, Dasda who was tortured and than deserted by her husband in-laws, the Commission contacted with her. In reply Kalpana informed the Commission that she had filed a case in the Dharmanagar court and at that point of time she was unwilling to approach TCW as she was expecting justice from the court of law. In November 2007 when a team of the Commission visited Dasda, Kalpana met with the Chairperson and complained against her husband. Pradip Chakraborty, husband of Kalpana did not appear before the Commission's office, Agartala at it's call. The Commission arranged a counselling at Kanchanpur Dak Bungalow on 18.1.07. In that counselling Pradip agreed to pay sum of Rs. 90,000/- to his wife Kalpana as lifetime compensation on condition that she would withdraw the court case against Pradip. Pradip had already deposited the amount in the Commission which Kalpana would take from the Commission after withdrawal of the court case. Thus the Commission was able to give relief to Kalpana who had been continuously tortured since her marriage which was solemnized on 22nd November 1997.

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### **Reconciliation of a Dispute Relatd to Dowry**

In these days of consumerism the tourture for dowry has been increasing day by day. Sometimes it happens that even after 10 years of marriage the wife is tortured for dowry. Anjali, a resident of Gurkhabasti, was married with Rabindra Bhattacharjee, a teacher of a Govt. school of Tulabagan in 1996. They have got a 10 yrs old son. Anjali came to the Commission on 3.1.07 with a complaint that she had been often tortured by her husband and in-laws for dowry. She was admitted in G.B Hospital being injured by her husband. The Commission arranged maintenance of Rs. 3000/- per month for the time being and advised them to meet together from time to time to overcome their problems. The Commission also gave sittings with them for 7 times for counseling. At last on 9.4.08 the couple decided finally to live together again at Agartala as their only child Sibendu was reading in Bodhjong School. From the experience gathered so far, the Commission can not but believe that majority of the cases, if not all, can be avoided or solved through proper, sound & repeated counselling. This case is one such good example.

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### **Punishment for Molestation**



A special enquiry team, constituted by the TCW, conducted an enquiry on the report published in Dainik Arohan on 26/3/08 that, an Addl. Public Prosecutor (APP) of Sonamura had been committing crime against women by misusing the power of the post hold by him. The victims gathered a very painful experience of sexual harassment and they became prey of lust of the said APP at the time of their rehearsal for appearing before the court as witnesses.

The Commission met with such three victims but except Sherina( not real name) none of them dared to divulge the actual facts and go to the court for shelter . Social stigma and inhibition did not allow them to take shelter of law though they opened their heart to the Commission and demanded punishment of the said APP.

The team learnt from Sherina D/O Abul Kasim of Rabi Gopal Para, Taksapara, Sonamura that she was raped by her uncle Saiful. She reported it to the Melagarh PS. When the trial stage came, the said APP of her case outraged her modesty by calling her in his house in the name of preparing her to bear witness in the court. Not only that he ruined her case and as a result of which the rapist was acquitted. Now the victim girl appealed to the Commission for justice and shelter. Immediately the Commission arranged her shelter in a home run by NGO to protect her from the rapist who is her next door neighbour. At the request of the Commission ultimately the State Govt. provided her shelter in a Home on 30/6/08 .

The Hon'ble High Court has kindly considered her prayer for filing an Appeal Case in the High Court against the judgment of Addl. Session Court, Sonamura. Not only that this 20 years old young and innocent girl of the remote village could gather courage to lodge an FIR on 26/4/08 against the said APP who was supposed to be the savior of the girl but turned culprit by himself. Both the cases are sub-judiced now.

The Government of Tripura removed the accused lawyer from the post of APP.

### **Important Decisions**

#### **'Wife, kids to get maintenance from day case is filed'**

The Supreme Court has ruled that wives, children and even parents deserted by their husbands, fathers and children, respectively will be entitled to get maintenance from the date they filed the application for alimony in the trial Court.

The ruling reverses a standard judicial practice to grant maintenance from the date of verdict on the application made under section 125 of the Criminal Procedure code, which provides for interim arrangement for sustenance of the dependents pending decision on a matrimonial dispute.

The Bench said if alimony was directed to be paid from the date of verdict, the husband would keep delaying the proceedings.

# APPENDIX

**Table 1.1**

Number of Complaints Relating to Crime against Women Received  
by the Commission, April 2007- March 2008

Sl. No.	Category of Crime	Number of Complaints	Percentage to Total
1.	Bigamy	54	7.41
2.	Domestic Violence	418	57.34
3.	Dowry Death / Unnatural Death	25	3.43
4.	Extramarital Relation of Husband	7	0.96
5.	Kidnapping	10	1.37
6.	Molestation	11	1.51
7.	Rape	14	1.92
8.	Rape by Promising Marriage	32	4.34
9.	Sexual harassment at Workplace	-	-
10.	Miscellaneous	115	15.8
11.	Male Complaint	43	6
12.	<b>Total</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table 1.2**

Number of Complaints Relating to Crime against Women Received  
by the Commission from Four Districts of Tripura April 2007- March 2008

Sl. No.	Category of Crime	Number of Complaints				Total Number of Complaints
		Dhalai District	North District	South District	West District	
1.	Bigamy	5	2	5	42	54
2.	Domestic Violence	4	10	47	357	418
3.	Dowry Death / Unnatural Death	-	2	7	16	25
4.	Extramarital Relation of Husband	-	1	-	6	7
5.	Kidnapping	-	3	3	4	8
6.	Molestation	1	-	2	8	11



7.	Rape	-	2	5	7	14
8.	Rape by Promising Marriage	-	2	6	24	32
9.	Sexual harassment at Workplace	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Miscellaneous	5	12	13	85	115
11.	Male Complaint	-	8	4	31	43
12.	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>729</b>

**Table 1.3**

Number of Complaints Relating to Crime against Women Received by the Commission from Four Social Groups in Tripura April 2007- March 2008

Sl. No.	Category of Crime	Number of Complaints				Total
		ST	SC	Muslim	Others (Non ST/SC/Muslim)	
1.	Bigamy	5	10	10	29	54
2.	Domestic Violence	17	111	46	244	418
3.	Dowry Death / Unnatural Death	2	8	3	12	25
4.	Extramartial Relation of Husband	-	2	-	5	7
5.	Kidnapping	1	4	-	5	10
6.	Molestation	2	5	1	3	11
7.	Rape	2	6	1	5	14
8.	Rape by Promising Marriage	7	12	4	9	32
9.	Sexual harassment at Workplace	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Miscellaneous	3	49	10	53	115
11.	Male Complaint	6	15	6	16	43
12.	<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>729</b>

**Table 1.4**

Number of Complaints Received by the Commission from Areas Under Police Stations of  
Four Districts of Tripura April 2007- March 2008

Police Stations	Number of Complaints Received from Areas under Respective PSs
<b>West District</b>	
Airport	33
Amtali	60
Bishalgarh	68
Bishramgange	10
Bodhjungle	6
Champhaur	1
Jatrapur	3
Jirania	10
Kalamchoura	18
Kalyanpur	3
Khowai	16
Lefunga	13
Mandai	6
Melagarh	8
Ranirbazar	12
Sidhai	25
Sonamura	13
Srinagar	5
Takarjala	6
Teliamura	14
Women PS	249
<b>Total</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>South District</b>	
Amarpur	5
Belonia	18
Bikhora	6
Hrishyamukh	1
Kakraban	10
Killa	-



Manubazar	5
Natunbazar	1
P.R.Bari	8
Pitra	-
R.K. Pur	17
Sabroom	5
Santirbazar	10
Silachari	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>North District</b>	
Churaibari	4
Dharmanagar	9
Dhumachara	-
Fatikroy	-
Kadamtala	-
Kailashahar	13
Kanchanpur	3
Kumarghat	7
L.T.Vally	-
Pacharthai	1
Panisagar	6
Vangmun	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Dhalai District</b>	
Ambassa	6
Chawmanu	1
Gandacherra	2
Kachuchara	1
Kamalpur	2
Manu	5
Salema	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>729</b>

**Table 2.1**

Number of Counsellings and Reconciliations in the Office of the Commission at Agartala,  
April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No.	Month	No. of Cases Called for Counselling in the Office of Commission at Agartala	No. of Cases where Both Parties Attended	No. of Cases Reconciled
1.	April	117	36	16
2.	May	118	41	18
3.	June	153	46	18
4.	July	155	39	16
5.	August	145	51	15
6.	September	123	31	10
7.	October	93	30	13
8.	November	149	43	17
9.	December	145	38	19
10.	January	141	43	23
11.	February	132	34	21
12.	March	127	31	19
13.	<b>Total</b>	<b>1598</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>205</b>

**Table 2.2**

Number of Counsellings in District & Sub-Division HQRs  
April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No	Date	Place of Counselling	Number of Cases called	Number Of Cases where Both Partis Attended	Number of Cases Reconciled
1.	28.06.07	Kamalpur Dak Bungalow (DB)	3	1	1
2.	29.06.07	-do-	1	-	-
3.	08.07.07	Dharmanagar Circuit House (CH)	8	1	-
4.	25.07.07	Udaipur CH	7	2	1
5.	11.08.07	Dharmanagar CH	6	2	-
6.	11.08.07	Belonia DB	5	1	-
7.	12.08.07	Kailshahar CH	4	1	1



8.	13.08.07	Kanchanpur DB	2	2	1
9.	14.08.07	Pecharthal Police Station	2	1	1
10.	06.11.07	Dasda Community Hall	1	1	1
11.	07.11.07	Vangmun Tourist Lodge	1	1	1
12.	13.11.07	Sabroom DB	7	3	3
13.	16.12.07	Khowai DB	7	3	2
14.	29.12.07	Sunamurah DB	5	2	1
15.	17.01.08	Kailashahar CH	15	6	3
16.	18.01.08	Kanchanpur DB	2	1	1
17.	19.01.08	Dharmanagar DB	9	1	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>

**Table 2.3**

Number of Counsellings where Both Parties Attended  
April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No.	Month	Both Parties Attended in Office of the Commission at Agartala	Number of Cases Reconciled in Commission Office at Agartala	Both Parties Attended in District & Sub-Division HQRs	No. of Cases Reconciled in District & Sub-Division HQRs	Total Number of Cases Reconciled (4+6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	April	36	16	-	-	16
2.	May	41	18	-	-	18
3.	June	46	18	1	1	19
4.	July	39	16	3	1	17
5.	August	51	15	7	3	18
6.	September	31	10	-	-	10
7.	October	30	13	-	-	13
8.	November	43	17	5	5	22
9.	December	38	19	5	3	22
10.	January	43	23	8	5	28
11.	February	34	21	-	-	21
12.	March	31	19	-	-	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>April 2007-March 2008</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>223</b>

## Statement 1.1

Investigation of Cases Registered with the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No	Date	File No.	Place	Investigated by
1.	23.04.07	F.3(1)SWC/dth/Sl. 142/07 Anjali Debnath(Victim) Vs Ajoy Debnath	Ranirbazar, Jirania	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
2.	29.05.07	F.3(1)SWC/dth/sl.203/07 Tilottama Debbarma Vs Mohan Debbarma	Abhoynagar, Agartala	Vice- Chairperson, Smt. Aditi Sharma Lodh, Gouri Das
3.	25.06.07	F. 3(1)SWC/dth/Sl. 243/07	P & T Qtrs, Siddhi Ashram	Chairperson, vice Chairperson, Smt. Dipa Saha
4.	12.07.07	F.3(1).SWC/Misc/Sl.67/07 Anima Dey Vs Haimanti Bhattacharjee	Ramnagar, Agartala	Vice Chairperson, Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Gouri Das
5.	25.07.07	F. 3(2).SWC/Dth/sl.33/07 Ratna Chakraborty (Victim)	Matabari, Udaipur	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Manna Saha
6.	07.09.07	3(1).SWC/UD/Sl.350/07 Rina Acharjee	Ramnagar, Agartala	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Manna Saha
7.	27.09.07	F. 3(1)SWC/FDH/Sl.361/07 Bulti Das Vs Rajib Chowdhury	West Noabadi, Sadar, Agartala	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Helen Deb
8.	01.01.07	3(1).SWC/Fd/EPs/Sl. 137/06 Niyati Dutta Vs Kajal Chakraborty	South Dhaleswar, Agartala	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Gouri Das
9.	08.11.07	3(1).SWC/Misc./Sl.10/07 Dipti Das Vs Dhirendra Das	Bhuiarmatha, Bishalgarh	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Gouri Das
10.	08.12.07	3(1).SWC/Fd/Sl.288/07 Jyotsna Shil	Nanderpar Birampur, Bhabanipur, Jatrapur	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Manna Saha
11.	02.01.08	3(1).SWC/FD./Sl.05/08 Bina Debnath (Seema) Vs Tapan Debnath	Hapania,Bishalgar h	Smt.Rajlaxmi Devi, Helen Dutta Roy,Swapna Banerjee
12.	04.01.08	3(1).SWC/IR/Sl.1/08 Sabita Sarkar Vs Uttam Debnath	G.B. Hospital	Siuli Debbarma,Member, Helen Dutta Roy
13.	23.01.08	3(1).SWC/Burn/Sl. 29/08 Rekha Sarkar Vs Pritush Biswas	G. B. Hospital	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Manna Saha



14.	08.02.08	3(1).SWC/Burn/Sl.03/08 Namita Das vs Jhantu Das	G.B.Hospital	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Gouri Das
15	21.02.08	3(1).SWC/Burn/Sl.05/08 Manindra Debnath Vs Tapan Debnath & Ratan Debnath	Chowmohani Bazar, Amtali	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Gouri Das
16.	27.02.08	3(1).SWC/Misc./Sl.07/08 Bhabarani Debbarma Vs Rabi Charan Debbarma & Ganesh Debbarma	Jiranas	Rajlaxmi Debi,Member, Siuli Debbarma,Member Reba Das
17.	17.03.08	3(1).SWC/Dth/Sl.10/08 Krishnadhan Chakraborty Vs Prankrishna Sharma & Bindu Rani Sharma	Tulakona, Ranirbazar	Jaya Barman, Anita Deb
18.	18.03.08	3(1).SWC/dth/Sl.87/08 Chhana rani Das Vs Raju Rudrapaul	Paschim Dukli, Amtali	Sumitra Majumder, Siuli Debbarma,Member, Gouri Das
19.	19.03.08	3(1).SWC/FDH/Sl.263/07 Mamina Khatun Vs Asrab Ali	G.B.Hospital	Siuli Debbarma,Member, Manna Saha
20.	.do.	3(1).SWC/Dth/Sl. 87/08 Chhana Rani das Vs Raju Rudrapaul	Paschim Dukli, Amtali	Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
21.	31.03.08	3(1).SWC/Burn/Sl.109/08 Tandra Das Vs Bikash Das, Chinu Das, Subhash Das	G.B.Hospital	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Anita Deb
22.	.do.	3(1).SWC/Burn/sl. 107/08 Krishna Majumder Vs Tapan Deb, Jiban Deb, Khelu Deb	G.B.Hospital	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Anita Deb

## Statement 1.2

Suo Moto Investigation by the Commission on Paper Clippings  
April 2007.March 2008

Sl. No	Date	File No.	Place	Investigated by
1.	19.04.07	F.7(1)SWC/Dth/Sl. 104/07 Pampa Banik(Victim) Vs Utpal Nandi	Durganagar, Khowai	Smt. Siuli Debbarma,Member,Smt. Jaya Barman, Smt. Gouri Das
2.	20.04.07	F.7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.105/07 Ratna Paul	Anandapara, Sabroom	Vice Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
3.	28.04.07	F.7(1).SWC/Pc/Rape & Murder/sl. 106/07 Laxmi Das	Bampur, Amarpur	Jaya Barman, Dipa Saha
4.	03.05.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.110/07 Bishnu Paul D/O Sridam Paul	Gaborchera, South Muhuripur, Belonia	Vice Chairperson,Sumitra Majumder, Anita Deb

5.	11.05.07	7(1).SWC/PC/Rape/sl.122/07	G.B.Hospital, Agartala	Siuli Debbarma, Member, Gouri Das
6.	16.05.07	7(1)/SWC/PC/rape/Sl.132/07 gang rape of 7 tribal girls	Amarpur,	
7.	19.05.07	7(1)SWC/PC/rape/Sl.124/07 Sipra Goala Vs Swapan Dey	G.B.Hospital	Siuli Debbarma, Member, Gouri Das
8.	18.06.07	7(1).SWC/Pc/Dth/Sl.190/07 soma Acharjee Vs Gour Acharjee	Ratannagar, Bishalsharh	Sumitra Majumder, Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
9.	19.06.07	.do.	Kalamchowra, Sonamurah	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
10.	23.06.07	7(1).SWC/PC/Rape/sl. 166/07 Rupali Biswas Vs Rupan Biswas	Durgabari T.E	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Gouri Das
11.	25.06.07	7(1).SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.193/07 Gangrape by some BSF personnel of 74 Bn. Radhanagar PR Bari	Radhanagar P.R.Bari	Rehana Begum, Jaya Barman, Anita Deb
12.	28.06.07	7(1).SWC/PC/Dth/Sl. 198/07 Goutam Deb	Kalacherra, Kamalpur	Jaya Barman, Gouri Das
13.	07.07.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/sl. 138/07 Arpita Paul	Choraibari,	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Manna Saha
14.	24.07.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.236/07 Pinki Bhowmik Vs Mrinal Bhowmik	Raghunathpur, Bishalgarh	Rajlaxi Debi, Rehana Begum, Gouri Das
15.	28.07.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Misc./Sl.235/07 Soma Bhattacharjee	Pandavpur, Bishalgarh	Rajlaxmi Debi, Rehana Begum, Gouri Das
16.	31.07.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Taffic/sl. 233/07 Gita Debbarma Vs Sabita Telenga	Asharambari, Khowai	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Gouri das
17.	12.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.243/07 Imrana Begum	Nadiapur, Churaibari	Jaya Barman, Manna Saha
18.	12.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.249/07 Dipti Chakraborty	Tilla Bazar, Kailashahar	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Manna saha
19.	12.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Misc./Sl.256/07 Rabeya Begum	.do.	.do.
20.	12.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/sl. 234/07 Safirun Bibi	Bhagabannagar, Kailashahar	.do.
21.	13.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/rape/sl.253/07 Pardarun Reang	Kanpui, Dasda	.do.
22.	25.08.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.300/07 Dipanwita Patari Vs Sankar Mahajan	Debipur, Belonia	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Gouri Das
23.	15.09.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl. 338/07 Nitubanik	Ranirbazar	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Swapna Banerjee
24.	29.09.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.364/07	Kushamara, Kakraban	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Manna Saha
25.	13.10.07	7(1)SWC/PC/traffic/Sl.233/07 Gita Rani Debbarma	Asharambari, Khowai	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Manna Saha
26.	01.11.07	7(1)SWC/PC/rape/Sl.430/07 Pinki Debnath Vs Prantosh Basak	Adarsha Colony, Jogendranagar	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Gouri Das
27.	.do.	7(1)SWC/PC/Mole/sl.409/07 Anjali Barman Vs Partha Shil	Sadhu Tilla, Netaji Colony	.do.
28.	02.12.07	7(1)SWC/PC/dth/Sl. 454/07 Lalita Biswas Vs Rabindra Biswas	Konaban	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Reba Das
29.	06.12.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.449/07 Kajal Debnath Vs tapati Debnath	Chandranagar No.1 Bishalgarh	Chairperson, Aditi Sharma Lodh, Gouri Das
30.	11.12.07	.do.	South Golaghati	Aditi Sharma Lodh, Manna Saha
31.	17.12.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Mole/Sl.493/07 Supriya Debbarma Vs Subrata Deb	Bishramganj	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Gouri Das



32.	22.12.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/sl. 497/07 Hosenara Aktar Vs Kamal Hosssien	Majidabari, Dhanpur	Jaya Barman, Reba Das
33.	26.12.07	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/499/07 Mani Hrshidas Vs Thakurchand Hrshidas	East Pratapgarh	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Gouri Das
34.	01.01.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.513/07 Sunita Tanti Vs Tarun Tanti	Laxmi Lunga TE Narsingarh Ps	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Gouri Das
35.	09.01.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.01/08 Sabetri Ghosh Vs Narayan Kar (Shil)	Charilam, Fakiramurah	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Anita Deb
36.	18.01.08	7(1)SWC/PC/dth/sl. 511/07 Swapna Suklabaidya Vs Rinku Suklabaidya	Kataldighirpar, Kailashahar	Chairperson, Jaya Barman, Manna Saha
37.	.do.	7(1)SWC/PC/rape/Sl.08/08 Rupan Ali vs Arif Ulla	Srinathpur, Kailashahar	.do.
38.	19.01.08	7(1)SWC/PC/dth/sl.488/07 Pratima Vs Rajkumar Kar	Deoanpasa, Dharmanagar	.do.
39.	.do.	7(1)SWC/PC/dth/Sl.12/08 Rajkumari Debi	Lalgodam, Dharmanagar	.do.
40.	22.01.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Moles/Sl.11/08 Anupriya Das vs Tapan Sarkar & Gobinda Debnath	Chandinamura	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Golabi Deb
41.	09.02.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Misc./Sl.34/08 Silpi Halder	G.B.Hospital	Chairperson, Member Secretary, Manna Saha
42.	12.02.08	7(1)SWC/PC/rape/Sl. 31/08 Bulti Sarkar Vs Ramananda Das	26 Card, Kamalasagar	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Guri Das
43.	13.02.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.33/08 Aklisa Begum -Vs Kabir Hossein	Adampur, Dupuriaban, Boxanagar	Chairperson, Member Secretary, Dipa Saha
44.	26.02.08	7(1)SWC/PC/dth/Sl.34/08 Mousami Debbarma	Bhagabanthakurp ara Lefunga	Rajlaxmi Debi, Member, Manna Saha
45.	28.02.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/sl.35/08 Gopal Roy Vs Panchanan Roy	Paschim Bhubanban	Aditi Sharma Lodh Anita Deb
46.	13.03.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.49/08 Ananta Debi Jamatia Vs Brajakishor Jamatia, Dhani Jamatia, Jayanta Jamatia	Amarpur	Jaya Barman, Siuli Debbarma, Member, Reba Das
47.	.do.	7(1)SWC/PC/Misc./Sl.50/08 Brajendra Ch. Das vs Ratish Das, Uttam Debnath	.do.	.do.
48.	14.03.08	.do.	Jogendranagar	.do.
49.	.do.	7(1)SWC/PC/Misc./Sl.51/08 Aruna Das	Hrishi Colony	Siuli Debbarma, Member, Reba Das
50.	18.03.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Dth/Sl.53/08 Mani Gope Vs Maran Das	Sadhu tilla, Renters' Colony	Sumitra Majumder, Siuli Debbarma, Member & Gouri Das
51.	30.03.08	7(1)SWC/PC/Rape/Sl.68/08 Ratna Nath Vs Ashish Karmakar	Sabroom	Siuli Debbarma, Member, Member, Member Secretary, Reba Das

## Statement 2

### Number of Awareness Generation Programme Conducted by the Commission

April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No.	Name of Block/Panchayet	Date	Number of Participants	Name of Resource Persons
1.	Amarpur Block	24.5.07	1. 152 Nos.	SDM Amarpur BDO, Amarpur. Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti Vice-Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti ...Chairperson, TCW SDPO, Amarpur
2.	Karbuk, Amarpur Block	24.5.07	218 Nos.	BAC Chairperson, O.C, Karbuk, Chairperson and Vice- chairperson,TCW
3.	Killa Community Hall, Killa Block	30.7.07	274 Nos.	BAC, Chairperson, Sri Gunapada JamatiaSabbadhipati, South Triopura Zila Parisad MDC, ADC Sri Joy Kisor Jamatia BDO, Killa Headmaster, Twirupa5. Chairperson & Vice- Chairperson,TCW
4.	Atharabhola, Killa Block	7.8.07	202 Nos	Shabbadipati,South Tripura. Vice-Chairperson,Udaipur Nagar Panchayat. MDC, ADC, Sri Joy Kishor Jamatia BDO, Killa Chairman, ADC Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson, TCW
5.	Gournagar Block, Kailashahar	12.8.07	71 Nos.	Chairperson TCW, Chairman, Gournagar Panchayat Samiti
6.	Asharambari, Khowai Block	19.8.07	234 Nos.	Chairman, Banbazar ADC Village , Asharambari MLA, Sri Sachindra Debbarma O.C. Khowai OC, Champamura Chairperson & Member, TCW
7.	Debipur, Hrishyamukh Block	25.8.07	1 10 Nos.	Member, South Tripura Zilla Parisad, Chairperson, Hrishyamukh Panchayat Samiti Chairperson, TCW
8.	Rajnagar Block	4.9.07	322 Nos.	Chairman, Panchayat Samiti MLA, Sri Sudhan Das Social Activist, Smt. Jaya Banerjee



9.	Chottakhola , Rajnagar Block	4.9.07	190 Nos.	Chairman, Panchayet Samiti, Sri Dijendra Ch. Majumder MLA, Sri Sudhan Das
10.	Ghosh Khamar, Rajnagar Block	5.9.07	297 Nos.	MLA, Sri Sudhan Das O.C, P.R.Bari PS
11.	Rangamura, Rajnagar Block	5.9.07	231 Nos.	MLA, Sri Sudhan Das Pradhan, Rangamura Panchayet BDO, Rangamura
12.	Dasda R.DBlock	6.11.07	79 Nos	Chairman, BAC Dasda R.D.Block Police Officer of Kanchanpur PS
13.	Behliangchhip, Jampui R.D. Block, North Tripura	7-11-07	132 Nos.	Lalmuankungi, MDC, Chairman, BAC, Jampui Hil R.D.Block SP Guest , Mrs Z. Jongte, CDPO
14.	Kalyanpur R.D. Block West Tripura	16.11.07	111 Nos	Smt. Sefali Roy O.C. Kalyanpur PS
15.	Dukli R.D. Block, West Tripura	26.3.08	109 Nos.	Chairperson, Dukli Panchayet Samiti Speaker, Smt. Tapati Sen, CDPO
16.	Rangamatia, Sonamura Block, West Tripura	28.3.08	145 Nos.	Sri Haripada Das, Ex-Up Pradhan, Rangamatia G.P Special Guest- Headmistress, Rangamatia South H/S School SDPO, Sonamura
17.	Khowai R.D. Block, West Tripura.	31.3.08	336 Nos.	Basana Deb, Chairperson, Khowai Nagar Panchayet Samiti Vice President, Smt. Beauti Sarkar, Chairperson , Khowai Panchayet Samiti.

## Statement 3.1

### Victim Girls/Women Sheltered in Government Homes & NGO Homes by the Initiative of the Commission

April 2007.March 2008

Sl. No.	Name of the Victim	Name of the Home	Date of Admission	Type of Victimization	Date of Release
1.	Atashi Debbarma (not real name)	Adibasi Mahila Samiti, Shyamalibazar	2.4.07	Raped	
2.	Kanchan Debnath	do	19.4.07	Deserted	
3.	Mamata Basak	TCCW, Jogendranagar Short Stay Home	24.7.07	Deserted	
4.	Suparna Malakar (not real name)	do	16.8.07	Raped	
5.	Tinku saha	Bharatiya Samajik Swasthya Sangstha, Mangalalok, Jagatpur	11.9.07	Deserted	
6.	Shipra Sarkar	TCCW, Jogendranagar, Short Stay Home	11.9.07	Deserted	
7.	Mina Chakraborty (with one child)	Bharatiya Samajik Swasthya Sangstha, Mangalalok, Jagatpur	22.9.07	Deserted	
8.	Sobhana Chakraborty (not real name)	TCCW, Jogendranagar Short Stay Home	22.9.07	Raped	
9.	Mani Das	do	8.10.07	Deserted	
10.	Swapna Debnath	do	9.10.07	Deserted	
11.	Dipa Rani Nath	Adibasi Mahila Samiti, Shyamalibazar	24.12.07	Kidnapped	
12.	Mahua Debbarma (not real name)	do	3.1.08	Minor Rape	
13.	Mallika Das	TCCW, Jogendranagar Short Stay Home	9.1.08	Deserted	
14.	Kalyani Debbarma (with two Children)	do	17.1.08	Bigamy	
15.	Sangita Devi (from UP)	do	18.1.08	Deserted	6.2.08
16.	Ruchira Begum	Bharatiya Samajik Swasthya Sangstha, Mangalalok, Jagatpur	29.1.08	Extramarital Affair of Husband	5.2.08
17.	Rekha Deb	TCCW, Jogendranagar Short Stay Home	21.1.08	Rape by Promising Marriage	
18.	Sobha Biswas	do	6.2.08	Deserted	26.2.08
19.	Purabi Debnath	do	14.2.08	Raped	28.2.08
20.	Gita Majumdar	do	26.2.08	Deserted	
21.	Papiya Reang (not real name)	Girls' Home, SWE, Govt. of Tripura	2.28.08	Minor Rape	
22.	Purabi Adhikari	Adibasi Mahila Samiti Shyamalibazar	3.3.08	Deserted	7.3.08
23.	Indrani Shil	TCCW, Jogendranagar Short Stay Home	15.3.08	Bigamy	
24.	Ananya Jamatia	Adibasi Mahila Samiti Shyamalibazar	29.3.08	Minor Rape	



## Statement 3.2

### Extended Financial Assistance to Victim Girls/Women from Instant Relief Fund for Women in Difficult Situation of the Commission April 2007-March 2008

Sl. No.	Date	Name of Victim	Situation	Amount of Assistance
1.	2.4.07	Lipika Goswami	Treatment	Rs.400.00
2.	10.4.07	Anamika Ghosh	Burn	Rs.2000.00
3.	15.4.07	Bani Das (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
4.	26.4.07	Hemlata Roy	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
5.	28.4.07	Pinki Das	Death	Rs.1000.00
6.	30.4.07	Rinki Das (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
7.	30.4.07	Rupali Sarkar	Death	Rs.800.00
8.	7.5.07	Ruma Dev (not real name)	Rape	Rs.2000.00
9.	9.5.07	Mira Rudra Paul	Treatment	Rs.300.00
10.	19.5.07	Seema Goala (not real name)	Rape	Rs.50.00
11.	24.5.07	Soma Debnath	Treatment	Rs.500.00
12.	30.5.07	Sandhya Saha	Burn	Rs.1000.00
13.	28.6.07	Saraswati Hrishidas	Treatment	Rs.100.00
14.	4.7.07	Himani Kar (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
15.	9.7.07	Rinku Ghosh	Burn	Rs.2000.00
16.	23.7.07	Jhuma Das	Treatment	Rs.500.00
17.	9.8.07	Anita Sarkar	Books	Rs.1000.00
18.	9.8.07	Dolanchapa Das	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
19.	9.8.07	Mina Raha (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
20.	12.8.07	Indu Bal (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
21.	12.8.07	Chhaya Bibi (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
22.	12.8.07	Rajia Bibi (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
23.	13.8.07	PaKhi Reang (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
24.	14.8.07	Siuli Darlong (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1500.00
25.	16.8.07	Suparna Malakar(not real name)	Rape	Rs.500.00
26.	18.8.07	Jharna Sarkar	Treatment	Rs.500.00

27.	20.8.07	Urmila Dhar (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
28.	25.8.07	Nandita Patari (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
29.	25.8.07	Pranati Das	treatment	Rs.500.00
30.	12.9.07	Shipra Sarkar	Treatment	Rs.200.00
31.	17.9.07	Mousimi Shil	Treatment	Rs.500.00
32.	1.10.07	Badurennesa	Treatment	Rs.500.00
33.	11.10.07	Bishnupriya Das	Burn	Rs.500.00
34.	15.10.07	Suparna Banik	Treatment	Rs.300
35.	29.10.07	Ruma Saha	Treatment	Rs.500.00
36.	2.11.07	Anusua Barman (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
37.	3.11.07	Pratima Debnath	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
38.	5.11.07	Chumki Debnath (not real name)	Rape	Rs.1000.00
39.	12.11.07	Mallika Nama	Food	Rs.150.00
40.	16.11.07	Kalpana Kurti	Food	Rs.150.00
41.	26.11.07	Anima Deb	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
42.	28.11.07	Shipra Sarkar	Treatment	Rs.500.00
43.	16.12.07	Niva Rani Debnath	Food	Rs.50.00
44.	18.12.07	Neha Rani Debbarma	Treatment	Rs.500.00
45.	19.12.07	Shyamali Debbarma	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
46.	24.12.07	Dipali Debnath	Treatment	Rs.400.00
47.	27.12.07	Sabita Das	Food	Rs.200.00
48.	29.12.07	Jyotsna shil	Treatment	Rs.2000.00
49.	29.12.07	Banu Begum (not rea name)	Rape	Rs.2000.00
50.	1.1.08	Saraswati Sarkar	Burn	Rs.1000.00
51.	2.1.08	Anita Debbarma	Rape	Rs.2000.00



52.	2.1.08	Sandhya Debbarma	Rape	Rs.2000.00
53.	2.1.08	Neha Rani Debbarma	rape	Rs.2000.00
54.	9.1.08	Sunita Tanti	Rape	Rs.2000.00
55.	9.1.08	Mallika Das	Treatment	Rs.100.00
56.	10.1.08	Sabitri Ghosh	Rape	Rs.500.00
57.	11.1.07	Sankari Natta	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
58.	14.1.08	Chhaya Dey	Treatment	Rs.200.00
59.	16.1.08	Saraswati Debnath	Treatment	Rs.500.00
60.	17.1.08	Reshmi Majumdar	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
61.	18.1.08	Shibani Sharma	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
62.	19.1.07	Jamirulnessa	Treatment	Rs.500.00
63.	19.1.08	Sabita Das	Treatment	Rs.500.00
64.	19.1.08	Rajkumari Debi	Death	Rs 2000.00
65.	21.1.08	Sangita Debi	Treatment	Rs.500.00
66.	22.1.08	Unnati Tanti	Rape	Rs.1000.00
67.	24.1.08	Saraswati Sarkar	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
68.	25.1.08	Rekha Biswas	Burn	Rs.1000.00
69.	25.1.08	Anupriya Das	Medicine	Rs.500.00
70.	4.2.08	Saraswati Sarkar	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
71.	5.2.08	BasanaModak	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
72.	5.2.08	Sangita Sharma	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
73.	13.3.08	Ananta debi Jamatia	Rape	Rs.500.00
74.	19.3.08	Soma Majumdar	Treatment	Rs.1000.00
75.	25.3.08	Lovely Biswas	Treatment	Rs.100.00
	April 2007- March 2008			Rs.66000.00



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## AUDIT REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **TRIPURA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**, Melarmath, Agartala, West Tripura as at 31st March, 2008 and the Income & Expenditure Account (Non-Plan A/C) and Receipt and Payment Account (Non-Plan A/C & Plan A/C) for the year ended on that date, annexed thereto. These Financial Statements are the responsibility of the Commission's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on test basis evidence supporting the amount and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the Accounting Principles used the significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides reasonable basis for our opinion.

***We further report that:***

- (i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- (ii) In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Commission so far as appears from our examination of books.
- (iii) The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts And Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.
- (iv) In our opinion and subject to our remarks given below, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view :

(a) In case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of Affairs of the Commission as at 31st March 2008

**AND**

(b) In case of Income and Expenditure Account (Non-Plan) of the **Excess of Income over Expenditure** of the Commission for the year ended on that date.

**REMARKS**

1. Fixed Assets Register should be maintained with identification mark on the Assets and location thereof. At least once in a year the Fixed Assets should be physically verified and if any discrepancy is observed that should be corrected/adjusted through Books of Accounts.
2. No Depreciation has been provided on the Assets shown in the Balance Sheet.
3. Bank Account wise Cheque Issue Register should be immediately introduced

Place : Agartala.  
Date : 22nd July, 2008



For **S. Gee & Gee**  
Chartered Accountants

*(Signature)*  
(R. Sengupta, FCA)  
Partner



# TRIPURA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Melarmath, Agartala, West Tripura.

## Pertaining to Non- Plan A/C

### Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March, 2008.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Amounts (Rs.)</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amounts (Rs.)</u>
<b>Opening Balance :</b>		<b>By</b>	
a) Cash in hand	28311.00	Honorarium	85000.00
b) Cash at Bank	585683.23	" Wages/Remuneration	77997.00
Grant received from Director		" Sitting Allowance for FCC	34400.00
of Social Welfare & Social		" Special Over-time	6000.00
Education, Govt. of Tripura		" Office Contingencies	86765.00
vide their memo No. :		" Telephone Charges	42119.00
a) F.89 -11/SW/GRANTS/		" Electric Charges	32574.00
2006/1629(10) dt. 24.08.07	425000.00	" Maintenance of Vehicles	240921.00
b) F.89 -11/SW/GRANTS/		" Hiring charges of Vehicles	1361.00
2006/1628(10) dt. 24.08.07	425000.00	" Cost of P.Oil	329025.00
c) F.89 -11/SW/GRANTS/		" Other Charges	4115.00
2006/8889(9) dt.13.03.08	425000.00	" Entertainment	13841.00
d) F.89 -11/SW/GRANTS/		" Legal Affairs Charges	47636.00
2006/8888(9) dt.14.03.08	923000.00	" Repairs to Office Machinery	39811.00
e) F.79(9)/DSWE/Cash/06		" Seminar/Awareness	45600.00
Ch. No. 310111 dt. 04.04.07		" Travelling & Conveyance	2784.00
(Cholo Grame Jai)	15240.00	" Fund Transfer to FCC(PHQ) A/C	64500.00
	2213240.00	" Advertisement Charges	6000.00
Grant Received from National		" House/Office Rent	3480.00
Commission for Women, New Delhi		" Festival Advance	2400.00
vide their memo No. :		" Festival Grant	700.00
a) Legal Awareness Programme		" Purchase of Books	2790.00
F-16-367/2005-NCW(LAP)		" Furniture	46002.00
dt. 28.30.07	20000.00	" Cholo Grame Jai	50343.00
b) For Attending 3 Member at		" Financial Help to NGO	71931.00
Shillong for WorkShop on power		" Bank Incidental Charges	363.00
of Civil Courts		" Camera	13400.00
F-6-73/2006-NCW(LO)(ii)/200		" Web-Server Hiring Charges	15000.00
dt.04.05.07	13975.00	" Web-Desiging Charges	29500.00
	33975.00	" NCW for Attending Seminar	
Grant received from Tripura		at Guwahati	12375.00
State Social Welfare Board,			
for FCC		<b>Closing Balance :</b>	
No. 3(5)/98 vill.iii. dt. 29.09.07	64500.00	a) Cash in hand	75701.00
Sale Proceeds of Old News Paper	300.00	b) Cash at Bank	1455688.23
Festival Advance Recovery	2400.00		1531389.23
Sale Proceeds of Status of Women	120.00		
Bank Interest	11593.00		
	<u>2940122.23</u>		<u>2940122.23</u>

Place : Agartala  
Date : 22nd July, 2008



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Chartered Accountants  
*(Signature)*  
(R. Sengupta, FCA)  
Partner

# TRIPURA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Melarmath, Agartala, West Tripura.

Pertaining to Non- Plan A/C

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2008.

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Amounts (Rs.)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Amounts (Rs.)</u>
To Honorarium	85000.00	By <u>Grant-in-Aid :</u>	
" Wages/Remuneration	77997.00	Director of Social Welfare	
" Sitting Allowance for FCC	34400.00	& Social Education,	
" Special Over-time	6000.00	Govt. of Tripura	2213240.00
" Office Contingencies	86765.00	National Commission	
" Telephone Charges	42119.00	for Women, New Delhi	33975.00
" Electric Charges	32574.00		2247215.00
" Maintenance of Vehicles	240921.00	" Grant received from Tripura	
" Hiring charges of Vehicles	1361.00	State Social Welfare Board,	
" Fund Transfer to FCC(PHQ) A/C	64500.00	for FCC	64500.00
" Cost of P.Oil	329025.00	" Sale Proceeds of Old News Paper	300.00
" Other Charges	4115.00	" Sale Proceeds of Status of Women	120.00
" Entertainment	13841.00	" Bank Interest	11593.00
" Legal Affairs Charges	47636.00		
" Repairs to Office Machinery	39811.00		
" Seminar/Awareness	45600.00		
" Travelling & Conveyance	2784.00		
" Advertisement Charges	6000.00		
" House/Office Rent	3480.00		
" Festival Grant	700.00		
" Purchase of Books	2790.00		
" Cholo Grame Jai	50343.00		
" Financial Help to NGO	71931.00		
" Bank Incidental Charges	363.00		
" Web-Server Hiring Charges	15000.00		
" Web-Designing Charges	29500.00		
" NCW for Attending Seminar at Guwahati	12375.00		
" Excess of Income over Expenditure	976797.00		
	<u>2323728.00</u>		<u>2323728.00</u>

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Consoling the mother of a minor girl who was raped & murdered, Kumarghat. (8/11/07)



Reconciliation of conjugal relationship at Dharmanagar (19/1/08)



Counselling at Eden Lodge, Vangmun (7/11/07)



Commission's visit in the house of the girl who was murdered at Taidu. (19/4/08)



Investigation at Bhabhanipur, Kathalia (8/12/07)





Awareness Programme, Rajnagar (4/9/07)



Workshop on Review of Laws affecting Women, Circuit House, Agartala (13/1/08)



Workshop on PWDVA, Secretariat Conference Hall-2 (6/10/07)



Felicitations of awardee STREE SHAKTI PURASKAR (29/3/08)



Awareness Programme, Atharabhola, Killa (7/8/07)