

**HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA
WP(C) 578/2021**

Sri Abhijit Gon Chowdhury

----Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Tripura and 3 others

----Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. DC Roy, Advocate
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. PK Dhar, Sr. GA Ms. Sarama Deb, Advocate Mr. KK Pal, Advocate

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARINDAM LODH
Order

17/09/2021

Heard Mr. DC Roy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. PK Dhar, learned Senior GA assisted by Ms. Sarama Deb, learned counsel for the State-respondents and Mr. KK Pal, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-AMC.

Very unfortunate case is placed before this court.

The wife of the petitioner died at Bangalore. It is not disputed.

In the discharge certificate, it is clearly written that the wife of the petitioner, namely, Chandana Gon Chowdhury, died on 27.05.2021 at Bangalore. After returning from Bangalore, the husband of the deceased, Sri Abhijit Gon Chowdhury, the petitioner herein, furnishing all necessary documents in support of her death, had applied to the Agartala Municipal Corporation for issuance of death certificate of his wife, but, till today the death certificate has not been issued by the Agartala Municipal Corporation on the ground that a software has been developed by the Government of India, which has been introduced in Agartala Municipal Corporation also, and that system is not allowing the entry or to record a name of the person, who died at a place outside Agartala Municipal Corporation.

In my opinion, this is a faulty system and faulty software developed by the Government of India, for which the citizens of this State as well as of the country should not suffer.

In view of this, I direct the Agartala Municipal Corporation to issue death certificate of late Chandana Gon Chowdhury, wife of Sri Abhijit Gon Chowdhury within 48 hours from today by any means whatsoever, it may be by manual exercise also or by any modes under which the AMC used to issue death certificate earlier i.e. before installation of the present software.

It is observed that, if this court finds similar petition filed by any of the citizen of this State, then, a cost of Rs. 5 lakh will be imposed.

I refrain myself from imposing any cost in this petition for causing unnecessary hardship and harassment to the petitioner who lost his wife recently, and is under bereavement.

The State-government is directed to take up the matter with the concerned authorities of the Union of India to resolve this issue so that the citizens of this country may not face any harassment.

With this observations and directions, the instant writ petition stands allowed and disposed.

A copy of this order may be furnished to learned counsel for the parties in course of the day.

Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

JUDGE